

The advantages of using relational databases for large historical corpora

Mark Davies

Brigham Young University

<http://davies-linguistics.byu.edu/>

mark_davies@byu.edu

Outline

- Introductory comments
- VIEW/BNC (100m words)
- Corpus of Historical English (OED, 37m)
- Corpus do Português (July 2006, 45m)
- Examples of annotation via relational databases
- Proposed 200m word corpus of historical English

Size

- Function of intended use
- Product of biases of corpus creators
- CED, CEEC, etc. perfectly fine for historical pragmatics
- Bottom line: not make size a limitation

Accessibility

- Via Web
- Cost (free?? to end-users)
- User interface (may be a much larger and diverse audience than we had first intended)

Searchability

- Spelling, morphology: wildcards
- Syntax: POS tagging
- Semantics: Collocates, comparing collocates, synonyms, user-defined lists
- [Pragmatics]
- Q: Is what we study a function of the corpus, or what we really want to study?

Features: **VIEW**: view.byu.edu (British National Corpus; 100m words)

[DAVIES] Variation in English Words and Phrases (VIEW) - Microsoft Internet Explorer

Address: http://view.byu.edu/

SEARCH STRING (HELP)

WORD/PHRASE

(INSERT TAG)

[CUSTOMIZED LISTS](#)

DISPLAY (HELP)

TABLE

CHART

SURROUNDING (HELP)

SORT BY (HELP)

FREQUENCY

PERCENT

REGISTER 1 (HELP)

-- IGNORE --
SPOKEN
FICTION
NEWS
ACADEMIC
NON-FICTION MISC
OTHER MISC

MIN FREQ

LIMIT?

REGISTER 2

-- IGNORE --
SPOKEN
FICTION
NEWS
ACADEMIC
NON-FICTION MISC
OTHER MISC

MIN FREQ

LIMIT?

OPTIONS (HELP)

HITS

SEE POS TAGS

VIEW: VARIATION IN ENGLISH WORDS AND PHRASES

Mark Davies / Brigham Young University

CLICK WORD TO SEE IN CONTEXT
[DISTRIB] FOR FREQUENCY IN ALL 70 REGISTERS

DON'T SHOW PART OF SPEECH [HELP IN INTERPRETING THIS VIEW]

DISTRIB	WORD/PHRASE	TOKENS REG1	TOKENS REG2	PER MIL IN REG1 [16,194,885 WORDS]	PER MIL IN REG2 [15,429,582 WORDS]	REG 1-2 RATIO
1	BREAK THE NEWS	32	--	1.98	--	76.22
2	BREAK THE SILENCE	22	--	1.36	--	52.40
3	BREAK HER HEART	8	--	0.49	--	38.11
4	<u>BREAK THE SPELL</u>	10	--	0.62	--	23.82
5	BREAK HIS NECK	8	--	0.49	--	19.05
6	BREAK MY HEART	8	--	0.49	--	19.05
7	BREAK A PROMISE	4	--	0.25	--	19.05
8	BREAK FOR LUNCH	4	--	0.25	--	19.05

KEYWORDS IN CONTEXT

LIMIT BY PART OF SPEECH: NO LIMIT BY GENRE: FICTION [SEE ALL] (HELP)

1 CAM through. "Party, party," she yelled out to **break the spell** and Hosanna ran from where he had been sitting watchin

2 FP1 It was a grey-haired British sergeant who was **the** first to **break the spell** of immobility and shock, by moving forw

3 GOL give us a song?" Hope welcomed **the** chance to **break the spell** he had cast, seeing now that his best course lay

4 G1S him into her. He lay still, not wanting to **break the spell**, attempting to work out what was different. Before

5 G1S release her, and she had no will with which to **break the spell**. Even so, **there** was a developing duality in her

6 HA7 took Johnny into **the** cottage, might this in some way **break the spell** and spoil **the** magic? Would Johnny simply d

7 HGT will until, steeled and streng**th**ened by her desperate need to **break the spell**, Merrill wrenched herself away to op

8 HGY listening, enjoying **the** peace. Robyn waited for him to **break the spell** of this wonderful, strangely companionable

9 HTM as his because talking seemed an intrusion, as though it might **break the spell** of enchantment she felt wrapped in

10 HTM **the** fire burning in Bird Spirit Land. Your flame will **break the spell**." Fierce Eyes scowled. "Get this over

Internet

BNC / VIEW features

Word document

Corpus of Historical English: view.byu.edu/che

Corpus of Historical English [DAVIES] - Microsoft Internet Explorer

File Edit View Favorites Tools Help

Back Forward Stop Home Search Favorites Refresh Print Stop AutoFill Options

Address <http://view.byu.edu/che/x.asp> Go

Google Search 3999 blocked Check AutoFill Options

Based on the Oxford English Dictionary (37 million words, Old English - Modern English)

CORPUS OF HISTORICAL ENGLISH

Created by Mark Davies / BYU

SEARCH

WORD(S)/PHRASE(S) [HELP](#)

[\[CUSTOMIZED LISTS\]](#) [\[+OE\]](#)

FREQUENCY (TABLE) [HELP](#)
 FREQUENCY (CHART)
 RELEVANCE
 SURROUNDING WORDS

LIMITS

SURROUNDING WORDS [HELP](#)
 LEFT/ RIGHT

FREQUENCY IN CENTURY [HELP](#)

DISPLAY

SORT BY CENTURY [HELP](#)

FREQ DISPLAY [HELP](#)

HITS [HELP](#)

Click on the number in a column to see [KEYWORD IN CONTEXT] display [\[HELP\]](#)

	CENTURY	1000s	1100s	1200s	1300s	1400s	1500s	1600s	1700s	1800s	1900s
1 +	LIGHT				137	149	812	1988	1328	4473	4078
2 +	DELIGHT					1	174	418	241	435	218
3 +	FLIGHT				13	19	97	273	182	399	904
4 +	LIGHTS					6	43	218	138	432	658
5 +	SLIGHT				20	5	39	189	155	761	544
6 +	DELIGHTS						37	144	77	97	64
7 +	LIGHTNING				1	2	51	132	112	242	180
8 +	LIGHTLY				25	42	83	108	51	233	221
9 +	DELIGHTED						22	22	22	22	22

[KEYWORD IN CONTEXT] [More information...](#)

1	1509	BARCLAY: Shyp of Foly	Because the lightning or thunder violent .. suffreth thee and thy house to be vnbrnt.
2	1555	T. PHAER: neid	And from the skyes the lightning fyers do flashe wt grisly steauen.
3	1556	W. TOWERSON: Voy.	The 4.day we had terrible thunder and lightning , with exceeding great gusts of raine, called Ternados.
4	1558	PHAR: neid	Me the father of Gods .. Beblasted with his lightning wynd.
5	1561	Burn. Paules Ch.	On Wednesday .. was seene a marueilous great fyrie lightning .
6	1561	T. NORTON: Calvin's Inst.	To set the aire on fier with lightning flames.
7	1563	W. FULKE: Meteors	If lightning or any other inflamation be in the upper part of these clouds.
8	1563	W. FULKE: Meteors	The most dangerous, violent and hurtfull kind of lightning is called Fulmen.
9	1563	W. FULKE: Meteors	Fulgur is that kinde of lightning which followeth thunder.
10	1563	W. FULKE: Meteors	Although the lightning appeare unto us, a good pretty while before the thunderclap be heard.
11	1563	FULKE: Meteors	The Sea-Calfe is never hurt with lightning : wherefore the Emperours tents were woont to be covered with their skinnes.

Done Internet

Corpus of Historical English: Size and distribution

Century	# words
1000s	207,594
1100s	53,359
1200s	313,717
1300s	1,077,330
1400s	1,388,448
1500s	3,182,053
1600s	5,127,445
1700s	3,688,076
1800s	10,422,785
1900s	11,063,571
TOTAL	36,524,378

Simple frequency of word or phrase over time: **turn on**

Corpus of Historical English [DAVIES] - Microsoft Internet Explorer

File Edit View Favorites Tools Help

Address <http://view.byu.edu/che/x.asp>

Based on 37 million words of text from Old English to Present-Day English

CORPUS OF HISTORICAL ENGLISH

Created by Mark Davies / BYU

SEARCH

WORD(S)/PHRASE(S) [HELP](#)

[\[CUSTOMIZED LISTS\]](#) [\[+OE\]](#)

FREQUENCY (TABLE) [HELP](#)
 FREQUENCY (CHART)
 RELEVANCE
 SURROUNDING WORDS

LIMITS

SURROUNDING WORDS [HELP](#)
 LEFT/ RIGHT

FREQUENCY IN CENTURY [HELP](#)

DISPLAY

SORT BY CENTURY [HELP](#)

FREQ DISPLAY [HELP](#)

HITS [HELP](#)

Click on a bar to see [KEYWORD IN CONTEXT] display [\[HELP\]](#)
 Click on a number below the bar chart for table display

CENTURY	1000s	1100s	1200s	1300s	1400s	1500s	1600s	1700s	1800s	1900s
PER MILLION	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	1.4	2.3	5.0
FREQUENCY	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	5	24	55

[KEYWORD IN CONTEXT] [More information...](#)

1	1900	The Newlands ground is the most difficult to make runs on in the whole of South Africa, the bowlers always being able to get considerable turn on the ball.
2	1901	Please, Nanna, don't turn on the dark.
3	1902a	While she was gone the man from the gas company called to turn on the meter.
4	1904	Such objections to the meaningfulness of the mechanical image as turn on the difficulties of defining mass, length, time, and their combinations, cannot be discussed in this connection.
5	1909	I don't know the moment he delivers the ball which way it will turn on pitching.
6	1917	If someone will .. kindly re-carbon the arc for us and turn on the electric current we shall be ready to start showing.
7	1919	She'll screen well, and she's one of the few that can turn on the tears when she wants to.
8	1926	Most fat cows and heavy heifers lost around 25c and in instances the down- turn on better grades was even greater.
9	1934	Cover One with a Gun (v. phr.): to turn on the heat.
10	1942	Immediately you are grounded, turn on your back and unlock the quick release mechanism.
11	1946	The immediate action is to turn on the reciprocal course.
12	1949	The majority .. were Zionists .. who at the eve of the war had been waiting for their turn on the immigration quota.
13	1953	The trimmer with only one turn on his winch trims hand over hand as the sail swings over.
14	1953	Philosopher's arguments which turn on these terms are apt, sooner or later, to start to rotate idly. There is nothing

Internet

Spelling changes: vn* (chart)

Corpus of Historical English [DAVIES] - Microsoft Internet Explorer

File Edit View Favorites Tools Help

Address <http://view.byu.edu/che/x.asp>

Based on 37 million words of text from Old English to Present-Day English

CORPUS OF HISTORICAL ENGLISH

Created by Mark Davies / BYU

Click on any bar or number below for a list of matching strings [\[HELP\]](#)

CENTURY	1000s	1100s	1200s	1300s	1400s	1500s	1600s	1700s	1800s	1900s
PER MILLION	38.5	187.4	1,711.7	3,710.1	3,917.3	4,554.9	1,783.1	4.9	0.8	0.6
FREQUENCY	8	10	537	3997	5439	14494	9143	18	8	7

SEARCH

WORD(S)/PHRASE(S) [HELP](#)

[\[CUSTOMIZED LISTS\]](#) [\[+OE\]](#)

FREQUENCY (TABLE) [HELP](#)
 FREQUENCY (CHART)
 RELEVANCE
 SURROUNDING WORDS

LIMITS

SURROUNDING WORDS [HELP](#)
 LEFT/ RIGHT

FREQUENCY IN CENTURY [HELP](#)

DISPLAY

SORT BY CENTURY [HELP](#)

FREQ DISPLAY [HELP](#)

HITS [HELP](#)

[KEYWORD IN CONTEXT] [More information...](#)

- 1908 Well, I was rared a Carthlick, but I haven't **followed it up** much. To tell ye the truth, I class 'em all alike -- priests, parsons, salvos, and all the lot of 'em.
- 1951 The State Legislature at Albany ordered an inquiry, which met last week. And this week the American Legion has **followed it up** with a narcotic clinic of its own.
- 1955 Beaumont College, who won their juniors at Molesey a week ago, **followed it up** by winning the junior-senior eights.
- 1956 We followed it, up to the spring hole on the edge of the flat land, a no-good bit of bog hole on the edge of arable land.
- 1961 Why she should have **followed it up** beats me. You didn't ask her? .. Of course not! As I told you, she carries too many guns.
- 1965 I .. **followed it up** with a .. right-cross with the school cap.

Internet

Spelling changes (table): rank-frequency listing by 1500s

Corpus of Historical English [DAVIES] - Microsoft Internet Explorer

File Edit View Favorites Tools Help

Address <http://view.byu.edu/che/x.asp>

Google Search 1431 blocked ABC Check AutoLink

Based on 37 million words of text from Old English to Present-Day English

CORPUS OF HISTORICAL ENGLISH

Created by Mark Davies / BYU

Click on the number in a column to see [KEYWORD IN CONTEXT] display [\[HELP\]](#)

	CENTURY	1000s	1100s	1200s	1300s	1400s	1500s	1600s	1700s	1800s	1900s
1 +	VNTO				253	979	3459	1573			
2 +	VNDER			77	429	374	1208	736	2		
3 +	VNTILL				8	10	177	156			
4 +	VNLESSE					1	118	124			
5 +	VNDERSTAND				10	11	112	82	1		
6 +	VNDERSTANDING				6	1	92	95			
7 +	VN			4	85	97	90	55	2	1	3
8 +	VNIUERSALL					1	70	36			

SEARCH

WORD(S)/PHRASE(S) [HELP](#)

[\[CUSTOMIZED LISTS\]](#) [\[+OE\]](#)

FREQUENCY (TABLE) [HELP](#)
 FREQUENCY (CHART)
 RELEVANCE
 SURROUNDING WORDS

LIMITS

SURROUNDING WORDS [HELP](#)
 LEFT/RIGHT

FREQUENCY IN CENTURY [HELP](#)

DISPLAY

SORT BY CENTURY [HELP](#)

FREQ DISPLAY [HELP](#)

HITS [HELP](#)

INTRODUCTION [More information...](#)

This corpus of historical English is taken from **37 million words** of text from Old English to Present-Day English. You can use to the corpus to find the frequency and use of words, phrases, and constructions in each century during the past 1000 years.

Please feel free to take a look at either or the following pages, which provides sample searches of the corpus:

- **Three minute tour**, an overview of the main features of the corpus (with examples of actual queries)
- **Extended Sample Searches**, concrete examples of how the corpus can be used to examine changes in spelling, morphology (word forms), syntax (grammar), lexis (vocabulary), and semantics (word meaning) during the past 1000 years.

Done Internet

Chart display (by century): to * [davies:up] [CUSTOMIZED LISTS]

Corpus of Historical English [DAVIES] - Microsoft Internet Explorer

File Edit View Favorites Tools Help

Back Forward Stop Home Search Favorites Refresh Print Mail Stop RSS Options

Address http://view.byu.edu/che/x.asp Go

Google Search 3999 blocked Check AutoFill Options

Based on the Oxford English Dictionary (37 million words, Old English - Modern English)

CORPUS OF HISTORICAL ENGLISH

Created by Mark Davies / BYU

Click on any bar or number below for a list of matching strings [\[HELP\]](#)

CENTURY	1000s	1100s	1200s	1300s	1400s	1500s	1600s	1700s	1800s	1900s
FREQUENCY	4	0	10	41	65	443	860	619	1588	1940
SIZE (MW)	0.2	0.1	0.3	1.1	1.4	3.2	5.1	3.7	10.4	11.1
PER MILLION	19.3	0.0	31.9	38.1	46.8	139.2	167.7	167.8	152.4	175.4

SEARCH

WORD(S)/PHRASE(S) [HELP](#)
 to * [davies:up]
[\[CUSTOMIZED LISTS\]](#) [\[+OE\]](#)

FREQUENCY (TABLE) [HELP](#)
 FREQUENCY (CHART)
 RELEVANCE
 SURROUNDING WORDS

LIMITS

SURROUNDING WORDS [HELP](#)
 0 LEFT/RIGHT 0

FREQUENCY IN CENTURY [HELP](#)

DISPLAY

SORT BY CENTURY [HELP](#)
 1600s

FREQ DISPLAY [HELP](#)
 RAW #

HITS [HELP](#)
 100

SUBMIT RESET

CUSTOMIZED LISTS: MODIFY LIST [More information...](#)

To **modify** a list:

LISTS YOU HAVE CREATED
 UP M D KNOW M D

Add or delete words from your list and click on [Submit]

[Return to main menu](#)
[Overview of wordlists](#)

MODIFY LIST

up

up vp vpp vppe upp uppe

WORDLIST NAME
 LIST OF WORDS

Submit Reset

Internet

Table display (1500s): to * [davies:up] [CUSTOMIZED LISTS]

Corpus of Historical English [DAVIES] - Microsoft Internet Explorer

File Edit View Favorites Tools Help

Back Forward Stop Home Search Favorites Refresh Print Mail Stop RSS Options

Address http://view.byu.edu/che/x.asp Go

Google Search 3999 blocked Check AutoFill Options

Based on the Oxford English Dictionary (37 million words, Old English - Modern English)

CORPUS OF HISTORICAL ENGLISH

Created by Mark Davies / BYU

SEARCH

WORD(S)/PHRASE(S) [HELP](#)

[\[CUSTOMIZED LISTS\]](#) [\[+OE\]](#)

FREQUENCY (TABLE) [HELP](#)
 FREQUENCY (CHART)
 RELEVANCE
 SURROUNDING WORDS

LIMITS

SURROUNDING WORDS [HELP](#)
 LEFT/RIGHT

FREQUENCY IN CENTURY [HELP](#)

DISPLAY

SORT BY CENTURY [HELP](#)

FREQ DISPLAY [HELP](#)

HITS [HELP](#)

Click on the number in a column to see [KEYWORD IN CONTEXT] display [\[HELP\]](#)

	CENTURY	1000s	1100s	1200s	1300s	1400s	1500s	1600s	1700s	1800s	1900s
1	TO TAKE VP					3	14	6			
2	TO SET VP						13	11			
3	TO MAKE VP					6	10	9			
4	TO COME VP					1	7	3			
5	TO LIFT VP						7	1			
6	TO BEARE VP						7	4			
7	TO TAKE UP					1	7	38	46	70	70
8	TO SET UP						7	43	36	54	117
9	TO FILL VP						6	7			
10	TO MAKE UP						6	45	40	93	85

CUSTOMIZED LISTS: MODIFY LIST [More information...](#)

To **modify** a list:

Add or delete words from your list and click on [Submit]

[Return to main menu](#)
[Overview of wordlists](#)

LISTS YOU HAVE CREATED

MODIFY LIST

WORDLIST NAME
LIST OF WORDS

Internet

Morphology: *ly (+1900s -1800s -1700s)

Corpus of Historical English [DAVIES] - Microsoft Internet Explorer

File Edit View Favorites Tools Help

Address <http://view.byu.edu/che/x.asp>

Based on 37 million words of text from Old English to Present-Day English

CORPUS OF HISTORICAL ENGLISH

Created by Mark Davies / BYU

Click on the number in a column to see [KEYWORD IN CONTEXT] display [\[HELP\]](#)

	CENTURY	1000s	1100s	1200s	1300s	1400s	1500s	1600s	1700s	1800s	1900s
1 +	BASICALLY										220
2 +	ROUTINELY										53
3 +	ELECTRONICALLY										47
4 +	REPORTEDLY										39
5 +	ENVIRONMENTALLY										36
6 +	UNDERSTANDABLY										28
7 +	RECURSIVELY										22
8 +	GOOGLY										19
9 +	HILLBILLY										17
10 +	PHONEMICALLY										16
11 +	MINIMALLY										16

SEARCH

WORD(S)/PHRASE(S) [HELP](#)

[\[CUSTOMIZED LISTS\]](#) [\[+OE\]](#)

FREQUENCY (TABLE) [HELP](#)
 FREQUENCY (CHART)
 RELEVANCE
 SURROUNDING WORDS

LIMITS

SURROUNDING WORDS [HELP](#)
 LEFT/ RIGHT

FREQUENCY IN CENTURY [HELP](#)

DISPLAY

SORT BY CENTURY [HELP](#)

FREQ DISPLAY [HELP](#)

HITS [HELP](#)

EXTENDED SAMPLE SEARCHES [More information...](#)

Supposing that they have been spelled differently before the 2000s, you can use [modifiers](#) to search for alternate forms: [down/downe/down/doune/down/dovne](#). This will show the changes in spelling for this one word over the past 1000 years.

MORPHOLOGY / WORD FORMS

1. You can easily examine the overall frequency of prefixes (e.g. [pre-](#)) or suffixes (e.g. [-tion](#)) over time.
2. You can see which [words ending in -ly](#) (mostly adverbs) occur for the first time in the 1900s.
3. Early Modern English (e.g. 1500s-1600s) used the comparative (-er) and superlative (-est) suffixes more frequently than Present-Day English, which often prefers *more/most* + ADJ (e.g. 1500s *delicatest* vs. 1900s *most delicate*). You can easily find cases of long adjectives with the superlative suffix in the 1500s ([group1](#), [group2](#), [group3](#)), which would be unlikely in the 1800s or 1900s.

SYNTAX / GRAMMAR

Looking for changes in grammar is somewhat challenging at the present time, since the corpus is not (yet) annotated for part of speech. Yet by using [word alternates](#) (e.g. *can/will/should*, etc for the class of modals) or [customized lists of words](#), you can still enjoy some interesting results.

Internet

Morphology/lexicon: word roots: *light* (+1900s -1600s)

Corpus of Historical English [DAVIES] - Microsoft Internet Explorer

File Edit View Favorites Tools Help

Address <http://view.byu.edu/che/x.asp>

Based on 37 million words of text from Old English to Present-Day English

CORPUS OF HISTORICAL ENGLISH

Created by Mark Davies / BYU

Click on the number in a column to see [KEYWORD IN CONTEXT] display [\[HELP\]](#)

	CENTURY	1000s	1100s	1200s	1300s	1400s	1500s	1600s	1700s	1800s	1900s
1 +	SUNLIGHT								1	104	163
2 +	LIGHTWEIGHT										111
3 +	HIGHLIGHT										49
4 +	LIGHT-WEIGHT									8	46
5 +	HIGHLIGHTS										41
6 +	ENLIGHTENMENT								1	15	41
7 +	SPOTLIGHT										34
8 +	HEADLIGHTS										34

THREE MINUTE TOUR [More information...](#)

The Corpus of Historical English will allow you to see:

- The frequency of **words** (*wane*, *cleped*, or *fed^{er}/fether/feather*), **phrases** (*thou hast* or *turn on*), or **parts of words** (e.g. *heart** (sorted by frequency in the 1500s or the 1800s), **ship* (by 1400s or 1700s), **friend** (by 1700s), or the substring *ql??m** (by 1800s). (Note: [charts vs. lists](#))
- Which words or phrases have **entered into or left the language** from one century to another, (e.g. **ment* 1400s/1500s to 1600s [[entering](#) / [leaving](#)] or **light** 1600s to 1900s [[entering](#) / [leaving](#)])
- Which words occur most often with others** (often related to the meaning of the word), e.g.:
 - words immediately after *hard* (1500s, 1900s) [[sorted by uniqueness: 1500s, 1900s](#)]
 - words within five words of *breaks* (1700s, 1900s) or *face* (1600s, 1900s)
- Changes in which words occur most often with others** (sometimes a clue to changes in meaning), e.g.
 - words after *hard* [[+1500s/-1900s](#), [-1500s/+1900s](#)] or before *meat* [[+1500s/-1900s](#), [-1500s/+1900s](#)]
 - words near *market* [[+1600s/-1900s](#), [-1600s/+1900s](#)] or *match* [[+1600s/-1900s](#), [-1600s/+1900s](#)]

Note that in each case, the link runs an actual query against the corpus and returns the results (i.e. these are not "canned" searches). Feel free to see how the search form has been filled out, and then modify this to create your own queries.

SEARCH

WORD(S)/PHRASE(S) [HELP](#)

[\[CUSTOMIZED LISTS\]](#) [\[+OE\]](#)

FREQUENCY (TABLE) [HELP](#)
 FREQUENCY (CHART)
 RELEVANCE
 SURROUNDING WORDS

LIMITS

SURROUNDING WORDS [HELP](#)
 LEFT/ RIGHT

FREQUENCY IN CENTURY [HELP](#)

DISPLAY

SORT BY CENTURY [HELP](#)

FREQ DISPLAY [HELP](#)

HITS [HELP](#)

Lexicon: New words in 1900s: * (+1900s -1800s)

Corpus of Historical English [DAVIES] - Microsoft Internet Explorer

File Edit View Favorites Tools Help

Address <http://view.byu.edu/che/x.asp>

Based on 37 million words of text from Old English to Present-Day English

CORPUS OF HISTORICAL ENGLISH

Created by Mark Davies / BYU

SEARCH

WORD(S)/PHRASE(S) [HELP](#)

[\[CUSTOMIZED LISTS\]](#) [\[+OE\]](#)

FREQUENCY (TABLE) [HELP](#)

FREQUENCY (CHART)

RELEVANCE

SURROUNDING WORDS

LIMITS

SURROUNDING WORDS [HELP](#)

LEFT/ RIGHT

FREQUENCY IN CENTURY [HELP](#)

DISPLAY

SORT BY CENTURY [HELP](#)

FREQ DISPLAY [HELP](#)

HITS [HELP](#)

	CENTURY	1000s	1100s	1200s	1300s	1400s	1500s	1600s	1700s	1800s	1900s
1 +	RADIO					2					1827
2 +	TELEVISION										1300
3 +	SOVIET										779
4 +	JAZZ										774
5 +	ELECTRONIC										721
6 +	TECHNIQUES										721
7 +	TV										591
8 +	DNA										581
9 +	GENE					7	6				486
10 +	MOUSE										425

THREE MINUTE TOUR [More information...](#)

The following searches provide a quick overview of the types of queries that you can carry out. Also, feel free to look at the page "[Extended Sample Searches from the Corpus](#)", which provides concrete examples of how the corpus can be used to examine changes in spelling, morphology (word forms), syntax, lexis (vocabulary), and semantics (word meaning) during the past 1000 years.

The Corpus of Historical English will allow you to see:

- The frequency of **words** (*wane*, *cleped*, or *fed^{er}/fether/feather*), **phrases** (*thou hast* or *turn on*), or **parts of words** (e.g. *heart** (sorted by frequency in the 1500s or the 1800s), **ship* (by 1400s or 1700s), **friend** (by 1700s), or the substring *gl??m** (by 1800s). (Note: [charts vs. lists](#))
- Which words or phrases have **entered into or left the language** from one century to another, (e.g. **ment* 1400s/1500s to 1600s [*entering* / *leaving*] or **light** 1600s to 1900s [*entering* / *leaving*])
- Which words occur most often with others** (often related to the meaning of the word), e.g.:
 - words immediately after *hard* (1500s, 1900s) [*sorted by uniqueness: 1500s, 1900s*]
 - words within five words of *breaks* (1700s, 1900s) or *face* (1600s, 1900s)
- Changes in which words occur most often with others** (sometimes a clue to changes in meaning), e.g.

Internet

Relevancy / Z-score like listing: * seat

Corpus of Historical English [DAVIES] - Microsoft Internet Explorer

Address: http://view.byu.edu/che/x.asp

Based on the Oxford English Dictionary (37 million words, Old English - Modern English)

CORPUS OF HISTORICAL ENGLISH

Created by Mark Davies / BYU

SEARCH

WORD(S)/PHRASE(S) [HELP](#)

[\[CUSTOMIZED LISTS\]](#) [\[+OE\]](#)

FREQUENCY (TABLE) [HELP](#)
 FREQUENCY (CHART)
 RELEVANCE
 SURROUNDING WORDS

LIMITS

SURROUNDING WORDS [HELP](#)
 LEFT/ RIGHT

FREQUENCY IN CENTURY [HELP](#)

DISPLAY

SORT BY CENTURY [HELP](#)

FREQ DISPLAY [HELP](#)

HITS [HELP](#)

Click on the number in a column to see [KEYWORD IN CONTEXT] display [\[HELP\]](#)

	CENTURY	1000s	1100s	1200s	1300s	1400s	1500s	1600s	1700s	1800s	1900s
1	DRIVER'S SEAT										33.93% 19
2	PILOT'S SEAT										12.77% 6
3	RUMBLE SEAT										5.88% 4
4	MERCY SEAT							0.80% 3		0.76% 2	3.97% 5
5	PASSENGER SEAT										2.20% 7
6	REAR SEAT										2.17% 12
										0.05% 1	1.00% 1

INTRODUCTION [More information...](#)

This corpus of historical English is based on the material in the **Oxford English Dictionary** (OED). It contains **37 million words** of texts from Old English to Present-Day English. You can use to the corpus to find the frequency and use of words, phrases, and constructions in each century during the past 1000 years.

Please feel free to take a look at either or the following pages, which provides sample searches of the corpus:
 -- **Three minute tour**, an overview of the main features of the corpus (with examples of actual queries)
 -- **Extended Sample Searches**, concrete examples of how the corpus can be used to examine changes in spelling, morphology (word forms), syntax (grammar), lexis (vocabulary), and semantics (word meaning) during the past 1000 years.

[Copyright / licensing issues]

Semantics (collocates): **hard** * (+1900s -1500s)

Corpus of Historical English [DAVIES] - Microsoft Internet Explorer

File Edit View Favorites Tools Help

Address <http://view.byu.edu/che/x.asp>

Based on 37 million words of text from Old English to Present-Day English

CORPUS OF HISTORICAL ENGLISH

Created by Mark Davies / BYU

Click on the number in a column to see [KEYWORD IN CONTEXT] display [\[HELP\]](#)

	CENTURY	1000s	1100s	1200s	1300s	1400s	1500s	1600s	1700s	1800s	1900s
1	HARD DISK										29
2	HARD TIMES							2	1	11	18
3	HARD CORE									1	17
4	HARD WAY										16
5	HARD DRIVE										13
6	HARD TIME									2	13
7	HARD COPY										11
8	HARD STUFF								2	2	11
9	HARD KNOCKS									3	10
10	HARD UP							1		19	10

[\[KEYWORD IN CONTEXT\]](#) [More information...](#)

1	1917	This Division had already had a very hard time .. From the moment of de-busing its life was made very difficult for it.
2	1936	The fellows who have .. small double-dip stands .. are having a hard time .
3	1956	Old-time sterno drinkers .. made the flophouse forenoon murky with their hard-time breath.
4	1961	Fresh from the land of sis-boom-bah .. , the Americans had a hard time at first learning to applaud good play by either team.
5	1967	It has taken twenty years to get rid of the amateurs, and the professionals .. are having a hard time breaking down the sneery reputation gained.
6	1970	Ann-Margret is giving him a hard time on the home front, too, tossing out little zingers about his advancing age like Flab is reality.
7	1970	Smith told Petty Officer David Lewis, We are going to have a sit-in and give the Jimmy a hard time .
8	1974	Even people who've been out awhile with hepatitis or mononucleosis have a hard time making their way back. They lack pep.
9	1978	I was having a hard time just breathing. But they've got me padded up pretty good right now and I think I'll be all right.
10	1990	Critics have always had a hard time pegging Zush -- some regard him as an outsider artist .. Others prefer to link him to .. art-historical antecedents.
11	1991	I've wondered whether I could ever set this quad before you in some fairness to it and its oddlings, things I've had a

SEARCH

WORD(S)/PHRASE(S) [HELP](#)

[\[CUSTOMIZED LISTS\]](#) [\[+OE\]](#)

FREQUENCY (TABLE) [HELP](#)
 FREQUENCY (CHART)
 RELEVANCE
 SURROUNDING WORDS

LIMITS

SURROUNDING WORDS [HELP](#)
 LEFT/RIGHT

FREQUENCY IN CENTURY [HELP](#)

DISPLAY

SORT BY CENTURY [HELP](#)

FREQ DISPLAY [HELP](#)

HITS [HELP](#)

Done Internet

Semantics (collocates): * meat (+1900s -1500s)

Corpus of Historical English [DAVIES] - Microsoft Internet Explorer

File Edit View Favorites Tools Help

Address <http://view.byu.edu/che/x.asp>

Based on 37 million words of text from Old English to Present-Day English

CORPUS OF HISTORICAL ENGLISH

Created by Mark Davies / BYU

Click on the number in a column to see [KEYWORD IN CONTEXT] display [\[HELP\]](#)

	CENTURY	1000s	1100s	1200s	1300s	1400s	1500s	1600s	1700s	1800s	1900s
1	MINCED MEAT							7	4	5	16
2	RED MEAT									2	11
3	FRESH MEAT							3	3	12	10
4	IN MEAT						1	4	5		9
5	COLD MEAT							5	4	19	8
6	LEAN MEAT								1	6	7
7	COOKED MEAT									1	7
8	LUNCHEON MEAT										6
9	AS MEAT							6	1	4	6
10	DEAD MEAT									4	6

THREE MINUTE TOUR [More information...](#)

The Corpus of Historical English will allow you to see:

- The frequency of **words** (*wane*, *cleped*, or *fed^er/fether/feather*), **phrases** (*thou hast* or *turn on*), or **parts of words** (e.g. *heart** (sorted by frequency in the *1500s* or the *1800s*), **ship* (by *1400s* or *1700s*), **friend** (by *1700s*), or the substring *gl??m** (by *1800s*). (Note: [charts vs. lists](#))
- Which words or phrases have **entered into or left the language** from one century to another, (e.g. **ment* *1400s/1500s* to *1600s* [*entering / leaving*] or **light** *1600s* to *1900s* [*entering / leaving*])
- Which words occur most often with others** (often related to the meaning of the word), e.g.:
 - words immediately after *hard* (*1500s*, *1900s*) [*sorted by uniqueness: 1500s, 1900s*]
 - words within five words of *breaks* (*1700s*, *1900s*) or *face* (*1600s*, *1900s*)
- Changes in which words occur most often with others** (sometimes a clue to changes in meaning), e.g.
 - words after *hard* [*+1500s/-1900s*, *-1500s/+1900s*] or before *meat* [*+1500s/-1900s*, *-1500s/+1900s*]
 - words near *market* [*+1600s/-1900s*, *-1600s/+1900s*] or *match* [*+1600s/-1900s*, *-1600s/+1900s*]

Note that in each case, the link runs an actual query against the corpus and returns the results (i.e. these are not "canned" searches). Feel free to see how the search form has been filled out, and then modify this to create your own queries.

SEARCH

WORD(S)/PHRASE(S) [HELP](#)

[\[CUSTOMIZED LISTS\]](#) [\[+OE\]](#)

FREQUENCY (TABLE) [HELP](#)
 FREQUENCY (CHART)
 RELEVANCE
 SURROUNDING WORDS

LIMITS

SURROUNDING WORDS [HELP](#)
 LEFT/RIGHT

FREQUENCY IN CENTURY [HELP](#)

DISPLAY

SORT BY CENTURY [HELP](#)

FREQ DISPLAY [HELP](#)

HITS [HELP](#)

Semantics (wide-range collocates): market [5L/5R] (+1900s -1600s)

Corpus of Historical English [DAVIES] - Microsoft Internet Explorer

File Edit View Favorites Tools Help

Address <http://view.byu.edu/che/x.asp>

Based on 37 million words of text from Old English to Present-Day English

CORPUS OF HISTORICAL ENGLISH

Created by Mark Davies / BYU

Click on a word to see [KEYWORD IN CONTEXT] display [\[HELP\]](#)

	WORD	1900s	1600s	PERC
1	STOCK	85	0	100.00%
2	HAS	81	0	100.00%
3	COMMON	78	0	100.00%
4	NEW	64	0	100.00%
5	BEEN	53	0	100.00%
6	BLACK	31	0	100.00%
7	PRICES	31	0	100.00%
8	MORE	28	0	100.00%
9	FREE	26	0	100.00%
10	SHARE	26	0	100.00%
11	CAN	25	0	100.00%
12	WORLD	23	0	100.00%
13	EUROPEAN	22	0	100.00%

SEARCH

WORD(S)/PHRASE(S) [HELP](#)

[\[CUSTOMIZED LISTS\]](#) [\[+OE\]](#)

FREQUENCY (TABLE) [HELP](#)
 FREQUENCY (CHART)
 RELEVANCE
 SURROUNDING WORDS

LIMITS

SURROUNDING WORDS [HELP](#)
 LEFT/ RIGHT

FREQUENCY IN CENTURY [HELP](#)

DISPLAY

SORT BY CENTURY [HELP](#)

FREQ DISPLAY [HELP](#)

HITS [HELP](#)

THREE MINUTE TOUR [More information...](#)

[1700s](#)), or the substring [qir/m](#)" (by [1800s](#)). (Note: [charts vs. lists](#))

- Which words or phrases have **entered into or left the language** from one century to another, (e.g. *ment 1400s/1500s to 1600s [[entering](#) / [leaving](#)] or *light* 1600s to 1900s [[entering](#) / [leaving](#)])
- Which words occur most often with others** (often related to the meaning of the word), e.g.:
 -- words immediately after *hard* ([1500s](#), [1900s](#)) [[sorted by uniqueness: 1500s](#), [1900s](#)]
 -- words within five words of *breaks* ([1700s](#), [1900s](#)) or *face* ([1600s](#), [1900s](#))
- Changes in which words occur most often with others** (sometimes a clue to changes in meaning), e.g.
 -- words after *hard* [[+1500s/-1900s](#), [-1500s/+1900s](#)] or before *meat* [[+1500s/-1900s](#), [-1500s/+1900s](#)]
 -- words near *market* [[+1600s/-1900s](#), [-1600s/+1900s](#)] or *match* [[+1600s/-1900s](#), [-1600s/+1900s](#)]

Note that in each case, the link runs an actual query against the corpus and returns the results (i.e. these are not "canned" searches). Feel free to see how the search form has been filled out, and then modify this to create your own queries.

More information....

Corpus of Historical English [DAVIES] - Microsoft Internet Explorer

File Edit View Favorites Tools Help

Address http://view.byu.edu/che/x.asp

Based on 37 million words of text from Old English to Present-Day English

CORPUS OF HISTORICAL ENGLISH

Created by Mark Davies / BYU

Click on a word to see [KEYWORD IN CONTEXT] display [\[HELP\]](#)

	WORD	1900s	1600s	PERC
1	STOCK	85	0	100.00%
2	HAS	81	0	100.00%
3	COMMON	78	0	100.00%
4	NEW	64	0	100.00%
5	BEEN	53	0	100.00%
6	BLACK	31	0	100.00%
7	PRICES	31	0	100.00%
8	MORE	28	0	100.00%
9	FREE	26	0	100.00%
10	SHARE	26	0	100.00%
11	CAN	25	0	100.00%
12	WORLD	23	0	100.00%
13	EUROPEAN	22	0	100.00%

SEARCH

WORD(S)/PHRASE(S) [HELP](#)
market
[\[CUSTOMIZED LISTS\]](#) [\[+OE\]](#)

FREQUENCY (TABLE) [HELP](#)
 FREQUENCY (CHART)
 RELEVANCE
 SURROUNDING WORDS

LIMITS

SURROUNDING WORDS [HELP](#)
5 LEFT/RIGHT 5

FREQUENCY IN CENTURY [HELP](#)
+1900s -1600s

DISPLAY

SORT BY CENTURY [HELP](#)
1900s

FREQ DISPLAY [HELP](#)
RAW #

HITS [HELP](#)
100

SUBMIT RESET

EXTENDED SAMPLE SEARCHES

SPELLING:

1. You can easily compare alternate spellings in a wide range of words. For example, you search for [down](#) and see that this spelling has increased greatly since the 1500s. You can then search for an earlier spelling [downe](#) and how see that its use decreased at the same time that -ING was on the rise.
2. You can easily look at the [decline of the spelling of \[u\] as \[v\]](#), by looking at the overall frequency of [\[vn-\]](#).
3. You search for the exact word form [down](#) and see that its frequency has increased quite a bit since the 1600s. Suspecting that it may have been spelled differently before the 1600s, you can use wildcards to search for alternate forms: [down/downe/down/doune/down/dovne](#). This will show the changes in spelling for this one word over the past 1000 years.

MORPHOLOGY / WORD FORMS

1. You can easily examine the overall frequency of prefixes (e.g. [pre-](#)) or suffixes (e.g. [-tion](#)) over time.
2. You can see which [words ending in -ly](#) (mostly adverbs) occur for the first time in the 1900s.
3. Early Modern English (e.g. 1500s-1600s) used the comparative ([-er](#)) and superlative ([-est](#)) suffixes more frequently

More information...
More information...
Introduction
Three minute tour
Extended sample searches
Background info / comments

Search by words and phrases
Search for surrounding words
Limiting by frequency
Customized word lists

Internet

Corpus do Português: 45m words, 1200s-1900s: www.corpusdoportugues.org

[Davies/Ferreira/NEH] O Corpus do Português (45m words, 1200s-1900s) - Microsoft Internet Explorer

File Edit View Favorites Tools Help

Back Forward Stop Home Search Favorites Refresh Print Mail Print Preview Print Setup

Address http://view.byu.edu/cdp/ Go

Google Search 3999 blocked Check AutoFill Options

SEARCH STRING (HELP)

WORD/PHRASE

(INSERT TAG)

SEARCH CUSTOMIZED LISTS

DISPLAY (HELP)

TABLE

CHART

SURROUNDING (HELP)

SORT BY (HELP)

FREQUENCY

PERCENT

SECTION (HELP)

1

2

1900s-ALL
1900s-BRAZ
1900s-PORT

ORAL

MIN FREQ

MIN FREQ

OPTIONS (HELP)

HITS

DISPLAY

GROUP BY

SAVE LISTS

SEARCH RESET

O CORPUS DO PORTUGUÊS (45 MILLION WORDS, 1200s-1900s)

Mark Davies (Brigham Young Univ) and Michael J. Ferreira (Georgetown Univ)

SEE CONTEXT: CLICK ON WORD (ALL SECTIONS) OR NUMBER (ONE SECTION) [MORE HELP...]

	WORD	13	14	15	16	17	18	PtAc	PtN	PtFc	PtOr	BrAc	BrN	BrFc	BrOr	TOTAL
1	TEMPO	542	2525	6182	4150	2908	12706	1744	2615	3761	1239	2492	2048	3709	1381	48002
2	TEMPOS	44	298	497	526	433	1620	344	590	630	126	347	299	567	103	6424
3	TEMPLO	9	98	295	259	508	612	162	31	87	6	114	31	72	26	2310
4	TEMPERATURA				1	1	89	650	44	30	4	660	94	52	14	1639
5	TEMPESTADE	9	28	60	106	65	392	51	45	76	6	30	18	66	14	966
6	TEMPORAL	6	65	183	88	59	125	47	34	42	10	122	18	36	3	838
7	TEMPLOS		14	164	73	89	144	95	12	27	1	119	5	26	7	776
8	TEMPORADA					1	10	30	139	8	26	24	366	65	24	693
9	TEMPERAMENTO		7	1	25	37	289	28	8	78	7	23	18	81	16	618
10	TEMPERATURAS						7	237	25	9	3	227	20	4		532

KEYWORDS IN CONTEXT [More information...](#)

LIMIT BY PART OF SPEECH: NO LIMIT BY SECTION: 1700S [SEE ALL] (HELP)

1	17:Rosario:Frutas	de todas as almas, que estão debaixo do seu governo, & jurisdição temporal , & espiritual: qu
2	17:Coutinho:Economica	imperio de mayor valor que o mundo todo; no corpo tem ajurisdicão temporal , & na alma a e
3	17:NavioConselho	meio das brenhas por officio e por interêsse, fazendo a sua felicidade temporal e eterna, e da
4	17:Coutto:Brasil	sobre tantos que os miseráveis tinham padecido e padeciam, se levantou um temporal tao fo
5	17:Coutto:Brasil	Graça divina, devem as Missoens do Maranhao o seu espiritual, e temporal augmento* motiv
6	17:Pita:America	a Jurisdicção de trez. No civil a Relação da Bahia, no Temporal ao Governo do Maranhão, e n
7	17:Aires:Vaidade	a jurisdição de três; no espiritual ao bispado de Pernambuco, no temporal ao governo do Mai
8	17:Aires:Vaidade	acabou com a fugida, ou com a morte, foi a pena temporal , e por consequência pena curta, p
9	17:Barros:Vieira	perpétua, enquanto eles se perpetuam dentro da sua mesma esfera, mas temporal , e exting
10	17:Barros:Vieira	as mortes, em que se tinham visto, sobreveio de novo o temporal aos 14, e durou em desfei

Done Internet

Frequency tables and chart displays (*cujo* 'whose')

[Davies/Ferreira/NEH] O Corpus do Português (45m words, 1200s-1900s) - Microsoft Internet Explorer

Address <http://www.corpusdoportugues.org/>

SEARCH STRING HELP
WORD/PHRASE
(INSERT TAG)
SEARCH CUSTOMIZED LISTS

DISPLAY (HELP)
 TABLE
 CHART
 SURROUNDING WORDS (HELP)

SORT BY (HELP)
 FREQUENCY
 PERCENT

SECTION (HELP)

1 -- ALL --
1900s-ALL
1900s-BR
1900s-PT
ORAL
MIN FREQ

2 -- ALL --
1900s-ALL
1900s-BR
1900s-PT
ORAL
MIN FREQ

OPTIONS (HELP)
HITS
DISPLAY
GROUP BY
SAVE LISTS
SEARCH RESET

O CORPUS DO PORTUGUÊS (45 MILLION WORDS, 1200s-1900s)
Mark Davies

Click this button to always allow popups on www.corpusdoportugues.org
To let an individual popup through, press the 'Ctrl' key while clicking on a link.

CLICK ON ANY BAR TO SEE THE EXAMPLES FROM THAT CENTURY, DIALECT, OR REGISTER

DECADE	1300	1400	1500	1600	1700	1800	1900	PtAc	PtN	PtFc	PtOr	BrAc	BrN	BrFc	BrOr	PT	BR	AC	NEW	FIC	OR
# HITS	37	227	610	522	372	1422	2103	437	350	272	20	474	243	274	33	1079	1024	911	593	546	53
# (MIL)	1.4	3.1	4.9	4.0	2.6	11.9	24.0	3.4	3.7	3.6	1.3	3.4	3.8	3.6	1.3	12.0	12.0	6.8	7.4	7.2	2.6
PER MIL	25.8	72.2	125	131	141	120	87.7	128	95.6	75.7	15.4	141	64.5	75.8	26.0	90.1	85.2	134	79.9	75.8	20.7

OVERVIEW: INTRODUCTION Introduction

NOTE: The corpus and corpus interface are still being finalized. The corpus will be online in late June 2006. Before that time, the corpus will be unavailable at times, and your searches may produce inaccurate results. ([List of fixes and improvements by July 2006](#))

This website allows you to quickly and easily search more than 45 million words in more than 50,000 Portuguese texts from the 1200s to the 1900s. The interface allows you to search for **exact words** or **phrases, wildcards, lemmas, part of speech**, or any combinations of these. You can also **search for surrounding words** (collocates) within a ten-word window (e.g. all nouns somewhere near *cadeia*, all adjectives near *mulher*, or all nouns near *girar*).

The corpus also allows you to easily compare the frequency of and distribution of words, phrases, and grammatical constructions across texts in at least three ways:

Frequency tables and chart displays (*difícil.* de [vr*]* 'hard to VVI')

[Davies/Ferreira/NEH] O Corpus do Português (45m words, 1200s-1900s) - Microsoft Internet Explorer

Address: http://www.corpusdoportugues.org/

SEARCH STRING: *difícil.* de [vr*]*

WORD/PHRASE: *difícil.* de [vr*]*

(INSERT TAG): -SELECT-

SEARCH CUSTOMIZED LISTS

DISPLAY (HELP)

TABLE

CHART

SURROUNDING WORDS (HELP)

-SELECT- 5 5

SORT BY (HELP)

FREQUENCY

PERCENT

SECTION SORT (HELP)

1 -- ALL -- 2 -- ALL --

1900s-ALL
1900s-BR
1900s-PT
ORAL

MIN FREQ 5

OPTIONS (HELP)

HITS 100

DISPLAY RAW FREQ

GROUP BY WORDS

SAVE LISTS NO

SEARCH RESET

O CORPUS DO PORTUGUÊS (45 MILLION WORDS, 1200s-1900s)

Mark Davies (Brigham Young U) / Michael J. Ferreira (Georgetown U)

CLICK ON ANY BAR TO SEE THE EXAMPLES FROM THAT CENTURY, DIALECT, OR REGISTER

DECADE	1300	1400	1500	1600	1700	1800	1900	PtAc	PtN	PtFc	PtOr	BrAc	BrN	BrFc	BrOr	PT	BR	AC	NEW	FIC	OR
# HITS	0	0	5	2	8	95	370	51	95	40	31	25	39	43	46	217	153	76	134	83	77
# (MIL)	1.4	3.1	4.9	4.0	2.6	11.9	24.0	3.4	3.7	3.6	1.3	3.4	3.8	3.6	1.3	12.0	12.0	6.8	7.4	7.2	2.6
PER MIL	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.5	3.0	8.0	15.4	14.9	26.0	11.1	23.9	7.4	10.4	11.9	36.3	18.1	12.7	11.2	18.0	11.5	30.0

OVERVIEW: INTRODUCTION

Introduction

NOTE: The corpus and corpus interface are still being finalized. The corpus will be online in late June 2006. Before that time, the corpus will be unavailable at times, and your searches may produce inaccurate results. ([List of fixes and improvements by July 2006](#))

This website allows you to quickly and easily search more than 45 million words in more than 50,000 Portuguese texts from the 1200s to the 1900s. The interface allows you to search for **exact words** or **phrases, wildcards, lemmas, part of speech**, or any combinations of these. You can also **search for surrounding words** (collocates) within a ten-word window (e.g. all nouns somewhere near *cadeia*, all adjectives near *mulher*, or all nouns near *girar*).

The corpus also allows you to easily compare the frequency of and distribution of words, phrases, and grammatical constructions across texts in at least three ways:

Frequency tables and chart displays (*difícil.* de [vr*]* 'hard to VVI') [1900s-Pt]

[Davies/Ferreira/NEH] O Corpus do Português (45m words, 1200s-1900s) - Microsoft Internet Explorer

Address: http://www.corpusdoportugues.org/

SEARCH STRING: **HELP**
 WORD/PHRASE:
 (INSERT TAG):

DISPLAY: **(HELP)**
 TABLE
 CHART
 SURROUNDING WORDS **(HELP)**

SORT BY: **(HELP)**
 FREQUENCY
 PERCENT

SECTION: **(HELP)**
 1 -- ALL --
 1900s-ALL
 1900s-BR
 1900s-PT
 ORAL
 MIN FREQ:

2 -- ALL --
 1900s-ALL
 1900s-BR
 1900s-PT
 ORAL
 MIN FREQ:

OPTIONS: **(HELP)**
 # HITS:
 DISPLAY:
 GROUP BY:
 SAVE LISTS:

O CORPUS DO PORTUGUÊS (45 MILLION WORDS, 1200s-1900s)
 Mark Davies (Brigham Young U) / Michael J. Ferreira (Georgetown U)

SEE CONTEXT: CLICK ON WORD (ALL SECTIONS) OR NUMBER (ONE SECTION) **[MORE HELP...]**

	WORD	13	14	15	16	17	18	PtAc	PtN	PtFc	PtOr	BrAc	BrN	BrFc	BrOr	SUB	TOTAL
1	DIFÍCIL DE EXPLICAR						5		1	5	2		2	3	1	8	19
2	DIFÍCIL DE CONTROLAR							4	2							6	6
3	DIFÍCIL DE ENCONTRAR					1			3	2	1				1	6	8
4	DIFÍCIL DE FAZER							1	2	1	1		2		2	5	9
5	DIFÍCIL DE ENTENDER						1	1		2	1	1		2	1	4	10
6	DIFÍCIL DE ESQUECER							1	3					1		4	5
7	DIFÍCIL DE DIZER						2		1		3					4	6
8	DIFÍCIL DE COMPREENDER						2		3		1				1	4	7
9	DIFICÍLIMOS DE DESFAZER									4						4	4
10	DIFÍCIL DE ATINGIR								2		1				1	3	4

OVERVIEW: INTRODUCTION

NOTE: The corpus and corpus interface are still being finalized. The corpus will be online in late June 2006. Before that time, the corpus will be unavailable at times, and your searches may produce inaccurate results. ([List of fixes and improvements by July 2006](#))

This website allows you to quickly and easily search more than 45 million words in more than 50,000 Portuguese texts from the 1200s to the 1900s. The interface allows you to search for **exact words** or **phrases, wildcards, lemmas, part of speech**, or any combinations of these. You can also **search for surrounding words** (collocates) within a ten-word window (e.g. all nouns somewhere near *cadeia*, all adjectives near *mulher*, or all nouns near *girar*).

The corpus also allows you to easily compare the frequency of and distribution of words, phrases, and grammatical constructions across texts in at least three ways:

http://www.corpusdoportugues.org/x3.asp?s=n&w4=difícil&c4=&w5=de&c5=&w6=entender&c6=

Internet

Lemmatized: **fazer.*** (fazer = to make, do): +1300s-1600s, -1900s

[Davies/Ferreira/NEH] O Corpus do Português (45m words, 1200s-1900s) - Microsoft Internet Explorer

Address: http://view.byu.edu/cdp/

SEARCH STRING (HELP)
WORD/PHRASE:
(INSERT TAG)

SEARCH CUSTOMIZED LISTS

DISPLAY (HELP)
 TABLE
 CHART
 SURROUNDING (HELP)

SORT BY (HELP)
 FREQUENCY
 PERCENT

SECTION (HELP)

1
1700s
1600s
1500s
1400s
1300s

2
1900s-BRAZ
1900s-PORT
ORAL
FICT

MIN FREQ
MIN FREQ

OPTIONS (HELP)
HITS
DISPLAY
GROUP BY
SAVE LISTS

SEARCH RESET

O CORPUS DO PORTUGUÊS (45 MILLION WORDS, 1200s-1900s)

Mark Davies (Brigham Young Univ) and Michael J. Ferreira (Georgetown Univ)

	WORD(S)	SEC 1	SEC 2	P/MIL 1	P/MIL 2	PERC 1 / 2
1	FEYTO	1251	0	93.04	0.00	1.00
2	FEZESSE	1053	0	78.31	0.00	1.00
3	FAZÊ	1040	0	77.34	0.00	1.00
4	PECTO	824	0	61.28	0.00	1.00
5	FEZERA	804	0	59.79	0.00	1.00
6	FIZERÃO	739	0	54.96	0.00	1.00
7	FFAZER	727	0	54.07	0.00	1.00
8	FEZEROM	658	0	48.94	0.00	1.00
9	FEZO	553	0	41.13	0.00	1.00
10	FEZERÕ	538	0	40.01	0.00	1.00
11	FAZIÃO	502	0	37.33	0.00	1.00

KEYWORDS IN CONTEXT [More information...](#)

LIMIT BY PART OF SPEECH: YES LIMIT BY SECTION: YYY [SEE ALL] (HELP)

1	15:Dinis:Braganca	que lha de= ra por rêda sabuda co fforo que me ende deuiã a ffazer ass? como era cõtêudo ã hu
2	15:Dinis:Braganca	, E outrossi os dictos moradores do dicto logar de Sesulffi deuã a ffazer seruiço A nosso senhor el
3	15:Dinis:Braganca	dinheiros E outrossi os dictos moradores do dicto logar de sesulffe deuã a ffazer seruiço a nosso
4	15:Dinis:Braganca	lha dera por Renda, sabuda & a fforo que mende au?ã de ffazer assi como era cõtêudo ã hũa car
5	15:Dinis:Braganca	alfandega A alde?a de Sanbadí por sentença cõ ssas pertêças pera Aiuda de ffazer o meu castel
6	15:Dinis:Braganca	eu que uola desse por uossa Alde?a cõ ssas pertêças pera ajuda de ffazer o meu Castello dessa
7	15:Dinis:Braganca	dicta Aldeya de sanbadj cõ sas pertêças por uossa Alde?a pera Aiuda de ffazer esse meu Castel
8	15:Dinis:Braganca	& que Retijnha pera ssi as Rendas que os de ssanbadi au?ã de ffazer & os padrõados das eigreia:
9	15:Dinis:Braganca	& ao Sabado ou?r os preitos na Vila E ã na vila se ffazer todau?a iustica. Esta postura deue Valer
10	15:Dinis:Braganca	pera eu mj obrigar por eles & polos que an de uijr A ffazer a dicta çerca de Cen braças de muro
11	15:Dinis:Braganca	este ã di Aiuda de uõs de Damães eoutros E lha deuã a ffazer seruiço como se lha deuã a lha deuã

Internet

Tagged for part of speech: **mulheres [aj*]** (ADJ women) (sorted by 1800s)

[Davies/Ferreira/NEH] O Corpus do Português (45m words, 1200s-1900s) - Microsoft Internet Explorer

File Edit View Favorites Tools Help

Address http://view.byu.edu/cdp/

SEARCH STRING (HELP)
WORD/PHRASE
(INSERT TAG)

SEARCH CUSTOMIZED LISTS

DISPLAY (HELP)
 TABLE
 CHART
 SURROUNDING (HELP)

SORT BY (HELP)
 FREQUENCY
 PERCENT

SECTION (HELP)
1 PORT-FICT 2 -- ALL --
PORT-NEWS
PORT-ACAD

1800s
1700s
1600s
MIN FREQ 5 MIN FREQ 0
ORAL

OPTIONS (HELP)
HITS 100
DISPLAY RAW FREQ
GROUP BY WORDS
SAVE LISTS NO

SEARCH RESET

O CORPUS DO PORTUGUÊS (45 MILLION WORDS, 1200s-1900s)

Mark Davies (Brigham Young Univ) and Michael J. Ferreira (Georgetown Univ)

SEE CONTEXT: CLICK ON WORD (ALL SECTIONS) OR NUMBER (ONE SECTION) [MORE HELP...]

	WORD	13	14	15	16	17	18	PtAc	PtN	PtFc	PtOr	BrAc	BrN	BrFc	BrOr	SUB	TOTAL
1	MULHERES BONITAS						15			6			5	4	1	15	31
2	MULHERES PERDIDAS						12			1				2		12	15
3	MULHERES HONESTAS				1	1	9			1				1		9	13
4	MULHERES BELAS						7			5						7	12
5	MULHERES CASADAS				5		6	1		4	1	4	3	3		6	27
6	MULHERES LIVRES						4			1		1		1		4	7
7	MULHERES FEIAS						4			1						4	5
8	MULHERES AJOELHADAS						4									4	4
9	MULHERES DESSE						3			1						3	4
10	MULHERES DESTE					1	3									3	4

KEYWORDS IN CONTEXT [More information...](#)

LIMIT BY PART OF SPEECH: NO LIMIT BY SECTION: 1800S [SEE ALL] (HELP)

1	18:Almeida:Gatos5	- Vivo lá. Há muitos anos - disse-me ele. - Terra de mulheres bonitas , segundo me consta
2	18:Dinis:Fidalgos	fantástico, ferido no seu orgulho cerebral em eminência de cretino - adeus mulheres bonit
3	18:Dinis:Pupilas	- Maurício tem essa habilidade de ser visto todos os dias por as mulheres bonitas da terra
4	18:Caminha:Bom-crioulo	reconheceu que era observada, se é que certo instinto, peculiar das mulheres bonitas , lhc
5	18:Alencar:Luciola	decerto, queria um bem louco ão pequeno, preferia-o a todas as mulheres bonitas do mu
6	18:Lopes:Viúva	que devora com uma fome canina, como quando contemplava uma multidão de mulheres I
7	18:Alencar:Correr	de sons, aquela onda de perfumes, de toilettes, e de mulheres bonitas que se alastrava p
8	18:Alencar:Correr	faremos, se for necessário, como dizia Afonso Karr a propósito das mulheres bonitas ; fan
9	18:Machado:Datas	Verdes, na qual são comendadores do número os namorados que desprezam as mulheres
10	18:Macedo:Mulheres	de ser admirada; mas desculpou-a dizendo que era um desejo natural às mulheres bonita

Internet

Collocates: mulheres // [aj:fs] (ADJ women) (sorted by 1900s)

[Davies/Ferreira/NEH] O Corpus do Português (45m words, 1200s-1900s) - Microsoft Internet Explorer

Address http://www.corpusdoportugues.org/

Google Search 1752 blocked Check AutoLink

SEARCH STRING HELP
WORD/PHRASE mulher
(INSERT TAG) -SELECT-
SEARCH CUSTOMIZED LISTS

DISPLAY (HELP)
 TABLE
 CHART
 SURROUNDING WORDS (HELP)
adj.FSG 0 4
SORT BY (HELP)
 FREQUENCY
 PERCENT
SECTION DISPLAY (HELP)
1 -- ALL -- 2 -- ALL --
1900s-ALL 1900s-ALL
1900s-BR 1900s-BR
1900s-PT 1900s-PT
ORAL ORAL
MIN FREQ MIN FREQ
4 [checked] 0 []
OPTIONS (HELP)
HITS 100
DISPLAY RAW FREQ
GROUP BY WORDS
SAVE LISTS NO
SEARCH RESET

O CORPUS DO PORTUGUÊS (45 MILLION WORDS, 1200s-1900s)
Mark Davies (Brigham Young U) / Michael J. Ferreira (Georgetown U)

RESULTS ORDERED BY FREQUENCY (HELP) [MORE HELP...]
SEE CONTEXT: CLICK ON WORD (ALL SECTIONS) OR NUMBER (ONE SECTION)

	WORD	13	14	15	16	17	18	PtAc	PtN	PtFc	PtOr	BrAc	BrN	BrFc	BrOr	SUB	TOT	%
1	GRÁVIDA						3	7	1		1	4	3	9	2	27	30	10.54
2	ADÚLTERA						4			4						4	8	7.69
3	NUA						2			25		3		13	2	43	45	5.85
4	IDOSA						6		2	3				1		6	12	5.71
5	GORDA					1	13		1	7				17		25	39	4.16
6	DEITADA						1			6			1	4		11	12	3.61
7	MAGRA						1		2	2				6	2	12	13	2.89
8	PRENHE			4	2	3	1			4				1		5	15	2.56
9	CASADA						40	2	2	5	1	2	4	11	1	28	68	2.55
10	BONITA					2	72			10		3	4	31	3	51	125	2.54

KEYWORDS IN CONTEXT Introduction

LIMIT BY PART OF SPEECH: NO LIMIT BY SECTION: NO

1	18:Machado:Jucanda	Quando entrou na sala de espera, viu uma mulher de pé, magra , amarelada, envolvida
2	19N:Pt:Expr	durante o ano anterior. # Esta jovem mulher magra , delicada e de voz tranquila é cons
3	19N:Pt:Público	para a protegerem ver caixa Rosa é uma mulher magra e frágil, a quem o cabelo claro
4	19:Fic:Pt:Tavares:Insubmissos	. No lugar fronteiro ão dele ia aquela mulher magra , nova, mas de idade quase indefinív
5	19:Fic:Pt:Amorim:Mascara	. Veio abrir a porta a Rita, mulher do Longuinhos, magra , vestida de farrapos sujos.
6	19:Fic:Br:Carvalho:Bebados	, no caso, da morta, uma mulher muito branca e magra , com os cabelos escorridos sob
7	19:Fic:Br:Holanda:Burro	a alma do distrito. Mafra, a mulher magra , levantou-se, postou-se atrás do poeta e con
8	19:Fic:Br:Louzeiro:Devotos	olhando o táxi que se distanciava. Uma mulher jovem e magra , pés descalços, atravess
9	19:Fic:Br:Louzeiro:Pixote	Era tudo que sabia. Lembra-se vagamente da mulher , magra e pálida, a voz sumida. U
10	19:Fic:Br:Rego:Pedra	a vida na casa paroquial. Era uma mulher magra e alta. De voz seca e autoritária,
11	19:Fic:Br:Neto:Turbilhão	, esmagava o bolo de feijão; a mulher , magra , triste, comia lentamente, com ar

Internet

Collocates: mulheres // [aj:fs] (ADJ women) (1900s vs. 1800s)

[Davies/Ferreira/NEH] O Corpus do Português (45m words, 1200s-1900s) - Microsoft Internet Explorer

Address: http://www.corpusdoportugues.org/

Google Search 1752 blocked Check AutoLink

SEARCH STRING HELP
WORD/PHRASE: mulher
(INSERT TAG): -SELECT-
SEARCH CUSTOMIZED LISTS

DISPLAY (HELP)
 TABLE
 CHART
 SURROUNDING WORDS (HELP)
adj.FSG 0 4
SORT BY (HELP)
 FREQUENCY
 PERCENT
SECTION DISPLAY (HELP)
1 PT-NEWS PT-ACAD 2 -- ALL --
1800s 1900s-BR
1700s 1900s-PT
1600s ORAL
1500s
MIN FREQ MIN FREQ
4 [x] 0 []
OPTIONS (HELP)
HITS 100
DISPLAY RAW FREQ
GROUP BY WORDS
SAVE LISTS NO
SEARCH RESET

O CORPUS DO PORTUGUÊS (45 MILLION WORDS, 1200s-1900s)
Mark Davies (Brigham Young U) / Michael J. Ferreira (Georgetown U)

RESULTS ORDERED BY FREQUENCY (HELP) [MORE HELP...]
SEE CONTEXT: CLICK ON WORD

	WORD	# REG 1	# REG 2	% REG 1		WORD	# REG 2	# REG 1	% REG 2
1	INFAME	6	0	1.00	1	BRASILEIRA	14	0	1.00
2	INSENSÍVEL	6	0	1.00	2	SOZINHA	14	0	1.00
3	ADORADA	5	0	1.00	3	DIFERENTE	8	0	1.00
4	DESMAIADA	5	0	1.00	4	DESEJADA	8	0	1.00
5	INFERNAL	5	0	1.00	5	VERDE	6	0	1.00
6	TANTA	5	0	1.00	6	CLARA	5	0	1.00
7	SEGUINTE	4	0	1.00	7	IMPORTANTE	5	0	1.00
8	PERVERSA	4	0	1.00	8	EXCEPCIONAL	5	0	1.00

KEYWORDS IN CONTEXT Introduction

LIMIT BY PART OF SPEECH: NO LIMIT BY SECTION: NO

1	19N:Pt:Beira	há seis anos. Agora, ela era uma mulher sozinha , firme, de olhar verde e cabelo apanhado
2	19N:Pt:Jornal	como é que vai ser agora? A mulher não fica sozinha . Apesar de sermos humildes, estamos
3	19:Fic:Pt:Melo:Autópsia	patrões depois de comer, e mandam a mulher trabalhar sozinha em cima deles. Anica não
4	19:Fic:Pt:Melo:Autópsia	de libertação. Assim, que podia fazer mulher sozinha , com marido ausente, filho pequeno p
5	19:Fic:Pt:Melo:Autópsia	, euê, pois claro. E mesmo mulher sozinha tem é o medo à espera na solidão antiga
6	19Ac:Br:Enc	não é raro que o parceiro abandone a mulher sozinha , que tem que tomar uma decisão, na
7	19:Fic:Br:Amaral:Amigos	pares cujo perfil era muito semelhante: uma mulher sozinha e um homossexual que não to
8	19:Fic:Br:Dantas:Cartilha	condenada ão inferno? É do ditado: mulher sozinha é andorinha. Ah, Virgem de Guadalupe!
9	19:Fic:Br:Dantas:Cartilha	porque não tem estofo próprio, fibra de mulher que sabe viver sozinha ? Embora, muitas ve
10	19:Fic:Br:Queirós:Dora	o guarda me segurou o pulso: - Mulher sozinha na rua, tarde da noite, a ordem
11	19:Fic:Br:Teixeira:Rua	prosperidade cada vez maior. Mas deixei minha mulher sozinha no hotel. Com licença. Nist

Internet

Collocates: **cadeia** // [nn*] (ADJ string) (FICT vs. ACAD)

The screenshot shows the O Corpus do Português website interface. The search string is 'cadeia'. The results are ordered by frequency. The table below shows the top results for 'cadeia'.

	WORD	# REG 1	# REG 2	% REG 1		WORD	# REG 2	# REG 1	% REG 2
1	PAI	7	0	1.00	1	SUPRIMENTOS	54	0	1.00
2	PORTA	7	0	1.00	2	REACÇÃO	21	0	1.00
3	DIAS	6	0	1.00	3	REAÇÃO	17	0	1.00
4	GENTE	6	0	1.00	4	REACÇÕES	13	0	1.00
5	PRESOS	6	0	1.00	5	CONCEITO	10	0	1.00
6	ANOS	5	0	1.00	6	GESTÃO	10	0	1.00
7	FILHO	5	0	1.00	7	MONTANHAS	10	1	0.91
8	HOMENS	5	0	1.00	8	CARACTERES	9	0	1.00

The interface also includes a 'THREE MINUTE TOUR' section with an 'Introduction' dropdown menu. Below the tour, there is a paragraph explaining that users can also see a **chart display** that shows the frequency in each historical period and in each dialect and register. For example, find the frequency and distribution of *cujo*, noun + *caro*, or forms of *ter+ que + infinitive*.

Another paragraph explains that users can also search for **collocates** (words nearby a given word), which often provides insight into the meaning of a given word. For example, you can search for the most common nouns near *cavalo*, verbs near *papel*, adjectives near *mulheres*. Finally, you can easily compare the collocates of different words (e.g. nouns with *limpo* and *puro*), or the collocates of the same word in different sections (e.g. nouns near *cadeia* in FICTION and ACADEMIC, or in the 1900s vs the 1800s).

The 'VARIATION (HISTORICAL / REGISTER / DIALECT)' section explains that users can easily limit the searches and sort the results by **register (genre)**. This allows you to see how words and phrases vary across speech and many different types of written texts. For example, find *-mento* nouns in academic, or find *-mente* adjectives in fiction.

Word comparisons: [nn*] {agudo/aguçado/afilado} 'sharp N'

[Davies/Ferreira/NEH] O Corpus do Português (45m words, 1200s-1900s) - Microsoft Internet Explorer

Address: http://www.corpusdoportugues.org/

SEARCH STRING: WORD/PHRASE: do/agudo/aguçado}

(INSERT TAG): -SELECT-

SEARCH CUSTOMIZED LISTS

DISPLAY (HELP): TABLE CHART SURROUNDING WORDS (HELP)

SORT BY (HELP): FREQUENCY PERCENT

SECTION SORT (HELP): 1 -- ALL -- 2 -- ALL --

MIN FREQ: 0

OPTIONS (HELP): # HITS: 100 DISPLAY: RAW FREQ GROUP BY: WORDS SAVE LISTS: NO

SEARCH RESET

O CORPUS DO PORTUGUÊS (45 MILLION WORDS, 1200s-1900s)

Mark Davies (Brigham Young U) / Michael J. Ferreira (Georgetown U)

RESULTS ORDERED BY FREQUENCY (HELP) [MORE HELP...]

	AFILADO	+	-	%		AGUDO	+	-	%		AGUÇADO	+	-	%
1	NARIZINHO	1	--	1.00	1	ÂNGULO	8	--	1.00	1	ESPÍRITO	1	--	1.00
2	RAPAZITO	1	--	1.00	2	GRITO	6	--	1.00	2	QUEIXO	1	--	1.00
3	RELATO	1	--	1.00	3	SILVO	5	--	1.00	3	RUMOR	1	--	1.00
4	ROSTO	1	--	1.00	4	ENFARTE	4	--	1.00	4	SENSO	1	--	1.00
5	NARIZ	14	2	0.88	5	OLHAR	4	--	1.00	5	DENTE	1	1	0.50
6	FOCINHO	3	3	0.50	6	SOM	3	--	1.00	6	INSTINTO	1	1	0.50
					7	ACENTO	2	--	1.00	7	OLHO	1	1	0.50
					8	ÁPICE	2	--	1.00	8	FOCINHO	1	5	0.17
					9	ASSOBIO	2	--	1.00					

KEYWORDS IN CONTEXT Introduction

LIMIT BY PART OF SPEECH: NO LIMIT BY SECTION: NO

1	19Ac:Pt:Enc	, designa-se também deste modo a função de um ângulo agudo num triângulo rectângulo, definida
2	19Ac:Pt:Enc	sempre menos do que 180° ou rads (ângulo agudo ou obtuso) e um arco maior terá sempre
3	19:Fic:Pt:Regio:Principe	entre os loiros cabelos anelados, formando um ângulo agudo cujo vértice mais ou menos cairia na
4	19:Fic:Pt:Ribeiro:Planicie	papel e o relógio de madeira rematado em ângulo agudo . No meio da casa, ladrilhada a lambaz
5	19Ac:Br:Lac:Thes	quina lateral de sua margem, formando um ângulo agudo (FIG. 2.5), às vezes
6	19Ac:Br:Lac:Thes	margem, em vista dorsal, formando um ângulo agudo . Labro cerca de meia vez mais longo que
7	19Ac:Br:Lac:Thes	margem, em vista dorsal, formando um ângulo agudo . Labro cerca de uma vez e meia mais
8	19:Fic:Br:Holanda:Burro	, que tinha o perfil dentro de um ângulo agudo , voltou a freqüentar o escritório quando saía às

Done Internet

Synonyms: [=gritar]: synonyms of 'to shout'

[Davies/Ferreira/NEH] O Corpus do Português (45m words, 1200s-1900s) - Microsoft Internet Explorer

Address <http://www.corpusdoportugues.org/>

SEARCH STRING HELP

WORD/PHRASE

(INSERT TAG)

SEARCH CUSTOMIZED LISTS

DISPLAY (HELP)

TABLE

CHART

SURROUNDING WORDS (HELP)

SORT BY (HELP)

FREQUENCY

PERCENT

SECTION (HELP)

1

2

1900s-ALL
1900s-BR
1900s-PT
ORAL

MIN FREQ

MIN FREQ

OPTIONS (HELP)

HITS

DISPLAY

GROUP BY

SAVE LISTS

SEARCH RESET

O CORPUS DO PORTUGUÊS (45 MILLION WORDS, 1200s-1900s)

Mark Davies (Brigham Young U) / Michael J. Ferreira (Georgetown U)

SEE CONTEXT: CLICK ON WORD (ALL SECTIONS) OR NUMBER (ONE SECTION) [MORE HELP...]

	WORD	13	14	15	16	17	18	PtAc	PtN	PtFc	PtOr	BrAc	BrN	BrFc	BrOr	TOTAL
1	GRITAR [S]			13	38	18	222	2	23	209	23		20	163	9	740
2	RECLAMAR [S]		1	1	3	3	78	10	33	20	5	26	39	48	17	284
3	PROTESTAR [S]			2	3	6	84	8	34	30	6	5	37	18	2	235
4	BRADAR [S]		18	48	27	3	73		2	22			1	4	2	200
5	QUEIXAR-SE [S]			1	2	7	13	1	7	31	1		3	10		153
6	APREGOAR [S]		36	20	34	19	7	17		4	7	1	3	3		151
7	BERRAR [S]			9	16		46		1	34	10			26	1	143
8	LADRAR [S]		2	2	9	16	13	25	1		43		1	7		119
9	RALHAR [S]			1		1	1	81						12		107
10	CHIAR [S]				4	18	8	27		2	16	1		1	7	84

KEYWORDS IN CONTEXT Introduction

31 18:Azevedo:Cortijo de saias. Jerônimo perdeu a paciência e ia **protestar** brutalmente contra semelhante invasão

32 18:Azevedo:Cortijo com vontade de afastar-se, mas sem animo de **protestar**, por acanhamento, tentou reatar

33 18:Azevedo:Mulato vontade até de queixar se ão pai; de **protestar** contra aquelas contrariedades que a faziam

34 18:Macedo:Luneta Há só uma voz que pode e há de **protestar**, é a minha, a voz suspeita,

35 18:Pompéia:Ateneu Esta caranguejola, enorme e pesada, que parecia **protestar**, a cada solavanco, contra o ca

36 18:Taunay:Inocência algumas pautadas de incitamento, pareceu querer o cargueiro **protestar** contra o tratamen

37 18:Taunay:Inocência mesmo. Oh! Sr. Garcia! quis **protestar** Pereira. --Nada;.. digo-lhe isto do coração..

38 18:Alencar:Correr no ator que caíra em falta, nem de **protestar** contra o ato dos diretores por uma semelhant

39 18:Cunha:Artigos de Lourenço de Médicis. Precisamos, porém, **protestar** também contra a introdução deste p

40 18:Alencar:Garatuja naquela capitania, que vinham todos unidos em corpo **protestar** contra a violência inaudita

41 18:Alencar:Garatuja e revoltado nele o sentimento do belo, ia **protestar**, quando pareceu-lhe que de novo entre

42 18:Machado:Textos dessa confissão, vê-se que o poeta queria principalmente **protestar** contra o caminho que l

Customized lists: **querer.* [davies@gritar-syn]:** want to “shout”

[Davies/Ferreira/NEH] O Corpus do Português (45m words, 1200s-1900s) - Microsoft Internet Explorer

Address <http://www.corpusdoportugues.org/>

Google Search 1752 blocked Check AutoLink

SEARCH STRING [HELP](#)

WORD/PHRASE

(INSERT TAG)

[CUSTOMIZED LISTS](#)

DISPLAY [\(HELP\)](#)

TABLE

CHART

SURROUNDING WORDS [\(HELP\)](#)

SORT BY [\(HELP\)](#)

FREQUENCY

PERCENT

SECTION [\(HELP\)](#)

1

1900s-ALL

1900s-BR

1900s-PT

ORAL

MIN FREQ

2

1900s-ALL

1900s-BR

1900s-PT

ORAL

MIN FREQ

OPTIONS [\(HELP\)](#)

HITS

DISPLAY

GROUP BY

SAVE LISTS

O CORPUS DO PORTUGUÊS (45 MILLION WORDS, 1200s-1900s)

Mark Davies (Brigham Young U) / Michael J. Ferreira (Georgetown U)

SEE CONTEXT: CLICK ON WORD (ALL SECTIONS) OR NUMBER (ONE SECTION) [\[MORE HELP...\]](#)

	WORD	13	14	15	16	17	18	PtAc	PtN	PtFc	PtOr	BrAc	BrN	BrFc	BrOr	TOTAL
1	QUIS GRITAR						8			1				5		14
2	QUIS PROTESTAR						3		1	2				1		7
3	QUER GRITAR						4									4
4	QUERIA PROTESTAR						1			1						2
5	QUERIA GRITAR						1			1						2
6	QUEREMOS RECLAMAR								1						1	2
7	QUERO GRITAR									1				1		2
8	QUERO CLAMAR												1			1
9	QUIZ GRITAR									1						1
10	QUISESSE GRITAR													1		1

KEYWORDS IN CONTEXT

31	18:Azevedo:Cortigo	de saias. Jerônimo perdeu a paciência e ia protestar brutalmente contra semelhante invasã
32	18:Azevedo:Cortigo	com vontade de afastar-se, mas sem animo de protestar , por acanhamento, tentou reatar
33	18:Azevedo:Mulato	vontade até de queixar se ão pai; de protestar contra aquelas contrariedades que a faziam
34	18:Macedo:Luneta	Há só uma voz que pode e há de protestar , é a minha, a voz suspeita,
35	18:Pompéia:Ateneu	Esta caranguejola, enorme e pesada, que parecia protestar , a cada solavanco, contra o ca
36	18:Taunay:Inocência	algumas pautadas de incitamento, pareceu querer o cargueiro protestar contra o tratamen
37	18:Taunay:Inocência	mesmo. Oh! Sr. Garcia! quis protestar Pereira. --Nada;.. digo-lhe isto do coração..
38	18:Alencar:Correr	no ator que caíra em falta, nem de protestar contra o ato dos diretores por uma semelhant
39	18:Cunha:Artigos	de Lourenço de Médicis. Precisamos, porém, protestar também contra a introdução deste p
40	18:Alencar:Garatuja	naquela capitania, que vinham todos unidos em corpo protestar contra a violência inaudita
41	18:Alencar:Garatuja	e revoltado nele o sentimento do belo, ia protestar , quando pareceu-lhe que de novo entre
42	18:Machado:Textos	dessa confissão, vê-se que o poeta queria principalmente protestar contra o caminho que l

Internet

Customized lists: **estou + emotions** (I am + emotions): 1900s

[Davies/Ferreira/NEH] O Corpus do Português (45m words, 1200s-1900s) - Microsoft Internet Explorer

File Edit View Favorites Tools Help

Back Forward Stop Home Search Favorites Refresh Print Mail Stop AutoFill Options

Address http://view.byu.edu/cdp/ Go

Google Search 3999 blocked Check AutoFill Options

SEARCH STRING (HELP)

WORD/PHRASE

(INSERT TAG)

[CUSTOMIZED LISTS](#)

DISPLAY (HELP)

TABLE

CHART

SURROUNDING (HELP)

SORT BY (HELP)

FREQUENCY

PERCENT

SECTION (HELP)

1 -- ALL --

1900s-ALL

1900s-BRAZ

1900s-PORT

ORAL

MIN FREQ

2 -- ALL --

1900s-ALL

1900s-BRAZ

1900s-PORT

ORAL

MIN FREQ

OPTIONS (HELP)

HITS

DISPLAY

GROUP BY

SAVE LISTS

O CORPUS DO PORTUGUÊS (45 MILLION WORDS, 1200s-1900s)

Mark Davies (Brigham Young Univ) and Michael J. Ferreira (Georgetown Univ)

SEE CONTEXT: CLICK ON WORD (ALL SECTIONS) OR NUMBER (ONE SECTION) [MORE HELP...]

WORD	13	14	15	16	17	18	PtAc	PtM	PtFc	PtOr	BrAc	BrN	BrFc	BrOr	SUB	TOTAL
1 ESTOU CONTENTE			2			24		7	4	2		2	9	1	25	51
2 ESTOU CANSADO			1	1	1	29		4	3	2		4	4	4	21	53
3 ESTOU SATISFEITO				2	1	17		4	2	3		1	3	3	16	36
4 ESTOU ARREPENDIDO				1	1	20		2	3	6			3	2	16	38
5 ESTOU FELIZ						1		3	1			4	1	6	15	16
6 ESTOU CONFIANTE								3		2		3		2	10	10
7 ESTOU ENGANADO					1	4			2	1			4	3	10	15
8 ESTOU CONVICTO								5		2		1	1		9	9
9 ESTOU SEGURO			2	3	2	4		1		2		3	2	1	9	20
10 ESTOU ANSIOSO						9		2	1	2			1	2	8	17

[CUSTOMIZED LISTS: MODIFY LIST](#) [More information...](#)

To **modify** a list:

Add or delete words from your list and click on [Submit]

[Return to main menu](#)

[Overview of wordlists](#)

LISTS CREATED [DAVIES]

FAZ1	M	D	DEVER	M	D
EMOCOES	M	D	FAZER	M	D
MULHER_AJ	M	D	CORES	M	D
MULHERES	M	D	ROUPA	M	D
FAZ_PHRASES	M	D			

MODIFY LIST

WORDLIST NAME

LIST OF WORDS

satisfeito

seguro

triste

persuadido

ansioso

feliz

javascript:x(['davies@mulheres'])

Internet

Customized lists: User-created lists (can correct our “errors”): sair ‘to leave’

[Davies/Ferreira/NEH] O Corpus do Português (45m words, 1200s-1900s) - Microsoft Internet Explorer

Address: http://www.corpusdoportugues.org/

SEARCH STRING: WORD/PHRASE: sair.* (INSERT TAG): -SELECT- SEARCH CUSTOMIZED LISTS

DISPLAY (HELP): TABLE CHART SURROUNDING WORDS (HELP) -SELECT- 5 5

SORT BY (HELP): FREQUENCY PERCENT

SECTION: SORT (HELP)

1 1800s 1700s 1600s 1500s 1400s 1300s MIN FREQ 5

2 1800s 1700s 1600s 1500s 1400s 1300s MIN FREQ 5

OPTIONS (HELP): # HITS 100 DISPLAY RAW FREQ GROUP BY WORDS SAVE LISTS YES SEARCH RESET

O CORPUS DO PORTUGUÊS (45 MILLION WORDS, 1200s-1900s)
Mark Davies (Brigham Young U) / Michael J. Ferreira (Georgetown U)

SAVE LIST NAME: davies LIST: sair Submit Reset HELP

SEE CONTEXT: CLICK ON WORD [MORE HELP...]

	<input type="checkbox"/>	WORD(S)	SEC 1	SEC 2	P/MIL 1	P/MIL 2	PERC 1 / 2
1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	SAYU	145	0	15.32	0.00	153.16
2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	SAIROM	92	0	9.72	0.00	97.18
3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	SAYROM	94	2	9.93	0.11	91.88
4	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	SAYRAM	46	1	4.86	0.05	89.93
5	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	SAIDAS	110	3	11.62	0.16	71.68
6	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	SAHYR	33	1	3.49	0.05	64.51

CUSTOMIZED LISTS: MODIFY LIST Introduction

To modify a list:
Add or delete words from your list and click on [Submit]

Return to main menu
Overview of wordlists

LISTS CREATED [DAVIES]

SAIR	M	FAZ_PHRASES	M
	D		D
GRITAR-SYN	M	DEVER	M
	D		D
FAZ1	M	FAZER	M
	D		D
EMOCOES	M	CORES	M
	D		D
MULHER_AJ	M	ROUPA	M
	D		D
MULHERES	M		
	D		

MODIFY LIST

WORDLIST NAME: sair

LIST OF WORDS: sayu, saiorom, sayrom, sayram, saidas, sahyr

Submit Reset

Internet

Advantages of relational databases

- Size, speed, and annotation
- Unlimited, modular tables
(synonyms, customized lists, etc)
- Helps in annotating the corpus

POS tagging

- Bootstrap from existing tagged corpus
- Probabilistic: *citie*, then *emptie*
(update tens of millions of tokens at a time)
- Rule-based: *to* *emptie*, *the* *emptie* CONJ
- Even words that are not in the existing corpus: DET **XX** PREP/CONJ

Lemmatization

- English: not much of a problem (*work, flye, returnes, but saw, ground, wound, etc*)
- Much worse for other languages (Sp trabajo 'work/trabajo, I-work/trabajar)
- Sp hubiese = 56/72 possible forms

Lemmatization (historical)

- Apply modern lemmas (finish)
- Apply spelling rules: *tie: emptie / empty
- Use frequency information from database to find overly frequent lemmas (*goo / go, had lane / had lain*)
- Use frequency information to target highly frequent unknown forms first
(students / see context / provide modern form / words acquire modern features)
- *a pease of*: compare to PDE:
a piece / peas / peace of
- Can also use contextual words (*pease*)

Interface for annotating Old Portuguese (blocks of text)

New Page 1 - Microsoft Internet Explorer

Address: http://view.byu.edu/neh/byID.asp

Google Search 1752 blocked Check AutoLink

BY TEXT / PASSAGE <input type="text" value="15_braga_Text-job"/> OFFSET <input type="text" value="200"/> <input type="button" value="SUBMIT"/> <input type="button" value="RESET"/>	BY WORD WORD <input type="text"/> LEM <input type="text"/> POS <input type="text"/> CORPUS <input type="text" value="OLD"/> # <input type="text" value="200"/> <input type="button" value="SUBMIT"/> <input type="button" value="RESET"/>	HAS LEMMA FREQ <input type="text" value="50"/> - <input type="text" value="10000"/> OPT > <input type="text" value="4"/> x MPT <input type="button" value="GO"/>	NO LEMMA <input type="text" value="500"/> POS <input type="text"/> <input type="button" value="GO"/>
---	---	--	---

38036659	,	,	pu	3713711	>>
38036660	o	o	atd:ms	1282528	>>
38036661	qual	qual	pn	41410	>>
38036662	se	se	pnp	418287	>>
38036663	offereceo	oferecer	VJ:3s	122	>>
38036664	ao	a	prp+	60968	>>
38036665	capitão	capitão	nn:ms	5370	>>
38036666	de	de	prp	1851258	>>
38036667	Malaca	Malaca	np	1409	>>
38036668	de	de	prp	1851258	>>
38036669	nos	em	pnp	88367	>>
38036670	trazer	trazer	VR:	3079	>>
38036671	a	o	atd:fs	1562557	>>
38036672	Iapão	Japão	np	70	>>

CONTEXT	<input type="text"/>	WORD	//	<input type="text"/>	WORD	<input type="text"/>
WORD						<input type="text" value="offereceo"/>
LEMMA						<input type="text" value="oferecer"/>
POS						<input type="text" value="VJ:3s"/>

[MORE...](#)

1	37465452	oferecer	VJ:3s	vulgares, todos os empregos, que vos offereceo o tempo, mais dignos de amor.
2	37467220	oferecer	VJ:3s	aventejado papel, com o qual subitamête se offereceo a el Rey, e Valido Castelhana ;
3	37470344	oferecer	VJ:3s	Com zelo digno de hum varão piadoso, offereceo Diogo Soares, o primeiro motivo aos olhos
4	38036663	oferecer	VJ:3s	hum mercador gentio China, o qual se offereceo ao capitão de Malaca de nos trazer a
5	38157478	oferecer	VJ:3s	presente hũa vez, de cousa que se offereceo a caso, querer elle dali por diãte
6	38184588	oferecer	VJ:3s	hũ cauallo que logo veo, & lho offereceo dizêdo Tomai senhor este que creio que estes
7	38200379	oferecer	VJ:3s	porem contentouse o pobre homê com que lhe offereceo hũ homem da terra que fosse trabalhar a
8	39996071	oferecer	VJ:3s	de ouelhas ; & que de seus gados offereceo a Deos os primogenitos : & Caim filho
9	40407090	oferecer	VJ:3s	justa remuneração devida a quem com tanta gloria offereceo a vida pela Fè, & honra da

Done Internet

Interface for annotating Old Portuguese (by word, POS, lemma)

New Page 1 - Microsoft Internet Explorer

File Edit View Favorites Tools Help

Address http://view.byu.edu/neh/byID.asp

Google Search 1752 blocked Check AutoLink

BY TEXT / PASSAGE

15_braga_Text-job

OFFSET 200

SUBMIT RESET

BY WORD

WORD LEM CONTAR POS

CORPUS OLD # 200

SUBMIT RESET

HAS LEMMA

FREQ 50 - 10000

OPT > 4 x MPT

GO

NO LEMMA

500 POS

GO

10	317	conte	VS:1s/VS:3s	>>
11	316	contavam	VI:3p	>>
12	282	contei	VJ:1s	>>
13	235	côta	VP:3s	>>
14	216	contaram	VJ:3p/VM:3p	>>
15	195	côtar	VR:	>>
16	194	contasse	VT:1s/VT:3s	>>
17	174	contou-lhe	VJ:3s+	>>
18	173	contara	VM:1s/VM:3s	>>
19	162	contou-me	VJ:3s+	>>
20	158	contarei	VF:1s	>>
21	141	contará	VF:3s	>>
22	137	contamos	VP:1p	>>

CONTEXT WORD // WORD

WORD

LEMMA

POS

Submit Reset

MORE...

1	37062574	contar	VP:3s	entendam & declarem & Julguê na Repartiçam & côta dellas assi como nos titulos seguintes do pam
2	37063631	contar	VP:3s	se paguaraa huô Real. E pella dicta côta & Repartiçã se paguarão as cousas deste foral
3	37497309	contar	VP:3s	inquietação dessa bãda. Dãdolhes a si mesmo côta dos q se tẽ reduzido, ou reduzirẽ
4	37497455	contar	VP:3s	o tẽpo q estiver alojada, seja por côta dos culpados, se fará conta de tudo
5	37538951	contar	VP:3s	que nunca o virão, do que se côta pellos experimêtados. Tres ondas, que parece
6	37548281	contar	VP:3s	a outra nação do mundo, o darlhe côta desta generosa paixão, a quem sómente nõs
7	37613772	contar	VP:3s	vitoria. Porém porq inteiramẽte não ficasse á côta de interiores movimentos, que o desejo muytas
8	37631296	contar	VP:3s	pode comprehender alguma escondida sentença. Por esta côta se poem aquella famosa interpretação [57]
9	37710441	contar	VP:3s	sẽpre uiuê e è esta parte tã pouca côta deus de fazer delle, como de ser

Done Internet

Interface for annotating Old Portuguese (by lemma frequency I)

New Page 1 - Microsoft Internet Explorer

File Edit View Favorites Tools Help

Back Forward Stop Home Search Favorites Media Print Copy Paste

Address http://view.byu.edu/neh/byID.asp

Google "surrected" "brigham young" Search 1752 blocked Check AutoLink animals resurrected brigham young

BY TEXT / PASSAGE

12_coimbra_text-msc12

OFFSET 200

SUBMIT RESET

BY WORD

WORD LEM CONTAR POS

CORPUS OLD # 200

SUBMIT RESET

HAS LEMMA

FREQ 50 - 10000

OPT > 2 x MPT

GO

NO LEMMA

500 POS

GO

34	2.87	4366	VIDE	CHANGE ALL
35	2.84	4090	CASTELA	CHANGE ALL
36	2.77	4064	NAU	CHANGE ALL
37	2.45	4041	SENHORIA	CHANGE ALL
38	2.42	4034	FEITA	CHANGE ALL
39	2.48	3944	DANO	CHANGE ALL
40	2.11	3793	BISPO	CHANGE ALL
41	2.02	3718	NAVIO	CHANGE ALL
42	2.47	3709	FORTALEZA	CHANGE ALL
43	2.15	3676	ORDENAR	CHANGE ALL
44	2.20	3533	N	CHANGE ALL
45	2.96	3422	ARMADA	CHANGE ALL

CHANGE ALL LEMMAS:

DANO TO Submit

Done Internet

BY TEXT / PASSAGE <input type="text" value="12_coimbra_text-msc12"/> OFFSET <input type="text" value="200"/> <input type="button" value="SUBMIT"/> <input type="button" value="RESET"/>	BY WORD WORD <input type="text"/> LEM <input type="text" value="CONTAR"/> POS <input type="text"/> CORPUS <input type="text" value="OLD"/> # <input type="text" value="200"/> <input type="button" value="SUBMIT"/> <input type="button" value="RESET"/>	HAS LEMMA FREQ <input type="text" value="50"/> - <input type="text" value="10000"/> OPT > <input type="text" value="2"/> x MPT <input type="button" value="GO"/>	NO LEMMA <input type="text" value="500"/> POS <input type="text"/> <input type="button" value="GO"/>
---	---	--	---

KWIC		CHANGE		
1	2345	dano	nn:ms	>>
2	997	danos	nn:mp	>>
3	251	dãno	nn:ms	>>
4	228	dapno	nn:ms	>>
5	224	damno	nn:ms	>>
6	217	dampno	nn:ms	>>
7	106	danno	nn:ms	>>
8	100	dapnos	nn:mp	>>
9	87	damnos	nn:mp	>>
10	62	dãpno	nn:ms	>>
11	45	dannos	nn:mp	>>

CONTEXT	<input type="text"/>	WORD <input type="text"/>	//	<input type="text"/>	WORD <input type="text"/>
WORD		<input type="text" value="dãno"/>			
LEMMA		<input type="text" value="dano"/>			
POS		<input type="text" value="nn:ms"/>			

MORE...

1	38153155	dano	nn:ms	a elle : & assi vendolhe eu este dãno me contento, & quero que me arrinquem
2	38157207	dano	nn:ms	que vem de dar esmolla, & o dãno que soccede aos ingratos. Trata de hum
3	38169988	dano	nn:ms	que o posera, & em emmenda do dãno que lhe fez em sua casa, dando
4	38214492	dano	nn:ms	permittio Deos que pagassê o grãde mal & dãno que fizerã à Rainha sua yrmã, &
5	39344895	dano	nn:ms	ate o passarem, para se euitar o dãno que com isso se faz, Há o
6	39348315	dano	nn:ms	sem pagarem coimas : comtal que não fação dãno nas nouidades : porque fazendoo pagarão os dãos
7	39348350	dano	nn:ms	trazer os ditos gados. E quando fizerem dãno nas nouidades, farão S 2 penhora Quarta
8	39348369	dano	nn:ms	em tanto gado que baste para pagar o dãno & coimas. E não prenderão os pastores
9	39361752	dano	nn:ms	dinheiro : de maneira que não soamente recebem dãno no preço em que as comprão fiadas,

Composition of proposed 200 million word historical corpus

	SPOKEN/INFORMAL		FICTION		NEWS		ACADEMIC		OED	TOTAL
	SIZE	SOURCES	SIZE	SOURCES	SIZE	SOURCES	SIZE	SOURCES		
1500s	5	EEBO-Dr CED	10	EEBO-Fic	1	??	13	EEBO-NF	1	30
1600s	5	EEBO-Dr BAILEY CED	10	EEBO-Fic	1	NEWSBOOKS (NEWDIGATE)	13	EEBO-NF	1	30
1700s	5	LION-Dr BAILEY CED LATE 18C	10	LION-Fic	1	LAMPETER ZEN	13	LION-NF	1	30
1800s	9	LION-Dr PG-Dr BAILEY	16	LION-Fic PG-Fic	7	MOA-Jrnl SCAN-News (LON TIMES) (NY TIMES)	16	LION-NF PG-NF	2	50
British	4		7		3		8			23
American	4		7		3		8			23
Misc	1		2		1		0			4
1900s	9	MOVIES RADIO ORALHIST BNC, LLC, SEC, (LDC) PG-Dr SCAN-Dr	21	PG-Fic SCAN-Fic BNC-Fic	14	SCAN-Per (LON TIMES) (NY TIMES) BNC-News NDNP	14	PG-NF SCAN-NF BNC-NF	2	60
British	4		9		6		7			27
American	4		9		6		7			27
Misc	1		3		2		0			6
TOTAL	33		67		24		69		7	200
PERCENT	16.5		33.5		12.0		34.5		3.5	100%

Conclusion

- Relational databases: size, speed, and annotation
- Very wide range of searches
- Information from database can be used as an integral part of the tagging process
- Already working in several online corpora, more in planning stages