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CANCAD	*Cambridge and Nottingham Corpus of Academic Discourse*
CEECS	*Corpus of Early English Correspondence Sampler*
COCA	*Corpus of Contemporary American English*
COHA	*Corpus of Historical American English*
COLT	*Bergen Corpus of London Teenage Language*
EEBO	*Early English Books Online*
ELF	English as a lingua franca
ELFA	*English as a Lingua Franca in Academic Settings*
ICE	*International Corpus of English*
L1	First language
L2	Second language
LIBEL	*Limerick-Belfast Corpus of Academic Spoken English*
LLC	*London-Lund Corpus*
MEC	*Middle English Compendium*
MED	*Middle English Dictionary*
MEMEM	*Michigan Early Modern English Materials*
MICASE	*Michigan Corpus of Academic Spoken English*
OED	*Oxford English Dictionary (Online)*
PDE	Present Day English
SKT	sort of/kind of/type of
SOV	Subject-Object-Verb
SVO	Subject-Verb-Object
VCM	vague category marker

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