

# Using

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## A. To get started:

- Type [www.wordandphrase.info](http://www.wordandphrase.info) into your browser and press enter.

You should see this screen:

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New: limit searches to just academic English

### Frequency list

	RANK #	PoS	WORD		SPOK	FIC	MAG	NEWS	ACAD
1	17000	V	MUTATE	599	86	137	204	85	87
2	17001	R	DIAGONALLY	645	19	166	326	79	55
3	17002	N	WEARINESS	646	36	393	78	85	54
4	17003	J	ALL-NIGHT	596	63	187	137	165	44
5	17004	J	BURDENSOME	621	55	43	159	133	231
6	17005	J	UNATTENDED	600	85	119	141	129	126
7	17006	J	SPOTLESS	635	49	288	140	134	24
8	17007	N	LIGHTNESS	622	29	231	181	79	102
9	17008	N	LARGEMOUTH	767	0	10	374	371	12
10	17009	J	INVADING	596	71	95	179	98	153

SAMPLE FREQUENCY RANGE FROM TOP 60,000 WORDS IN COCA [SEE MORE]

### Input/analyze texts

alterations made. "The young man wanted the **receiver drilled** and **tapped** for a scope, the **steel buttplate** replaced with a **recoil pad**, and 2 inches cut off the **barrel**. "And a **reblue** wouldn't hurt," he **concluded**. "What do you think the job will cost? " "Nothing. I won't **touch** your gun. And if you want my **advice** you won't let anyone else, either. "The **gunsmith** explained that the **rifle** was a Winchester Model 1886 **extra-lightweight takedown rifle** in .45/70, in **excellent factory-original condition**. "What do you think it's worth? "the **student** asked. "About a **semester**, "the **gunsmith** said. **STORIES LIKE THIS AREN'T UNCOMMON**, but not all of them have **happy endings**. Many **rare firearms** have been **ruined** by "**restorations** "or "**improvements** "that were **completely inappropriate** to the gun. Some of the work was done by **professional gunsmiths** who meant well,

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[MAGAZINE] Field and Stream (1996)

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ENTER TEXT BELOW [SAMPLES] MY TEXTS

SEARCH CLEAR HELP WORD PHRASE

Select individual words in the text to see "word sketches"

You can enter any text that you would like in the form at the left -- for example, a paper that you've written, or a newspaper article that you've copied from another website. After inputting the text, you can then see useful information about words and phrases in that text, based on data from the Corpus of Contemporary American English (COCA).

First, it will **highlight** all of the medium and lower-frequency words in your text and create lists of these words that you can use offline. This **frequency data** can help language learners focus on new words, and it can allow you to see "what the text is about" (i.e. text-specific words). You can also have it show you the "**academic**" words in your text.

Second, you can click through the **words** in the text to see a detailed "word sketch" of any of the words -- showing their definition, and detailed information for the word from COCA -- collocates (which provide meaning into the meaning and usage of the word), re-sortable concordance lines, and the frequency of the word (overall, and by genre).

Finally, you can do powerful searches on selected **phrases** in your text, to show related phrases in COCA. In this way, this resource is like a "**collocational thesaurus**" to see what related phrases are most likely in different styles of English. For example, if you click on the words *potent argument* in the text that you enter, it will suggest alternate ways to express this (e.g. *powerful* or *convincing argument*), and it will show you the frequency of those phrases in COCA -- overall, and by genre. This will help you use "just the right phrase", based on a huge collection of native English texts.

MATCHING PHRASES FREQUENCY BY GENRE (CHART) | DEFINITIONS | COLLOCATES | RE-SORTABLE CONCORDANCE LINES

- Select "Log In" (circled in red)

You should see 2 boxes (shown in the **red rectangle**):

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 PASSWORD:  LOGIN

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- Fill in your **username** and **password**. (Your teacher will tell you what these are. You can also register your own account if you want to!)
- Click "**Log In**".

You should see this screen:

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- To find out more about a word, phrase or sentence, type or paste it in to the box provided.

- **For now:** type in the paragraph shown in the **red box** above as an example.
- Make sure “**word**” is selected.
- Click “**search**”

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FREQ RANGE	1-500	501-3000	> 3000	ACAD
60 WORDS	75 %	13 %	12 %	5 %

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Click on any word above to see frequency and samples from COCA  
( You can also [search by phrase](#) )

[FREQUENCY BY GENRE \(CHART\)](#) | [DEFINITIONS](#) | [COLLOCATES](#) | [RE-SORTABLE CONCORDANCE LINES](#)

- You should see **your text** appear on the **right**. The words are in **different colours**.

These colours refer to the **table** above the text. This table is shown here to help you:

SEE LISTS	FREQ RANGE	1-500	501-3000	> 3000		ACAD	HELP
	71 WORDS	74 %	13 %	13 %		4 %	

- “**1-500**” is in **blue**. Can you see it?

This means that all the blue words in your text are in the **top 500 most commonly used** words in English.

- The **percentage (%)** below tells you the percentage of **blue (top 500)** words in your text. In the example paragraph, **75%** of the words are in the **top 500**.

1. Look again at the **example table** above.

- a. What do the **green** words refer to?
  - b. What **percentage** of the words in the example text can you find in this category?
- The **yellow** words in your text are **outside** the **top 3000** most commonly used words. These are **less common** words.
  - The **red** words in your text are academic words. This means the words are most commonly used within the academic register.

## B. To find out more about a word

- You can click on any word in your text and find out more about it.

E.g. click on “**outfit**”

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CLICK TO SEE ENTRIES FOR

OUTFIT (EXACT) NOUN (4440) PHRASE (HELP)

SYNONYMS (click to see) [?]

SEE ALSO:  
MORE SPECIFIC (5)  
MORE GENERAL (7)

company

189	company
246	business
307	team
351	party
967	unit
1138	troop
4440	outfit
5943	setup
6129	corps
suit	
1438	clothes
1753	dress
2666	clothing
4440	outfit
5279	ensemble
10867	guise

OUTFIT *n* (RANK 4440, FREQ 6522)

	SPOKEN	FICTION	MAGAZINE	NEWSPAPER	ACADEMIC
CLICK BAR TO LIMIT					
STORED	28	69	59	41	5
MORE	1111	1840	2139	1199	233

CONCORDANCE LINES

GENRE	TEXT	WORD	CONTEXT
1	MAG	the surf on horseback with Bodega Days , a local adventure outfit	( 707-8249491 ) . Or , for a water-line view , paddle
2	FIC	and nine and were dressed in similar all-pink and all-purple outfits	, complete with matching barrettes at the end of their frizzy
3	SPOK	about her outfit . Ms-KAREN-EMERY-1F : Right . I found an outfit	that was flattering for her . RIVERA : Stand up a second
4	MAG	years . Finally , we sought experienced management . If an outfit	has yet to make money , you want to know that its
5	FIC	was unusual . She took to appearing every day in an outfit	resembling a novice 's in a convent - white blouse & long
6	FIC	was a beautiful redhead with long legs , wear ing an outfit	that had probably cost more than a week 's take at the
7	FIC	one real estate firm to another , this latest one an outfit	that hoped to cash in even more on the sale of pricey
8	FIC	" I stirred . " Clothes ? " He pulled an outfit	my size from the closet-tan pants , a blue short-sleeved
9	MAG	took off : Within a year they sold it to an outfit	called Universe for several million dollars and joined the
10	SPOK	, a purse . SCHLESINGER : He had bought you an outfit	? Ms-CALLAHAN : Oh , sure . And I 'm like ,
11	FIC	In a few minutes he could change out of his outfit	and back into his team . Blows of sweat poured down his

DEFINITIONS (WORDNET)

1. any cohesive unit such as a military company 2. gear consisting of a set of articles or tools for a specified purpose 3. a set of clothing (with accessories)

COLLOCATES (click to see with OUTFIT)

adj small, whole, theatrical, blue, nice, complete, sexy, entire, perfect, favorite noun leather, pant, ski, designer, cowboy, construction, golf verb wear, buy, dress, pick, choose, match, love, cost, consist, suit

CLICK WORD TO: SEARCH AS COLLOCATE QUERY THAT WORD [?]

Here is an enlarged version of the information in the right-hand red box above:

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1.
  - a. Can you see the definitions? There are three different definitions of the word "outfit".
    - What are they?

b. Can you see the **collocates**? Collocates are words that are often used together. Here, there are **three** types of collocate shown.

- What are they? *<hint: think word types>*
- How can this information help you?

c. In which register (**spoken, written, magazine, newspaper, academic**) is this word used most commonly? *<hint: look at the size of the bar in each column>*

- How can this information help you?

**NB:** When a word can be used in **different parts of speech** e.g. “**fall**” is a **verb** and a **noun**, you can select the part of speech whose examples you wish to see. (For “**outfit**” above, you can see the option of “**noun**” is selected – highlighted in green.)

**This is an enlarged version of the information shown in the left-hand red box:**

<b>SYNONYMS</b> (click to see) [?]	
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2. Look at the **synonyms** for the noun “**outfit**” (*your chosen word*). They are in two categories.

- How are the synonyms categorized?
- Which synonyms are most commonly used? *<hint: the lower the left-hand number, the more often the word is used.>*
- Do you notice anything about the order of the synonyms? *<hint: think about the order of the numbers>*

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11 FIC	In a few minutes he could change out of this anchor-heavy outfit and back into his jeans . Rivers of sweat coursed down his	of	this	anchor-heavy
12 FIC	's been around for mears . Long enough to build and outfit a ship , and long enough for Utopia and Vivocrypt to vie	to	build	and
13 MAG	way to find out . I would go to Wal-Mart and outfit myself head to toe in budget gear . If someone were to	to	Wal-Mart	and
14 FIC	was almost as if a friend had swapped his jeans and t-shirt outfit for a silk cravat and ill-fitting gabardine slacks and then	his	jeans	and t-shirt
15 NEWS	'm huge into accessories . I think you can make any outfit amazing # with accessories . " # Meggie Sobel , 17 ,	can	make	any
16 FIC	virtuoso clarinet player , onetime member of the R & B outfit the Funkshuns , and longtime resident of Manhattan Valley	R	&	B
17 SPOK	days when we just have a bad day . I had outfit day . Ms-MAUCERI : All of us -- all of us do	I	had	outfit
18 MAG	a film about dance , asked his parents for a ballerina outfit . Eventually , he joined the People 's Liberation Army " because	for	a	ballerina
19 MAG	do this again next year ? " Photograph [?] the basics outfit : The all-foot Type C Winnebago Minnie we used was roomy enough	[?]	the	basics

This is a concordance.

A **concordance** shows you examples of how a word is used. You should be able to see the word “**outfit**” (*your chosen word*) in the middle column. (**Note:** the sentences are not complete. Try not to let this worry you. ☺)

- Can you see that the words around your chosen word are highlighted in **different colours**?

This gives you information about **word type**.






- The **blue highlighting** is for **nouns**.

### 3. Look at the examples in the concordance.

- What does the **pink highlighting** mean?
- What does the **green highlighting** mean?
- What does the **yellow highlighting** mean?

*<hint: think about different words types>*

**Look on your screen for the information below:**

<b>OUTFIT</b> <i>n</i> (RANK 4440, FREQ 6522)						<b>DEFINITIONS</b> (WORDNET)	
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STORED	28	69	59	41	5	<b>adj</b> small, whole, theatrical, blue, nice, complete, sexy, entire, designer, cowboy, construction, golf <b>verb</b> wear, buy, dress, pick	
MORE	1111	1840	2139	1199	233		

- Click on the “**Spoken**” bar above.

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4 SPOK	work and , you know , getting out	her	business outfit
5 SPOK	. Painted face , an orange wig ,	wearing	the clown outfit
6 SPOK	cold this morning . ROKER : But it is	a	good outfit
7 SPOK	: Every time a woman goes out ,	you	have her outfit
8 SPOK	Blue 's trademark . Ceramic and gold filigree	versions	adorn his outfit
9 SPOK	Mr-BEN-STILLER : Why are n't you	wearing	your
10 SPOK	during the holidays and things like that	These	couple of outfits
11 SPOK	her over and over again to get rid	of	this one outfit
12 SPOK	you put on makeup , when you put	on	the night outfit

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CLICK WORD TO: **SEARCH AS COLLOCATE** QUERY THAT WORD [?]

- You can see the “Spoken” bar is now green.

This means that the examples shown in the concordance lines are all examples from the “Spoken” register.

d. What **compound nouns** can you see?

e. What **adjective** and **noun** collocations can you see?

- Click on “wear”.

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**CONCORDANCE ENTRIES FOR: outfit (n) + wear**

GENRE	TEXT	WORD	CONTEXT
1 FIC	his clothes ? Would he ever be	able	to wear this outfit
2 SPOK	. I am purely the distraction . I	wear	these little outfits
3 FIC	on carnival days at the school because I	have	my clown outfit
4 MAG	three costume changes , you should go	back	to your first outfit
5 MAG	soon be required to have the garden	attendants	wear cute animal outfits
6 FIC	you looking like this before . You do n't	wear	this outfit
7 MAG	" Photograph Opposite page , Thumper Gasney	in	her
8 MAG	rock stars - like Bjrk or Jared Leto	wear	illy outfits
9 NEWS	He had few friends and played with	paper	dolls , sewing outfits
10 FIC	" she said . " Then let 's	lay	out an outfit
11 MAG	avoid waiting 15 minutes for your child to	pick	out the outfit
12 FIC	n't . " At first Ted was	gon	na wear this outfit
13 SPOK	likely is that ? My kid wo n't	even	wear the outfit

**SYNONYMS** (click to see) [?]  
SEE ALSO: MORE SPECIFIC (5) MORE GENERAL (7)  
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**GO BACK**

f. Look at the concordance lines. What do you notice?

### C. To find out more about a phrase

- Look again at your text box (*top left*). This is where you typed in your paragraph:

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CLICK ON A STRING OF WORDS ABOVE TO CREATE A PHRASE

HELP

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unit

troop

**4440 outfit**

setup

corps

suit

clothes

dress

clothing

**4440 ensemble**

uniform

robe

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2	FIC	his clothes ? Would he ever be <b>able</b> to <b>wear</b> this <b>outfit</b> <b>again</b> ? He <b>doubted</b> it . As he worked , he tried			
3	SPOK	I am purely the distraction . I <b>wear</b> these <b>little</b> <b>outfits</b> and <b>distract</b> the <b>other</b> bowlers so they win- win the bets .			
4	FIC	on carnival days at the school because I <b>have</b> my <b>clown</b> <b>outfit</b> and I <b>wear</b> my gloves , which all the kids like .			
5	MAG	three costume changes , you should go <b>back</b> to your first <b>outfit</b> and <b>wear</b> it , no matter what . " You always have			
6	MAG	soon be required to have the garden attendants <b>wear</b> <b>sure</b> animal <b>outfits</b> as <b>they</b> pass out programs ? " " An American who			
7	FIC	you looking like this <b>before</b> . You <b>do</b> n't <b>wear</b> this <b>outfit</b> <b>at</b> home , do you ? " " No . "			
8	MAG	" Photograph Opposite page , Thumper Gracine <b>in</b> her <b>Western</b> <b>Wear</b> <b>outfit</b> <b>at</b> the <b>Universal/Southern</b> <b>Charm</b> Pageant in Atlanta ; above , the			
9	FIC	were more delicate , more intricate , <b>more</b> <b>precious</b> than any <b>outfit</b> <b>Cissy</b> would <b>wear</b> . // Continues ...			
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12	FIC	" she said . " Then let 's <b>lay</b> out an <b>outfit</b> <b>for</b> you to <b>wear</b> tomorrow . " " As we worked in			
13	MAG	avoid waiting 15 minutes for your child to <b>pick</b> out an <b>outfit</b> <b>he</b> wants to <b>wear</b> , but you will also sit down on			
14	FIC	n't . " At first Ted was <b>gon</b> na <b>wear</b> this <b>outfit</b> <b>I</b> <b>got</b> on , " he explained . " But it's			
15	SPOK	likely is that ? My kid wo n't <b>even</b> <b>wear</b> the <b>outfit</b> <b>I</b> <b>pick</b> <b>for</b> her in the morning . But lots of folks			
16	MAG	" I just could n't see <b>spending</b> <b>money</b> on ten <b>outfits</b> <b>I</b> <b>would</b> <b>wear</b> every day for three months and then ... possibly			

- Select “**Phrase**”.

Your screen should change: 5 boxes should appear. (See the **red rectangle** above right)

- To search for information about a phrase, click on each word that forms part of it in the text above.
- When you click on each word it will appear in one of these boxes.

**Try it:** click on “**find**” and then “**out**”.

You should see this screen:

**WORD AND PHRASE . INFO**  
FREQUENCY LISTS - ANALYZE TEXTS | ALL GENRES - ACADEMIC

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LOG OUT | **HELP**

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SYNONYMS (click to see) [?]

SEE ALSO:  
MORE SPECIFIC (5)  
MORE GENERAL (7)

company  
189 company  
246 business  
307 team  
351 party  
967 unit  
1138 troop  
4440 outfit  
5943 setup  
6129 corps  
suit  
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GENRE

GENRE	TEXT	WORD	PHRASE
1 SPOK	during the Second World War . McKOWN : How did you find out about his death ? (Picture-of-Max-Sch) Ms-GOLDSMITH : (	find	out
2 SPOK	flurry of shock back around the time when we started to find out about it but then , you know , did n't	find	out
3 MAG	to make sure their future is covered . You wo n't find out about the last group until it 's too late . #	find	out
4 NEWS	first prenatal visit until later this month , although she did find out during an earlier emergency visit to a doctor 's office that	find	out
5 FIC	a day ' til I say otherwise . We got to find out everything he knows . (before SLATER can answer ) Now	find	out
6 SPOK	oil is not pouring into the water , we wanted to find out exactly where it is ? All of the oil that 's	find	out
7 NEWS	might not like it initially or otherwise . And Artest might find out for him O.D.B. would mean On Da Bench . " #	find	out
8 SPOK	was going on in hospital emergency rooms after the crash ? Find out from the doctors who treated survivors from the ditched	find	out
9 SPOK	KIKO : Kyra , how you going to be when you find out he 's using you ? RUFUS : Jerry ... KYRA :	find	out
10 MAG	all . So what does she cook for her costars ? Find out here [ # ] I 'll convert anyone to veggies . On	find	out
11 SPOK	down , until they complete all the arrests , until they find out how big this plot was and if there was another plot	find	out
12 NEWS	here at the Ocean Sciences Centre of Memorial University to find out how much of each type of fish they eat . #	find	out
13 SPOK	am foreign policy-dumb , until the right time , they will find out if it 's not as foreign policy-dumb as they think . I	find	out
14 SPOK	you hear ? Either state police or sheriffs department need to find out if anything is on the ground . The aircraft was five	find	out
15 NEWS	writing . We do n't have to probe very deeply to find out if he 's for or against something . " # Willis	find	out

1. Look at the column to the right of **"to find out"**.

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2. Now click on the “**Sort**” button in the column to the left of “**find out**”. Your concordance lines should change:

3. Look at your concordance lines again. What has changed?

- What words can be used before “find out”?
- What type of words are they?

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## Answer Key

### A

#### 1.

- a. The green words are in the **501-3000** most commonly used words in English.
- b. In the example text, **13%** of the words are in this category.

### B

#### 1.

##### a. 3 definitions of “outfit”:

- Any cohesive unit such as a military company.
- Gear consisting of a set of articles or tools for a specified purpose.
- A set of clothing (with accessories)

##### b. 3 types of collocates:

- adjective collocates
- noun collocates
- verb collocates

**adjective collocates:** small, whole, theatrical, blue, nice, complete, sexy, entire, perfect, favourite

**noun collocates:** leather, pant, ski, designer, cowboy, construction, golf

**verb:** wear, buy, dress, pick, choose, match, love, cost, consist, suit

- This information can help you know which words are commonly used together. You can check if you are using words in widely accepted ways or not.
- c. This word is used most commonly in the **magazine** register.
- Knowing how often a word is used in different registers can help you in choosing the right word to use in different situations.

## 2.

- a. The synonyms are categorized **by definition**.  
The first category is related to the **business-related** definition of “outfit”, the second category is related to the **fashion-related** definition of “**outfit**”.
- b. “**company**” and “**clothes**” are the most commonly used synonyms for each definition respectively.
- c. They are listed in **order of frequency**. The most common words are at the top of the list.

## 3.

- a. **Pink highlighting** is for verbs.
- b. **Green highlighting** is for adjectives.
- c. **Yellow highlighting** is for prepositions.
- d. **Examples of compound nouns**: business outfit; Hutch outfit; clown outfit.
- e. **Examples of adjective and noun collocations**: white outfit; unwearable outfit; tight outfit

- f. All the occurrences of “**wear**” are now in black boxes. You can now see different ways for using “**wear**” with “**outfit**”

C.

1.

a.

Examples of words that can follow “find out”:

- **about, from**: prepositions
- **what, how**: relative pronouns
- **if**: conjunction
- **more, later, precisely, soon**: adverbs

b.

“**Find out**” is commonly followed by “**what**”, “**how**”, “**about**” and “**if**”: We know this because we can see there are many examples of these.

c.

Now your concordance lines have changed to focus on the words that are used before “**find out**”. *(To change back, just click on the “**sort**” button at the top of the column to the right of “**find out**”)*

d. Examples of words that can be used before “**find out**”:

- **can** (modal verb)
- **and** (conjunction)
- **to** (preposition) (mostly preceded by a noun or verb)
- **you/we** (subject pronouns)
- **you’ll/we’ll** (subject pronoun plus contracted form of the modal verb “will”)