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BNC	<i>British National Corpus</i> Versions 1.0 and BNCweb CPQ-edition. Version 4.3
Brown	<i>Brown Corpus</i> (Written American English, 1961)
BYU-BNC	Based on the <i>British National Corpus</i> from Oxford University Press
CB	<i>Collins Cobuild Corpus</i>
CED	<i>A Corpus of English Dialogues 1560–1760</i>
CEMET	<i>Corpus of Early Modern English Texts</i>
CEN	<i>Corpus of English Novels</i>
CLMET3.0	<i>Corpus of Late Modern English Texts</i> (version 3.0)
CLMETEV	<i>Corpus of Late Modern English Texts, Extended Version</i> (1710–1920)
CNG	<i>Collection of Nineteenth-Century Grammars</i>
CNNE	<i>The Corpus of Nineteenth-Century Newspaper English</i>
COCA	<i>Corpus of Contemporary American English</i>
COHA	<i>Corpus of Historical American English</i>
CONCE	<i>A Corpus of Nineteenth-Century English</i>
CORIECOR	<i>The Corpus of Irish English Correspondence</i>
d91–95	<i>Daily Telegraph and Sunday Telegraph</i>
D92–95	<i>Detroit Free Press</i>
EAF	<i>Early American Fiction</i>
ECCO	<i>Eighteenth-Century Collections Online</i>
ECF	<i>Eighteenth-Century Fiction</i>
ED	<i>English Drama</i>
EEPF	<i>Early English Prose Fiction</i>
EPD	<i>English Prose Drama</i>
ETC	<i>Early Twentieth-Century Corpus</i>
FRED	<i>Freiburg English Dialect Corpus</i>
g90–95	<i>Guardian</i>
GloWbE	<i>Corpus of Global Web-Based English</i>

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HC	<i>The Helsinki Corpus of English Texts</i>
i93–94	<i>The Independent and the Independent on Sunday</i>
ICE	<i>International Corpus of English</i>
L92–95	<i>Los Angeles Times</i>
LC	<i>The Lampeter Corpus of Early Modern English Tracts</i>
LION	<i>Literature Online</i>
LNC	<i>Late Nineteenth-Century Corpus</i>
M93–95	<i>Daily Mail and Mail on Sunday</i>
MED	<i>Middle English Dictionary</i>
MNC	<i>Mid Nineteenth-Century Corpus</i>
No1	<i>The New York Times</i>
NCF	<i>Nineteenth-Century Fiction</i>
OBC	<i>Old Bailey Corpus</i> (www.uni-giessen.de/oldbaileycorpus/index.html ; 1720 to 1913)
OBP	<i>The Proceedings of the Old Bailey – London’s Central Criminal Court, 1674 to 1913</i>
OED	<i>Oxford English Dictionary</i>
OED online	<i>Oxford English Dictionary Online</i>
PCEEC	<i>Parsed Corpus of Early English Correspondence</i> , text version
PPCEME	<i>Penn-Helsinki Parsed Corpus of Early Modern English</i>
PPCMBE	<i>Penn Parsed Corpus of Modern British English</i>
Sears & Roebuck corpus	non-digitised corpus of 1897, 1927, 1957 and 1987 mail-order catalogues
Strathy	<i>The Strathy Corpus of Canadian English</i>
t90–95	<i>The Times and The Sunday Times</i>
TIME	<i>Time Magazine Corpus</i>
UofV	<i>The Modern English Collection</i> , University of Virginia Electronic Text Center
W90–92	<i>The Washington Times</i>
wridom1	Fictional / Narrative Component of the BNC WordSmith Tools, version 5.0. 2010. PC software by Mike Scott. Published by Lexical Analysis Software and Oxford University Press

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