

**WHAT DOES
THE LITERARY TERM**

"Sic"

MEAN?

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Introduction

"Sic". in the literary context, is a Latin term meaning "so, thus". In a written piece, it is used to confirm that the preceding word or phrase was intentionally allowed to "stand", even though its spelling or grammar was incorrect.

"Sic" is often used in quoted material where the original author's words are printed "as is", even though they are wrong.

Origin

The adverb "sic", with the specific meaning of "intentionally so written", first appeared in English around 1856 - and it is derived from the Latin adverb *sīc*.

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