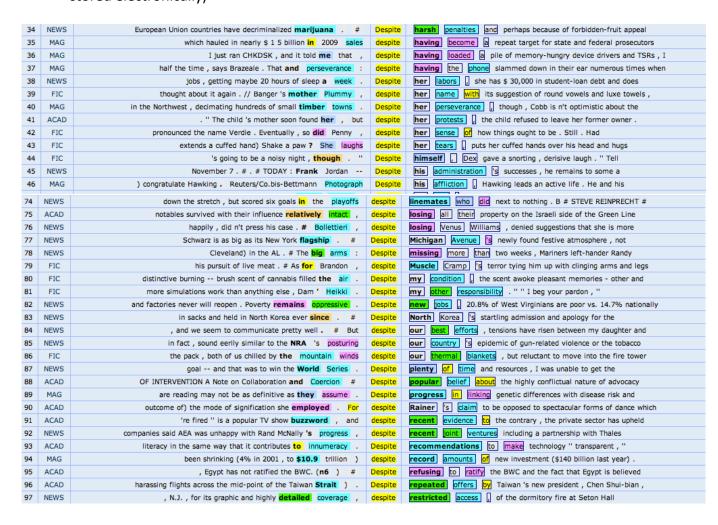
"I just don't understand: my employees keep on ignoring the tasks I assign to them, despite I've always treated them nicely!"

- Look at the sentence above. Is it correct?
- 2. Look at the concordance lines below, taken from www.wordandphrase.info (NB: a "concordance" is a list of examples taken from a corpus – a collection of texts stored electronically)



- What do you notice about the word types that can follow despite?
- Make a word profile for **despite**. How can we use it?
- Look at the sentence in question 1 again. Has your answer changed? Can you improve the sentence?