



**Helping EAP Students Improve *Lexical*
Competence with Online Reference Resources**

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Challenges for EAP students

- **C (50 - 59):**

Isolated lexical chunks and gaps can still cause confusion, as can incorrect word choice, word formation and collocation

- **B (60 -69):**

Minor errors with word choice, word formation and collocation *may* occur but do not detract from

- **A (70 -100)**

Word choice, word formation and collocations are *rarely* inaccurate

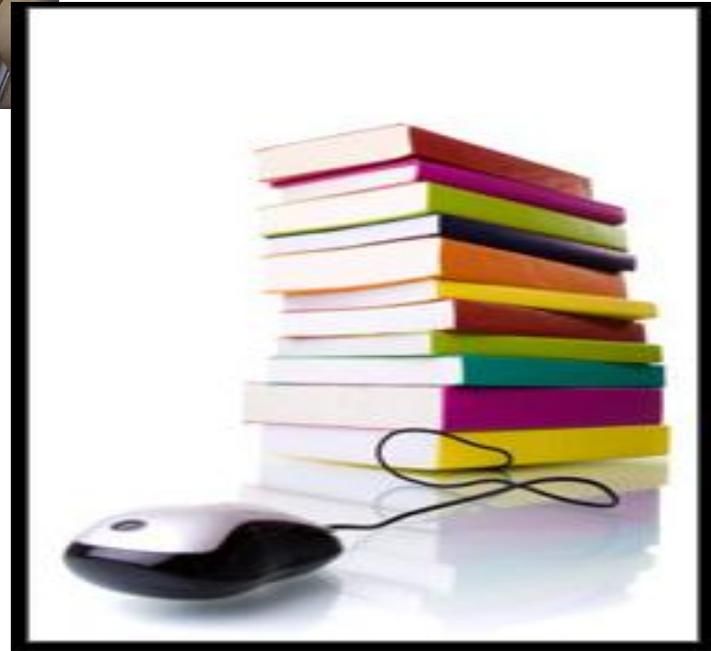
Lexical Competence

mis-collocations, unnatural word partnerships

e.g. according to a research, made a large research through, concerns have been aroused, poses urgent condition, development and research

- *Linguistic Independence*

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Online Monolingual Dictionaries

e.g. Macmillan Dictionary Online

www.macmillandictionary.com

Collocation Dictionaries

e.g. www.ozdic.com/collocation-dictionary

Concordancers

e.g. www.lex tutor.ca

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Collocation Dictionaries

e.g. www.ozdic.com

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search in the Oxford Collocation Dictionary....



Concordancers www.lextutor.ca

[Home](#) > Concordancers

Online concordancers

A concordance gives a list of several words, phrases, or distributed structures along with immediate contexts, from a corpus or text collection..

1. Corpus-based concordancers: [English](#) | [French](#) | [German](#) | [Spanish](#)

[Clean Sentence Concs](#) (English + French)

- o Entry is user's word, phrase or structure, output all instances of this in context throughout a sizeable corpus
- o English corpora include Brown, BNC spoken & written samplers (1,000,000 words) + text collections
- o French corpora include LeMonde, de Maupassant (1,000,000 words) + collections
- o [MAJOR UPGRADE July 08](#) (new algo, single interface, no-chop contexts, user-extractable)
- o [MAJOR SPEED-UP July 09](#) (One-second concordances from main routine)
- o [MAJOR SORT SORT-OUT Jan 011](#) (Conc Re-Sorts on output page with stay-put menus)

+ [Multi Concordance](#) Build 05, update 08 + 09, English

- o Input is words, families, or multi-word units; output is multiple for easy comparison
- o Plus task-builder option (worksheet or interactive)
- o **New randomizations** 08; **speed-up** through dedicated conc server 09

2. Text-based concordancers: [English](#) | [French](#)

- o Entry is user's text, output is concordance-linked frequency index for entire text
- o Same-screen right-left collocate sort options [Significant Tune-Up, July 09](#) + Locus for **Step 1 in Homofoms Experiment**

3. Story concordancers: [English](#) | [French](#)

- o Every word in a full length story is click-linked to concordances from rest of the story + other works by author

4. Related: [Range](#) (En |Fr) and **Phrase extractor** ([Eng](#), [Fr](#)) are types of concordancers; [Concord Writer](#) is a concord-based writing assistant

[< Back](#) to full output

Extract for **RESEARCH** With no associate on EITHER side sorted 1 wds left of key

8 user selected lines from 391 hits (normalized to 198 per million for comparison)

[Click keyword for more context](#)

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023. e half of the research students involved in the study had a [RESEARCH](#) area embraced by computing on its own or in combina
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Corpus

- **What is a Corpus?**

a large collection of samples of a language held on computer (from speech and writing)

- **What is it used for?**

helps us to understand how language works and how people use it when they speak and when they write.

Advantages

- Help students reflect on their own use of language
- Enhance noticing techniques
- Build collocational competence
- Recycle Lexis
- Promote independent learning

Practical Applications

- Error Correction and treatment
- Selective vs comprehensive correction (EAP writing)
- Lexical Notebooks (Lewis 1993)

Lexical Notebooks

- Definition

Collocations

Research

- Examples

Other useful links

- www.just-the-word.com
- www.idoceanline.com

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