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## Write Away

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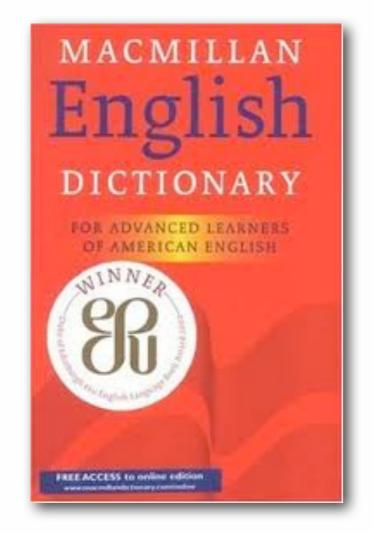
#### Dictionaries (and Grammar Books)

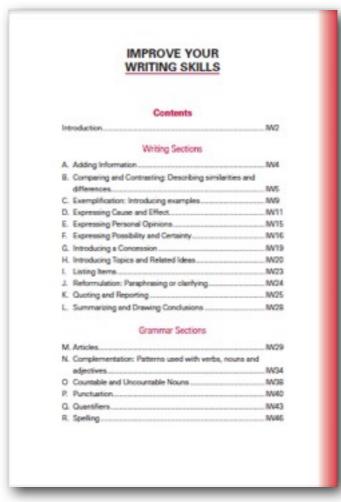
- For language learning, dictionaries have a long and honorable history
  - Macmillan English Dictionary for Advanced Learners (MEDAL)
  - Search the word method
- Recently, researchers (e.g., Sinclair) advocated
  - Corpus linguistics
  - Corpus-based lexicography,
  - Using a concordance in language teaching
  - E.g., AntConc with examples in Citeseerx
    - Small (.3%) sample (1.6 million words/0.7 million sentences)
    - From *Citeseerx* dataset (460 million words/20 million sentences)
  - Search the word difficulty -> almost as fast as Google
  - But, what if we search the full Citeseerx?



#### **Macmillan English Dictionary**

- Emphasis on Academic English
- Special Writing Section: Improve Your Writing Skills (IYWS)
  - Rhetoric Functions
  - Common Grammatical Errors







Sylviane Granger

#### On a good day ...





- a way of doing something, especially a planned or established way
  - It was a handmade rug produced by traditional methods.
  - Farming methods haven't changed here for decades.
- method of: We are trying to develop new methods of pollution control.
- method of doing something: They have adopted an alternative method of financing the scheme.
- method for doing something: Vaccination is the most effective method for preventing disease.
- Collocations
  - adj + method: effective, efficient, preferred, principal, reliable
  - v. + method: adopt, apply, choose, develop, devise, employ, pioneer, provide, use

difficulty

Dictionary Thesaurus

Search



- Dictionaries have concise and organized information
  - have difficulty with something: She's having difficulty with her schoolwork this year.
  - have difficulty (in) doing something: Six months after the accident, he still has difficulty walking.
  - great/considerable difficulty: We had considerable difficulty finding anywhere to park.
  - do something with/without difficulty: Seb was speaking with great difficulty.
- But concordance has other advantages
  - Bring Your Own Data (BYOD)
  - Build Your Own Dictionary (BYOD)
  - Any texts, words, examples, in rich contexts
- Cobb (1998) reports that in vocabulary learning
  - Students used the concordance and made their own personal dictionaries (notes)
  - Learned and retained better

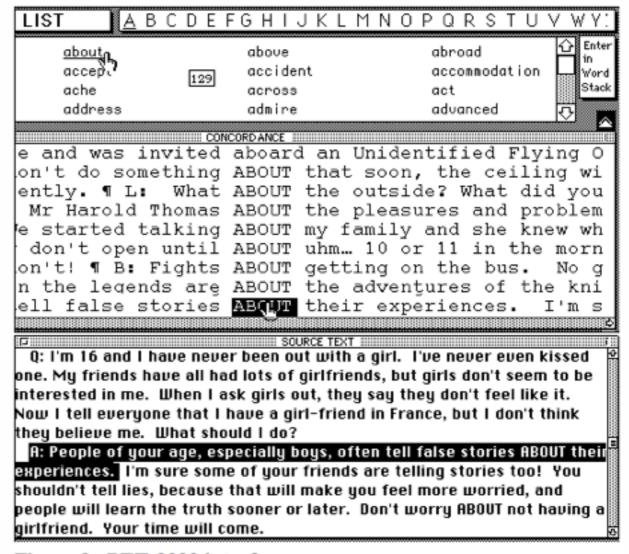
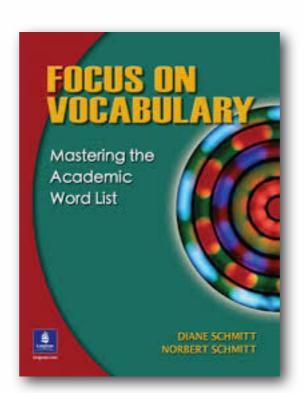
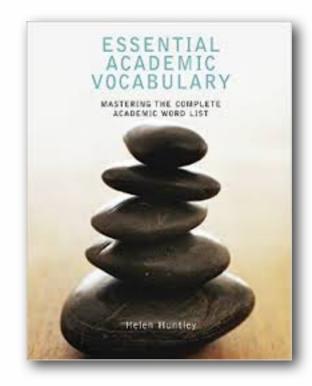


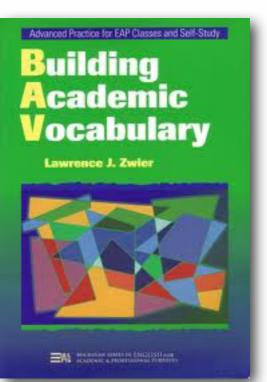
Figure 2. PET•2000 interface

#### Writing vs. Vocabulary Learning

- Why learning by preparing to do something?
  - Slow and indirect
- Why not learn by doing (or writing and speaking)
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  - Academic Word List



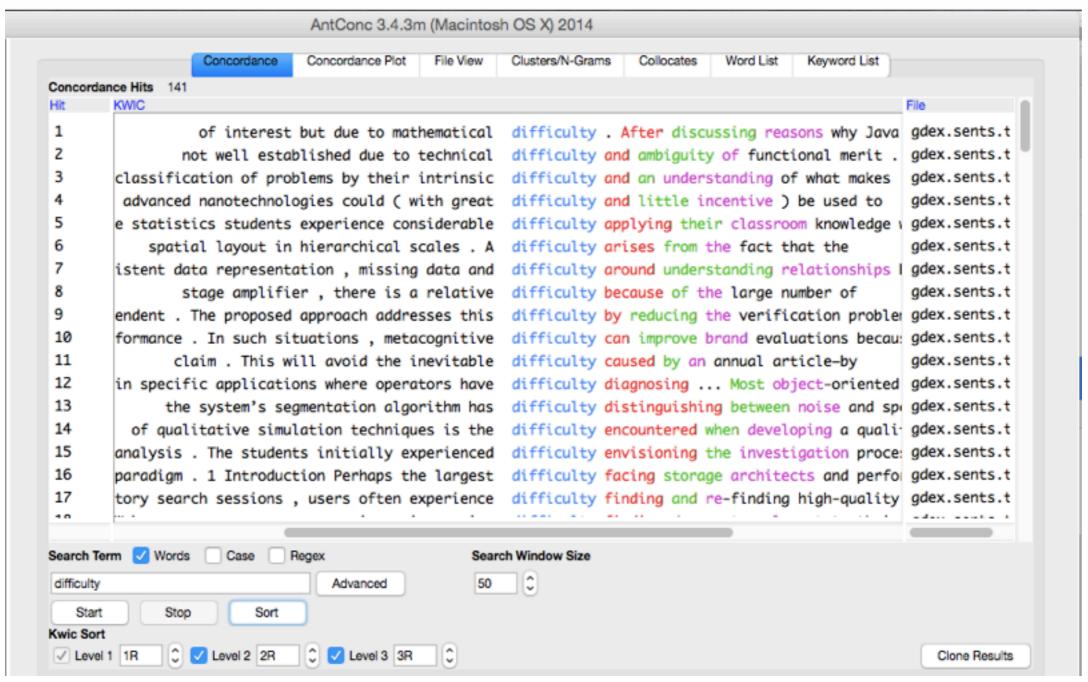




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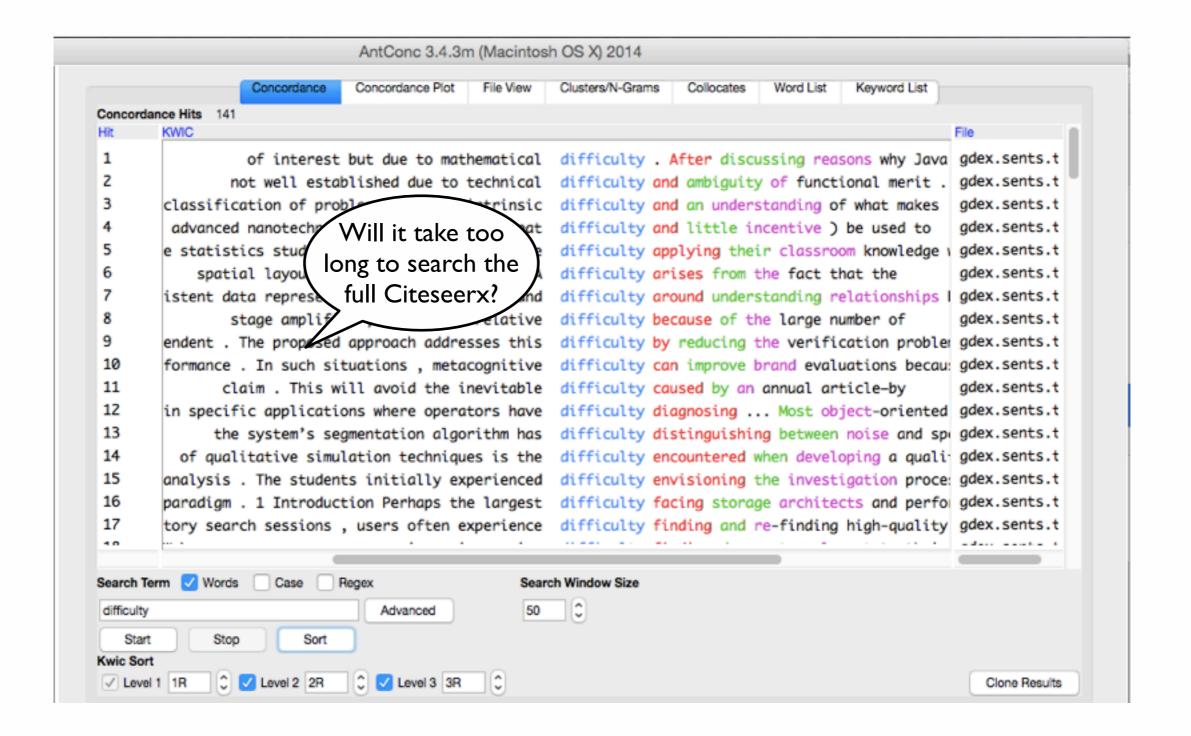
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  - OR Rhetoric functions in Writing

#### IMPROVE YOUR WRITING SKILLS Introduction Writing Sections A. Adding Information. B. Comparing and Contrasting: Describing similarities and C. Exemplification: Introducing examples. IW9 D. Expressing Cause and Effect. E. Expressing Personal Opinions... F. Expressing Possibility and Certainty... IW19 G. Introducing a Concession .... H. Introducing Topics and Related Ideas. .IW24 J. Reformulation: Paraphrasing or clarifying. IW25 K. Quoting and Reporting. L. Summarizing and Drawing Conclusions. Grammar Sections N. Complementation: Patterns used with verbs, nouns and O Countable and Uncountable Nouns. Q. Quantifiers... IW43





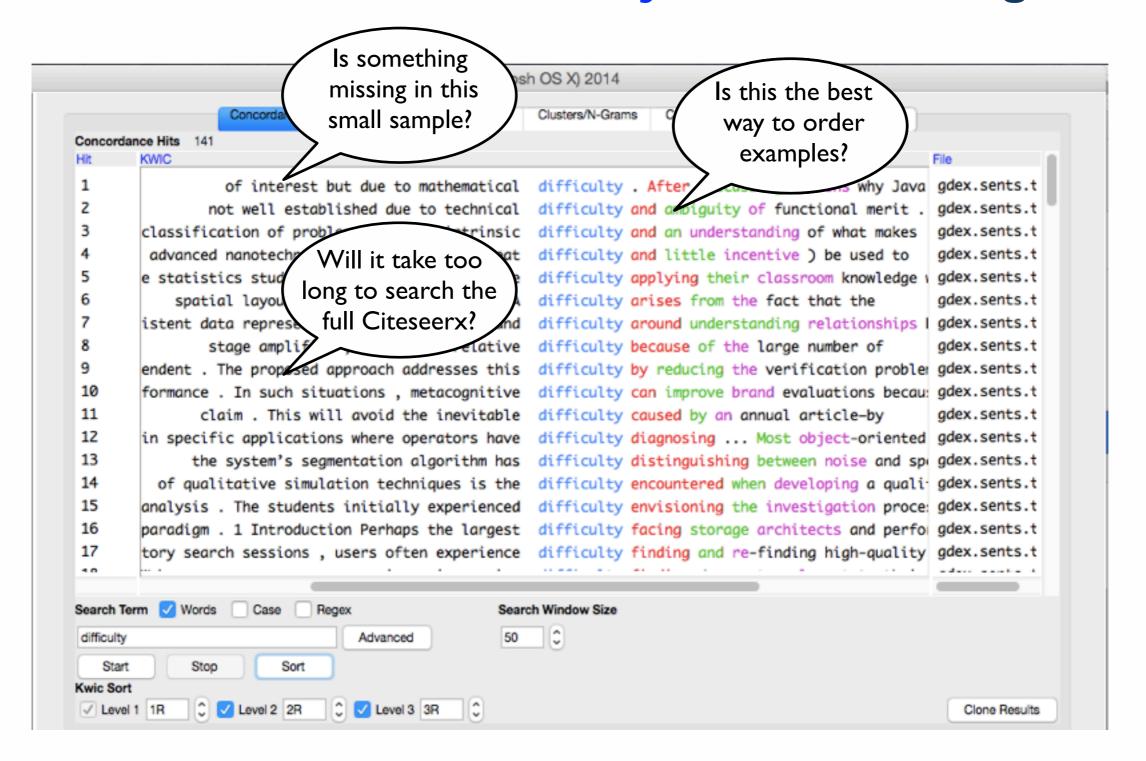




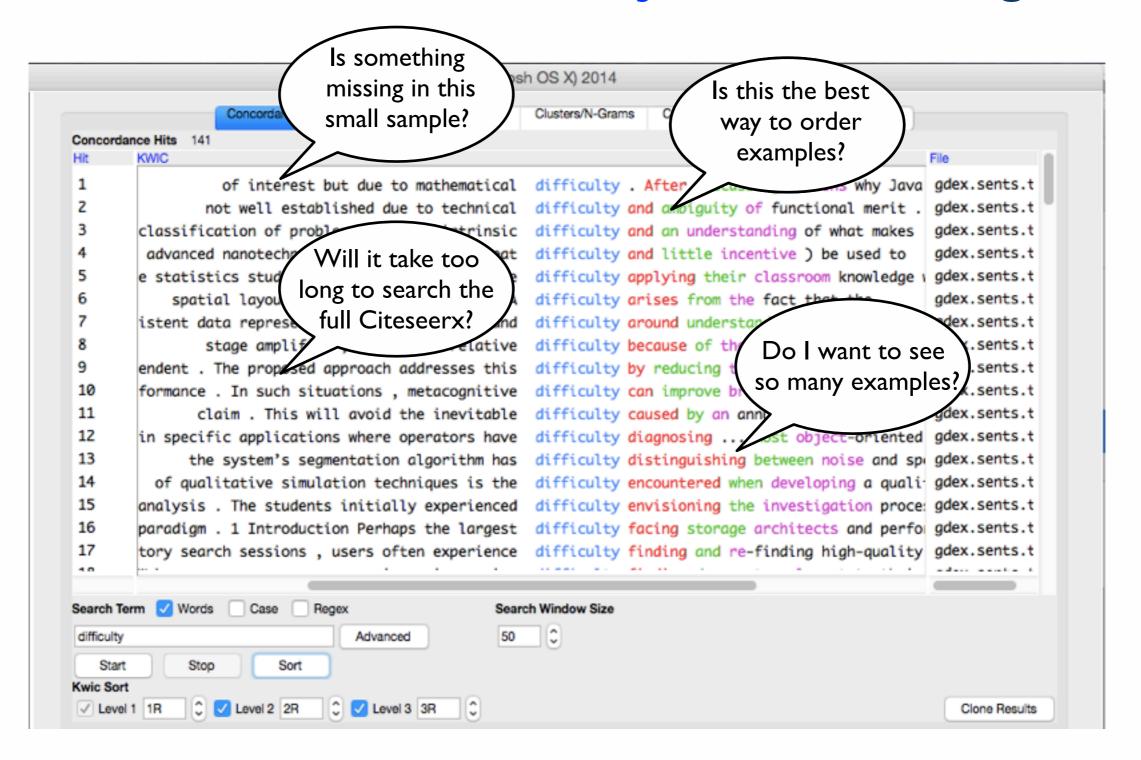














- Speed
  - Returning results with a speed comparable to Google
- Coverage
  - Scaling up to a Web-scale dataset
- Presentation
  - Ordering the search results (putting important information first)
  - Organizing the search results (grouping similarly information)



#### What if we can have

- The best of both worlds
  - Dictionary
  - Concordance
- Solution
  - A concordance that looks/works like a dictionary

#### **Previous Solutions (Flavor Manner Process)**

- AntConc (vanilla)
  - bring your own data (BYOD), vanilla, examples ordered by neighboring
- GDEX or ForBetterEnglish (set menu)
  - Web examples organized by collocation (one example per collocation)
- Pattern Dictionary of English Verbs from CPA (handmade)
  - BNC examples organized by verb pattern



#### ForBetterEnglish

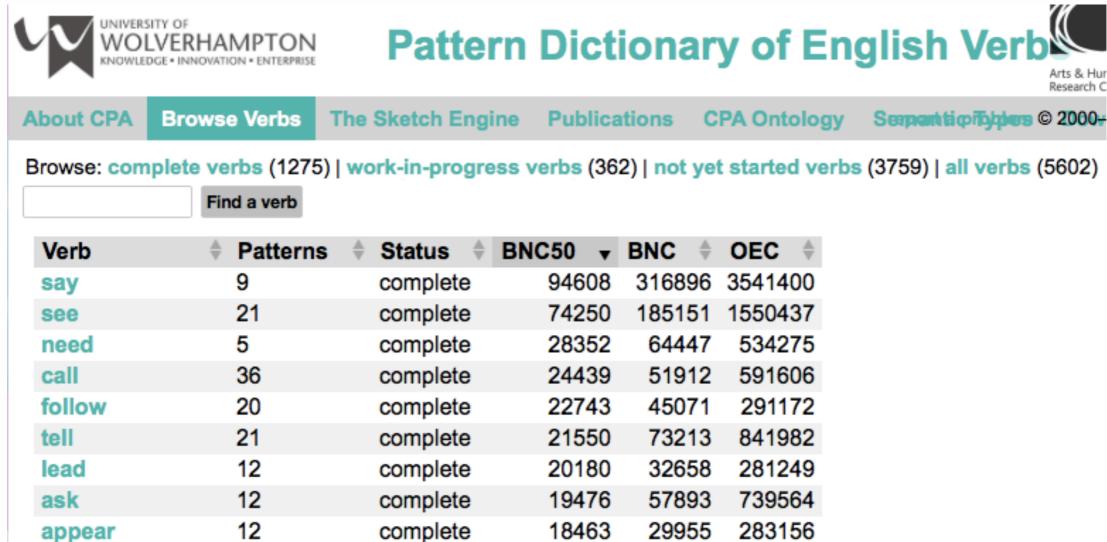
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abandon	Search	Sketch Engine	

#### abandon (v)

object	vehicle :	The official receiver should in no circumstances simply abandon a vehicle which is on the road .
	pretence :	And it was the day when Labour finally abandoned any pretence that it was serious about the reform of our public services .
	mine :	One of the attractions of caving , potholing and exploration of abandoned mines is its adventurous nature .
	ship:	With no way of repairing the damage, the order to abandon ship was given.
	quarry:	The dip of the rocks is clearly seen where slate is exposed in the now abandoned quarries and along the shore .
	siege :	In the Midlands , the Royalists abandon the siege of Warwick Castle on hearing news of the approach of the parliamentary relief force .
pp_on	land :	The vehicle is abandoned on private land - what do I do ?

#### Pattern Dictionary of English Verbs (CPA)

- Visit pdev.org.uk
- Choose from a list of 1275 (and growing) verbs
- View verb patterns with BNC concordance lines



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#### **Example CPA Verb Pattern (abandon)**

No.	%	Pattern / Implicature	
1	46%	[[Human   Institution]] abandon [[Activity   Plan]]	conc.
		[[Human   Institution]] stops doing [[Activity]] or does not begin to do [[Plan]]	exploit.
2	19%	[[Human   Institution]] abandon [[Attitude]]	conc.
		[[Human   Institution]] ceases to have [[Attitude]]	exploit.
<u>3</u>	8%	[[Human   {Human Group = Military}]] abandon [[Location]]	conc.
		[[Human   {Human Group = Military}]] goes away from [[Location]] and does not live there any more, or (in military contexts) ceases to defend it	exploit.
4	4%	[[Human]] abandon [[Artifact]]	conc.
		[[Human]] ceases to use or have possession of [[Artifact]] and leaves it somewhere at random	exploit.
<u>5</u>	<1%	idiom [[Human]] abandon {NO DET ship}	conc.
		[[Human]] leaves {ship} at sea, by jumping into a life boat, life raft, or into the sea	exploit.
<u>6</u>	14%	[[Human 1   Animal 1]] abandon [[Human 2   Animal 2]] (to [[Anything = Bad]])	conc.
		[[Human 1   Animal 1]] goes away from and ceases to care for or look after [[Human 2   Animal 2]], with the result that [[Anything=Bad]] may get them or happen to them [[Human 1   Animal 1]] would normally be expected to look after and care for [[Human 2   Animal 2]] [[Human 2   Animal 2]] may be the offspring, wife (mate), or pet of [[Human 1   Animal 1]]	exploit.
7	<1%	[[Human]] abandon [[Self]] {to [[Activity]]   to [[Attitude]]}	conc.
		[[Human]] does [[Activity]] or adopts [[Attitude]] without thinking or caring about what is right, proper, or required by duty	exploit.
<u>8</u>	<1%	[[Human]] abandon [[Self]] {to [[Deity]]}	conc.
		Christianity. [[Human]] gives up free will and allows [[Deity]] to make all decisions for him/her	exploit.

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#### **CPA + BNC Example Sentences (Pattern 1)**

pattern: someone or somegroup abandon ACTIVITY/PLAN

(e.g., project, siege, development, idea, provision, plans)

any practical political project if they . Catholic civil servants usually had to abandon , James and his besiegers lost heart and abandoned the siege. The mythical value of. Had BR had more time and more funding achieved and in 1983 the entire project was abandoned the common people -- two ideas which were abandoned . And it should be noted that the actual development, either for itself or for the did not agree that Britain could or should abandon After discreet soundings, they prudently abandoned the idea, which would have involved a major Education Secretary, urging him not only to abandon the idea of additional CTCs but to hand Excise rates by 1993, the ministers agreed to abandon key provisions for revising VAT collection Multatuli'). Moved to rectify this situation, he abandoned plans of working in the missionary field supporters when he confirmed the Government had abandoned plans for legislation to curb the activities the Chancellor to alter but not altogether abandon the rule, effectively reducing the amount the three who remained in France did not ahandon their mission following the arrests in the Hollywood dream. Unreality and reality primitive world for which, eventually, Celia abandons countries, and never took effect; the USA itself abandoned the idea in 1946. Berle told Roosevelt Warden of the Cinque Ports. The Adjutant abandons the idea of a coffee and hurries towards British filmmaking nosedived. UK filmmakers abandoned their innovations with film narrative, fees and other more radical ideas have been abandoned 1 in the face of tough Treasury opposition scourge of the dozy British motorist, has not abandoned his life's work just because Her Indoors rules forcing underwriters to specialise year Lloyd's of London insurance market is abandoning 1

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- Limited Coverage
  - Even BNC (100 M) can be too small, not genre/domain specific
- Speed
  - Can we return results as fast as Google does?
- Presentation
  - Ordering: showing the most important usage first
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- No query search
  - Show me the patterns after the word difficulty
  - Automatically, proactively, unsolicited



#### **Solutions**

- Web-scaled linguistic search engines: NetSpeak and Linggle
  - 1 trillion (10<sup>12</sup>) words (noisy) Web page text
  - Index queries not keyword
  - Show search results as you type
  - Support linguistic queries
    - keywords, wildcard, wild pos, synonyms
  - Presentation: ordering examples by frequency
- Interactive Writing Environment: WriteAway
  - Search for information as you write
  - Group examples by complementation pattern
  - Order examples by frequency



#### Netspeak.org — Find words in between and more ...

## Netspeak

#### One word leads to another.

```
ix Q
```

```
how to ? this
see ... works
it's [ great well ]
and knows #much
{ more show me }
```

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The ? finds one word.
The ... find many words.
The [] compare options.
The # finds similar words.
The {} check the order.
```



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waiting response		i×	Q
waiting for a response	42,000	62.0%	+
waiting for response	9,600	14.1%	+
waiting for your response	4,700	6.9%	+
waiting for the response	4,300	6.3%	+
waiting on a response	2,300	3.5%	+
waiting for their response	1,200	1.7%	+
waiting for his response	1,100	1.6%	+
waiting for vendor response	940	1.4%	+
waiting for my response	900	1.3%	+
waiting for her response	710	1.0%	+



#### demonstrating



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## demonstrating Linguistic Google



#### The One Minute Help

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search for any word
               search for the similar words of Term
       ~ Term
   ~ Term #N
               the top N similar words of Term
               search for Term optionally
       ? Term
               match zero or more words
Term1 / Term2
               with either Term1 or Term2
               search for word with specific part-of-speech.
      part-of-
      speech
                v. (verb), n. (noun), adj. (adjective), adv. (adverb)
               and prep. (preposition), det. (determiner), conj.
               (conjunction), pron. (pronoun), interj. (interjection)
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#### demonstrating



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## Write Away

Write Nonstop



demonstrating

# Write Away

Write while being helped Nonstop



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## **Writing programs TODAY**

- People write programs in Interactive Development Environment
- In IDE
  - You type a few words (tokens)
    - The system will show you suggestions, what lies ahead
    - In other words, IDE help you with prompts and autocomplete
  - You test drive your program and get instant corrective feedback
    - Syntax errors
    - Semantic errors



# My main point

- I will show you
  - Future of Writing = Present of Programming
  - Future = Interactive Writing Environment
- Why?
  - History repeats itself
  - We have better theory of the language
    - Lexical grammar
    - Pattern Grammar
  - We have much more Data to derive Pattern Grammar
  - Statistical methods are mature



# **Better Theory of Language**

- Old theory: Two sides of a coin: Vocabulary + Rules
  - Words have parts of speech (POS)
    - Noun: object; Verb: action
    - Preposition/order: relation and event
  - Rules are related to POS, and almost independent of words
- New theory
  - Lexical grammar (e.g., Pattern Grammar)
  - Rules are intimately linked to words



#### **Pattern Grammar**

- PG is a model for describing the syntactic environments of individual words
- Each word has a set of patterns describing word usage in typical contexts
- One sense per pattern (often patterns are different for different word senses)

#### Sources:

- http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pattern\_grammar
- Hunston and Francis (2000): A corpus-driven approach to the lexical grammar of English



#### **Pattern Grammar**

Skim (v.) includes the following patterns in the COBUILD dictionary

- V n off/from n: Skim the fat off the soup. (limited prepositions allowed)
- V n: Skim the wall surface smooth and get ready for painting.
- V over/across: Water skiers skimmed across the bay.
- V through n: Skim through the report and check for spelling mistakes?

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### Dictionaries Embrace Pattern Grammar



Search

difficulty

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- do something with/without difficulty: Seb was speaking with great difficulty.



### More Data Make It Easier to Derive PG

- BNC British National Corpus 100 million words
- COCA Corpus of Contemporary American English 450 million words
- CiteseerX Scholarly Big Data 460 million words (2.8G)
- CTD Corpus of Taiwan Dissertations 10 million words

Table 3: Collection and Usage Statistics

Statistic	Value
#Documents	3.5 million
#Unique documents	2.5 million
#Citations	80 million
#Authors	3-6 million
#docs added monthly	300,000
#docs downloaded monthly	300,000-2.5 million
Individual Users	800,000
Hits per day	2-4 million

Source: Wu, Zhaohui, et al. "Towards building a scholarly big data platform: Challenges, lessons and opportunities." in *Digital Libraries 2014*.



## **Increasing Effective NLP/Statistical Tools**

- Parsing and shallow parsing (based on the old theory)
  - Genia tagger (Tsuruoka et al. 2005)
- Collocation Extraction
  - -XTract (Smadja 1993)
- Extracting Good Dictionary Examples
  - GDEX (Kilgarriff et al. 2008)
- Extracting Pattern Grammar from big data
  - WriteAway (Chang et al. 2015, in preparation)

Source: Tsuruoka, Yoshimasa, et al. "Developing a robust part-of-speech tagger for biomedical text." Advances in informatics. Springer Berlin Heidelberg, 2005. 382-392.



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### NL and Statistical Processing of CiteSeerX (for WriteAway)

\$ Size

20,000,000 sentences; 460,000,000 words; 2.8 G bytes

\$ Sentence

Because of their deployment in critical applications, the dependability modeling and analysis of Multiple-Phased Systems is a task of primary relevance.

- \$ Tagging (Genia Tagger)
  - Part of speech tagging
    - IN IN PRP\$ NN IN JJ NNS, DT NN NN CC NN IN JJ NNS VBZ DT NN IN JJ NN . (prep, prep, possessive pronoun, ....)
  - Base phrase tagging
    - I-PP H-PP I-NP H-NP H-PP I-NP H-NP O I-NP I-NP H-NP O H-NP H-PP I-NP H-NP H-NP H-NP O

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(PP-start, PP -start, NP-start, NP-end, PP, NP-start, NP-end, ... PP = Prepositional Phrase, NP = Noun Phrase
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#### WriteAway is ...

#### WriteAway

We have difficulty

less patterns

more patterns

less examples

more examples

#### [N] difficulty with something 755

have difficulty with problems involving 25 5

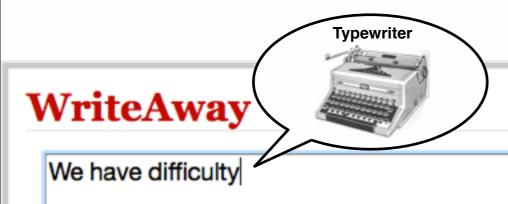
difficulty with this approach/method is 82 13

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have difficulty using it correctly 3 5



## **Typewriter**



less patterns

more patterns

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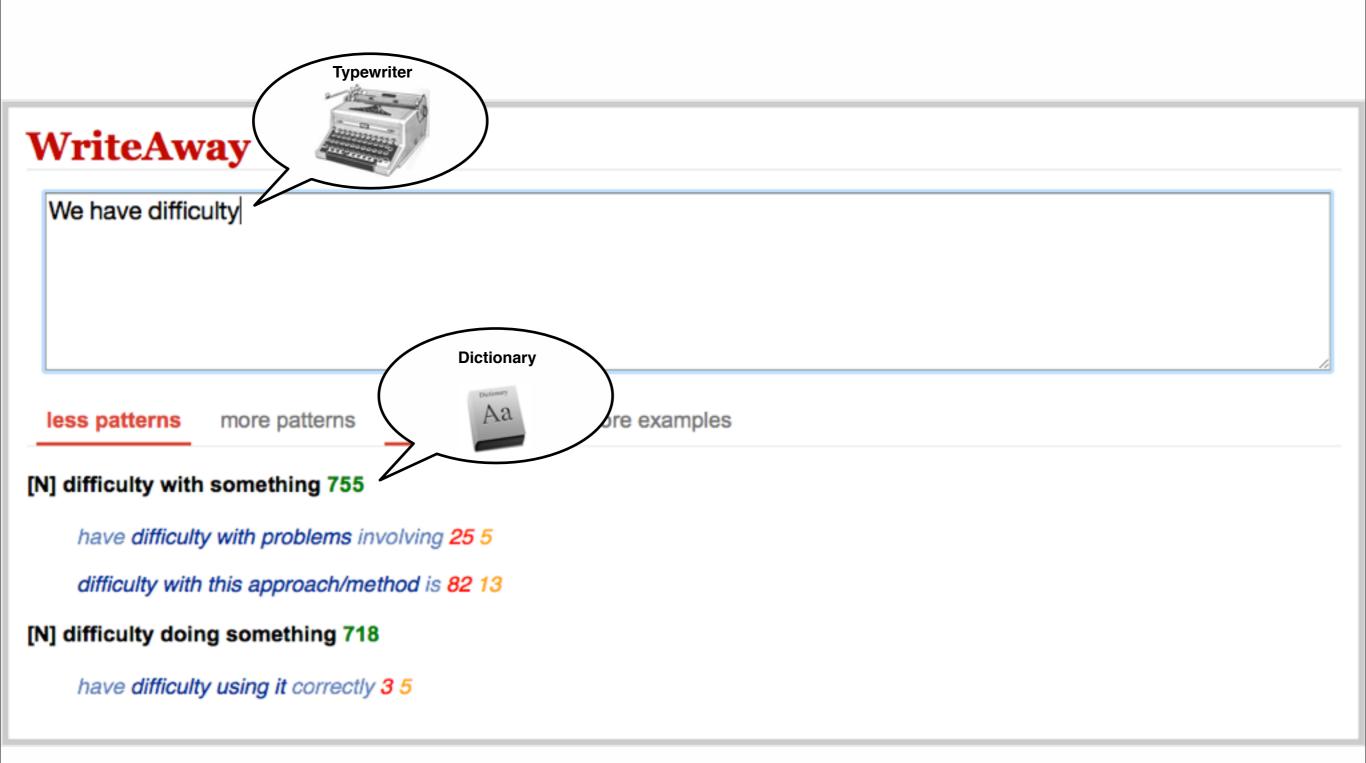
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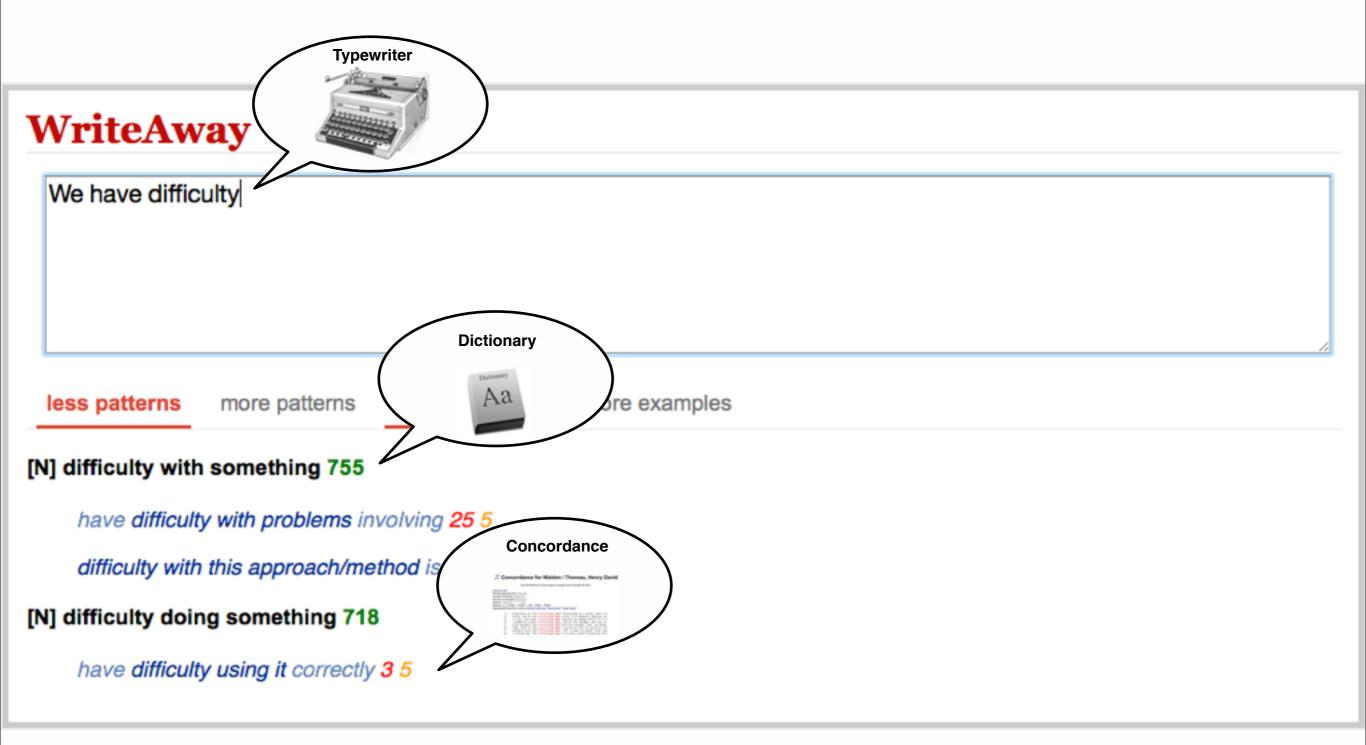


#### **Typewriter + Dictionary**



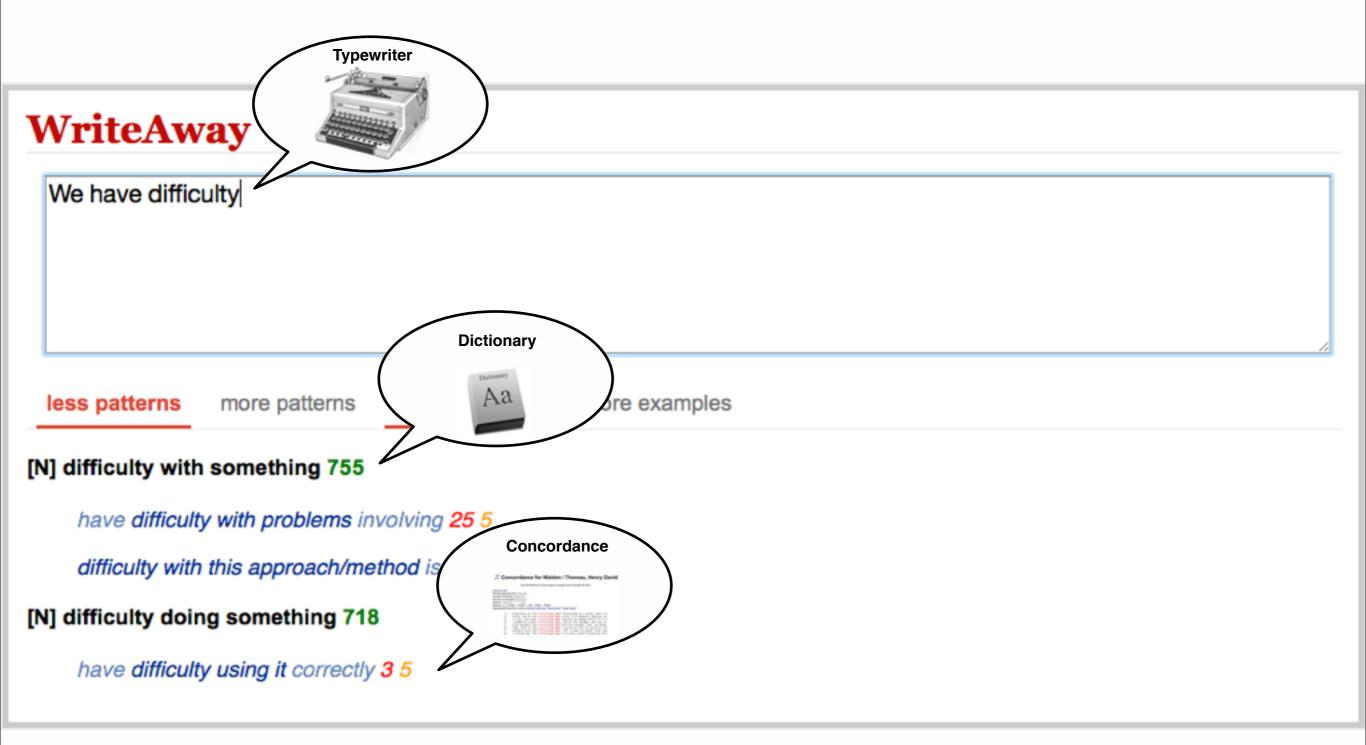


### **Typewriter + Dictionary + Concordance**





### Typewriter + Dictionary + Concordance = WriteAway





#### WriteAway

This paper

less patterns

more patterns

less examples

more examples

#### [N] paper does 123527

paper presents/proposes a 35626 11894

paper describes/discusses the 24462 7026

#### [N] paper does something 84532

paper describes/presents a system 1960 72

paper presents an approach to 1219 113



#### WriteAway

This paper presents

less patterns more patterns less examples more examples

#### [V] present something of something 52075

paper presents the results of a study conducted 630 7

paper presents the design and implementation of a mobile storage system called 259 6

#### [V] present something for doing something 27089

paper presents a parallel algorithm for solving the region growing problem based 235 7
we present a method for solving the following problem 142 11



#### WriteAway

This paper presents a method

less patterns more patterns

less examples

more examples

#### [N] method for something 25928

is a multistart type stochastic method for bound constrained global optimization problems 1330 6

by standard methods for one-dimensional systems 765 7

#### [N] method be 24538

method is applicable 17015 442

#### [N] method of something 19839

method of analysis/proof is 1325 115

on the method of moments 433 20

#### [N] method to do something 19659

of heuristic methods to solve hard computational search problems 528 8

presents a single-pass, view-dependent method to solve the general rendering equation 160 8

#### [N] method for doing something 18495

present a method for solving the following problem 960 11

of numerical methods for solving ordinary differential equations 326 5

# WriteAway + Linggle?

# WriteAway

This paper discusses ?prep. \* n.

less patterns

more patterns

less examples

more examples

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#### [V] discuss something 36048

paper discusses an approach to we discuss the issues involved we discuss the problem of we discuss the results and we discuss what we have



# WriteAway + Linggle

- Not yet
- But, entirely possible



# Advantages of Using WriteAway

- Countability
  - -Noticing the singular/plural forms in examples
- Verb tense/form
  - –Noticing the verb forms in examples
- Article
  - –Noticing the use or lack of articles
- Preposition
  - –Noticing n.+prep. or prep.+n. patterns
  - -E.g., evaluation on something
- Prep.+Verb Form
  - Noticing grammar patterns
  - -E.g., method for doing something v.s. method to do something



# What happens next?

- Improve WriteAway
- Enter a Competition for SVT Angels Emersion Grant to go to Silicon Valley
  - Talk Startup, Think Startup, and Breath Startup
- Get government funding
  - Taiwan Ministry of Economic Affairs (MOEA) as an Angel
- Start a KickStarter campaign
- Collaborate Partner Universities
  - Waseda University, National Taiwan University,
  - National Taiwan University of Science and Technology
- Come up with a business model: Lluber



# What happens next?

- Improve WriteAway
  - Integrate into the environment of Google Doc, Microsoft Word, Gmail
  - Provide semantic pattern grammar
    - assist someone in something vs. assist something in something
    - attend activity vs. attend something
    - attend institution vs. attend something
  - Provide discourse related suggestion (7 rhetoric types, 200 pattern grammar rules)
    - BKG One of the PROBLEM: One of the challenges/problems
    - GAP However, it NEED/CAUSE-PROB: However, it requires/remains
    - AIM In this WORK, we PRESENT: In this work, we present/propose/introduce
    - CTR In CONTRAST, we PRESENT: In contrast, we show
    - TXT In this TEXT\_n (,) we PRESENT/ADDRESS: In this chapter (,) we present/describe/address
  - Provide black-list pattern grammar
    - difficulty in doing something vs. \* difficulty to do something
    - acquire knowledge vs. \* learn knowledge
    - speak LANGUAGE adj vs. \* speak LANGUAGE adv.

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### UBER+TutorABC=?

- Brokerage is a major form of Web services
  - Uber matches up paying passengers with willing drivers where you can't get a taxi
    - uberTAXI, uberX, uberXL
    - UberBLACK, UberSUV
  - TutorABC matches up learners and tutors (conversation skills)
- How about Language Learning Uber (Lluber)
  - Match up learners and teachers (writing skills)
    - Robotic Tutors (WriteAway)
    - Fresh-and-blood Tutors (perhaps even foster Star Tutors and Fans)
- Diversify services
  - Tutors, editors, writing mates, teaching sessions, Writing As a Spectator Aport (WASS)
  - WriteAway-mediated collaborative writing
  - Online writers for hire



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