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APPENDIX A: COCA Word Search

Sample Word Search


Sample Result Page

Under “CONTEXT,” click on “TEACH.”
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From left to right, columns are list number, year, register, source, context sentence. Users can also click on FIND SAMPLE 100/200/500/1000 to find context sentences from different registers, including spoken, fiction, magazine, newspaper, and academic contexts.

APPENDIX B: COCA Prepositional Collocation Search

Enter example word “take,” and set features. Select “Collocates” and choose prep.ALL as the requirement of the words following “take.” Choose a word limit; normally, four words after the target word is more than sufficient.


Click on “Find collocates” to see result page.

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Click on each word to see context sentences. See example of “take on.”