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E = subclass English  
1128 = Science of language (linguistics)

The third line A965 represents the author’s name  
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