

Instructions on how to use the Brigham Young Corpora (<https://corpus.byu.edu>)

- Corpus of Contemporary American English (COCA)
- British National Corpus
- iWeb
- Corpus del Español
- corpus do Português
- etc.

You can do limited searches without creating an account, but there is a limit of 20 searches per day.

1. Go to the Search page (The ? icon in the upper right corner provides help)
2. Results show up under Frequency and Context tabs. **Do not click** on “back/forward” browser buttons. Click on tabs in browser window.

### Quick Start Guide

Type of search	Search String	Result
word	nooks	looks for this exact word
lemma (forms of word)	DECIDE	decide, decides, decided, etc.
part of speech <sup>1</sup>	fast_n	fast as a noun, not as an adverb or verb
synonyms	=soft	soft and synonyms of soft
words matching a pattern	intellig* OR *book	intelligent, intelligence, etc. cookbook, phonebook, etc.
phrases matching a pattern	more * than	more money than, more time than, etc.
phrases with one or more options	GET him her to VERB	get him to act, getting her to talk, etc.

### Options on the Search page

Objective	Screen and options
Find frequency of a word in two different subcorpora (types of text), also used to see register of word	On search page, check “Sections”
Find if verb is followed by gerund or infinitive	word *ing_v word * VERB
Find which prepositions can follow a noun or verb	word_n _i* word_v _i* check “sections” to see differences across sections too.
Discover the connotation of a word	search on word and look at contexts search on word in WordandPhrase.info search on word and synonyms (=smell)

<sup>1</sup> \_v: verb, \_n: noun, \_j: adjective, \_r: adverb, \_l: preposition; click on [POS] on search screen to see options