





What types of lessons do you need for your classroom?

Discussio nTime!

Benefits of using corpora:



- Can show students authentic language usage
- Can explain less common language teachers may not know
- Can encourage learner autonomy
- Can empower teachers to learn more

Concordancers / Tools

SKeLL

Examples/Concordance lines Synonyms Collocates

Just the word Collocates Error correction* Word and Phrase Word frequency Input/analyse texts

LexTutor

Almost EVERYTHING. Frequency, Keywords, N-Gram, Concordance, Vocabprofile, Cloze, Tests, (and more)...

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How to design materials with corpora

Matching lesson objectives with corpus tools

How to design materials with a corpus

- Choose the concordancer/tool
- Lesson objective: grammar, vocabulary?
- Give instructions on the worksheet/demo the tool

Talk it out

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- Explain the goal: looking for patterns in use
- Plan a discussion within groups or as a class to check understanding

Structure of the online lesson

Task: Investigating differences between similar words or phrases using the Concordance Tool.

Online tutorial for using Concordance: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uAYCA8dYbr4

Instructions:

- 1. Open AntConc.
- 2. Load your personal corpus files.
- 3. Type the first word from the table into the search box.
- 4. Click on 'Concordance' tab at the top.
- 5. Click 'start' at bottom.

In the table below, search the words/phrases on the left and write the number of times <u>the</u> are found in your corpus ('concordance hits' number at top) and the most common context or meaning from the provided sentences. Add $2 \mod pairs$ to search in your corpus.

Words/Phrases to search	Raw frequency in corpus	Meaning: what information/context is given in most sentences?
study		
learn		
effective		
efficient		
expect		
anticipate		
for instance		
for <u>example</u>		

Discussion questions:

- 1. Which word from each word pair was n in your corpus?
- 2. What other word pairs did you search?

Teacher presents the grammar point/vocabulary

2. Teacher demonstrates the corpus tool

3. Ss look at the sentences together and identify patterns

4. Discussion and wrap up of usage

rules as a class

Thanks!

Any questions? <u>cabennet@tcd.ie</u>

Questionnaire link: https://tcdecon.qualtrics.com/jfe/form /SV_0CFBXJOIvBnzOFT

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