

Pattern Grammar in Lexicography

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Concordancers: SKYLIGHT and SKETCH ENGINE

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Query: forget|forgets|forgetting|forgot

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forget in Cobuild Advanced Learner's Dictionary

VERB

1. If you forget something or forget how to do something, you cannot think of it or think how to do it, although you knew it or knew how to do it in the past.

Sometimes I improvise and change the words because I forget them. [VERB noun]

She forgot where she left the car and it took us two days to find it. [VERB wh]

(Pattern Grammar: **V n, V wh**)

2. If you forget something or forget to do it, you fail to think about it or fail to remember to do it, for example because you are thinking about other things.

She never forgets her daddy's birthday. [VERB noun]

She forgot to lock her door one day and two men got in. [VERB to-infinitive]

Don't forget that all dogs need a supply of fresh water to drink. [VERB that]

She forgot about everything but the sun and the wind and the salt spray. [VERB + *about*]

(Pattern Grammar: **V n, V to-inf, V that**)

Forget (cont)

3. If you forget something that you had intended to bring with you, you do not bring it because you did not think about it at the right time.

Once when we were going to Paris, I forgot my passport. [VERB noun]

[Also *V + about*]

(Pattern Grammar: **V n**, **V about n**)

4. If you forget something or someone, you deliberately put them out of your mind and do not think about them any more.

I hope you will forget the bad experience you had today. [VERB noun]

I can't forget what happened. [VERB noun]

I found it very easy to forget about Sumner. [VERB + about]

She tried to forget that sometimes she heard them quarrelling. [VERB that]

(Pattern Grammar: **V n**, **V about n**)

(Incomplete: there are more senses, synonym lists, phrases etc)

Collins COBUILD Advanced Learner's Dictionary

Making queries in Skylight

First of all: select corpus; choose number of lines; set number of lines per page (or accept defaults)

Simple queries:

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Queries with punctuation

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Case-sensitive queries

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Queries with symbols

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and/or	at from the outset can will would may must	at the beginning start outset

Identifying and recording patterns: the verb *rob*

Definition

1 If someone **is robbed**, they have money or property stolen from them. (CCALD)

In Collins COBUILD Grammar Patterns 1: *ROB*

ROB: V n, get V-ed, V n of n

Chapter 1 Simple patterns > **V n** > Structure II Verb with Object

*A cabbie who **was robbed**, threatened, and had his car torched was so shaken by the incident that he may quit his job. (passive **be V-ed**)*

Chapter 1 Simple patterns > **V n** > Other related patterns **get V-ed** (The passive voice is formed with *get* not *be*.)

Many of the verbs that often have a passive with *get* indicate that something unpleasant is happening, such as *attack, criticize, hit, injure, penalize, rape, and wound*.

*Unfortunately the bank **gets robbed** and the money is gone. What can they do? They decide to rob a bank, too.*

Chapter 13: Complex patterns with Prepositions and Adverbs > **V n of n** > meaning group 1 The 'rob' and 'steal' group

*They **were robbed of their wristwatches** and shot during the course of the robbery. (passive **be V-ed of n**)*

Identifying and recording patterns: the verb *steal*

Definition

1 If you **steal** something **from** someone, you take it away from them without their permission and without intending to return it. (CCALD)

In Collins COBUILD Grammar Patterns 1: **STEAL**

STEAL: V n, get V-ed, V n from n

Chapter 1 Simple patterns > **V** > Verbs with other meanings > verbs where the other thing or person involved is unspecified or general.

*...a former resident of the orphanage: 'If not for the home, I wouldn't know that there are honest people in the world who **never steal**.*

Chapter 1 Simple patterns > **V n** > Structure II Verb with Object > meaning group 2 The 'bring', 'buy' and 'operate' group > the 'buy' group

These verbs are concerned with changes in ownership or possession.

*She interviewed a convicted criminal who admitted to mail theft. He referred **to stealing** "all sorts of things, including trainers".*

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*Left home, left bike for brother, bike **got stolen**. That was that.*

Chapter 13: Complex patterns with Prepositions and Adverbs > **V n from n** > meaning group 1 The 'demand' and 'get' group

*He then claimed that the car **was stolen from him**, but information was received that he had taken the car to France to ^{to} sell it. (passive **be V-ed from n**)*

Identifying and recording patterns: the noun *shadow*

Definition

1. **countable noun** A **shadow** is a dark shape on a surface that is made when something stands between a light and the surface.

2. **uncountable noun [oft in NOUN]** **Shadow** is darkness in a place caused by something preventing light from reaching it.

Phrases: a shadow of a doubt; in sb's shadow/ in the shadow of sb; be a shadow of one's former self (CCALD)

In COBUILD Grammar Patterns 2: Nouns and Adjectives:

SHADOW: uncount noun, count noun (not exemplified here)

in N > meaning group 15 The 'dark' group

*Most of the lake was **in shadow**.*

*The prince turned from the window and stared at him in a singular manner, his face **in shadow** against the sunset.*

*This time the two brothers were lying in wait **in the shadows**, as the figure came to step into the room they both loosed shots at the creature.*

under N > meaning group 4 The 'strain' group (uncount noun)

*Of course all this work takes place **under the shadow** of occupation and conflict and the dangers and challenges that creates.*

the N > meaning group 12 The 'dark' group (uncount noun)

*As the dark clad figure entered and moved towards the television cabinet I sauntered casually from **the shadows**, putting myself between him and his escape route. (plural only)*

Identifying and recording patterns: running text

1 Mr Redhead came into the kitchen with a great bundle of rhubarb* in his arms. **2** He said he wanted me to make it into jam – he was mad on rhubarb jam. **3** I saw my afternoon in the sun disappearing, so I said I couldn't make it today, because we had no lemons in the house, but he said "You must make it today while the rhubarb is fresh; it makes all the difference. **4** Let me see, I seem to remember seeing one in the kitchen this morning when I made my early tea," and he started looking around. **5** I knew where several lemons were, but I didn't say anything.

From *Our Spoons Came From Woolworths*, by Barbara Comyns

* Rhubarb is a plant with large leaves and long red stems. You can cook the stems with sugar to make jam or puddings.

Patterns in the text:

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1

came into the kitchen (**V prep**)

2

said that he wanted me to make it into jam (**V that**)

wanted me to make it into jam (**V n to-inf**)

make it into jam (**V n into n**)

was mad on rhubarb jam (**V-link adj**)

3

saw my afternoon in the sun disappearing (**V n -ing**)

disappearing (**V**)

said I couldn't make it today (**V that**)

couldn't make it (**V n**)

had no lemons (**V n**)

said "You must make it today while the rhubarb is fresh; it makes all the difference. Let me see, I seem to remember seeing one in the kitchen this morning when I made my early tea," (**V with quote**)

must make it (**V n**)

is fresh (**V-link adj**)

makes all the difference (**PHRASE**)

Patterns in running text (cont):

4 Let me see, I seem to remember seeing one in the kitchen this morning when I made my early tea,” and he started looking around. **5** I knew where several lemons were, but I didn’t say anything.

4

let me see (V n inf; phrase)

see (V; part of phrase)

seem to remember seeing one in the kitchen this morning when I made my early tea,” (V -ing, verbs in phase)

seeing one in the kitchen this morning (V n)

made my early tea (V n)

started looking around (V -ing)

looking around (V; phrasal verb)

5

knew where several lemons were (V wh)

several lemons were (V-link)

didn’t say anything (V n)

Issues in pattern identification

1 Is this a pattern or not?

- Prepositions like **on** are sometimes part of the pattern **V on n**, sometimes not. When they aren't, they usually introduce a prepositional phrase which refers to a circumstance of some kind such as time or place. These prepositional phrases are usually part of an optional Adjunct.
- **Multi-functional grammar words like *that* and *to*** can obscure the pattern of words - *theory*.
- **Patterns are split within the clause**; they seem to exemplify a pattern, but don't.

1	an intimate gig last week. Speculation was	rife	that the new band was a 'convenient part
2	next? Before the budget, speculation was	rife	that child benefit, having increased since
3	was more to come. First the rumours were	rife	that eight more players were about to get the
4	Triggered by Galactic Centre? Rumours are	rife	that exploding toads in Germany and Denma
5	as a threat to Britain. Rumours were	rife	that France was planning to attack Newfoundl
6	they had been poisoned, so rumour was	rife	that it had been done on purpose. In fact, it
7	intelligence. At the time speculation was	rife	that Nelson was threatening to expose the
8	Dark RPG and Black Blade. Speculation was	rife	that the decision may have been taken

Here, **rife** does not have the pattern **ADJ that**. Instead we're seeing examples of **speculation that** and **rumour/rumours that**.

Sometimes it is genuinely impossible to decide whether a particular occurrence, especially when there are prepositions involved (see Hunston and Francis 1999, p.71-76)

Issues in pattern identification

Strategies: using punctuation in your query

transitive or intransitive?

Is a particular verb both transitive and intransitive? Quick and half-successful strategy
intransitive uses:

Examples:

commit. | commits. | committing. | committed.

1	a position and for how long you would be able	to commit.	Please email jobs @
2	consider a range of costed options before we decide	to commit.	
4	punishment for his years of bachelorhood and failure	to commit.	
5	to specialise. I 'm going to work hard, I 'm going	to commit.	I 'm going to be the best astronaut
6	Walt Disney Studios, although Paramount have yet	to commit.	

enjoy. | enjoy,

1	required, just turn up, buy a drink and	enjoy.	
2	analysis of where gold and silver are headed.	Enjoy.	Apologies if this has been posted before.
3	curious about my country, bide a wee and	enjoy.	But who ever you are, please don't forget
4	this page is HUGE. So, put your feet up and	enjoy.	- make sure you read right to the bottom
5	from Zulu) and an excellent script. Sit back and	enjoy.	
6	But for now, take your pick from below and	enjoy.	Please remember to continue to make
7	of an exclusive club: take a seat and	enjoy.	Five stylish colour combinations are
8	your spice cupboard in a cup of hot water and	enjoy.	Crushed hemp seed

Issues in pattern identification

Strategies: using 'case sensitive' in your queries

1. **lower case queries would exclude names** of roads. e.g crescent (lower-case) avoids *Mornington Crescent, Queen's Crescent, Thornhill Crescent*.
2. **upper case queries** could tell you whether a verb is used in commands, instructions, recipes etc.

These lines are all from recipes. Incidentally, what is the **verb pattern** here, and why is it hard to identify?

1	root vegetables (swede, parsnip, turnips).	Fry	the onion for a couple of minutes then add the rest of
2	frying pan and bring to a medium heat.	Fry	the chicken till it is slightly brown. Turn the chicken as
3	into fairly small pieces and add to the pan	Fry	until golden, and add the finely sliced green pepper.
4	and add the bacon and onions.	Fry	gently until the onions are transparent. Add the
5	egg evenly with 1/4 lb sausage meat.	Fry	at moderate temperature until brown on all
6	together, then breadcrumbs again.	Fry	in deep fat until a nice brown. Serve with salad.
7	the galantine, cover and bring to the boil.	Reduce	the heat and poach at a gentle simmer for 20-30
8	of water to the pot and bring to the boil.	Reduce	to a simmer. Skim off any fatty scum that rises.
9	the ginger-garlic paste into the same pot.	Reduce	to medium heat. Stir the paste for a few seconds.
10	250ml of the water in a food processor.	Reduce	until smooth. Add remaining water, chill and
11	of water to the pot and bring to the boil.	Reduce	to a simmer. Skim off any fatty scum that rises.
12	colour, add the shallots and the wine.	Reduce	until almost dry, add the stock and reduce by half

Recording patterns in dictionaries: outline

Patterns and word class

Patterns and definitions

Patterns across learner's dictionaries

Recording patterns in dictionaries

Patterns and word class

Patterns and senses are highly interdependent; if a word has different patterns, its senses will probably correspond.

Most lexicographers take the view that if a word behaves like a noun, it's a noun. So if there is *a* or *the* or another determiner like *our* or *some* in front of it, it is probably a noun. If it behaves like an adjective, e.g. it comes before a noun or after a link verb, it is probably an adjective.

RUBBISH – mostly it's an **uncountable noun**; sometimes it's a **verb**; and sometimes it's an adjective.

4. adjective [verb-link ADJECTIVE]

If you think that someone is not very good at something, you can say that they are rubbish at it. [British, informal]

He was rubbish at his job. [+ at]

I tried playing golf, but I was rubbish.

5. verb

If you rubbish a person, their ideas or their work, you say they are of little value.

[VERB noun]

(CCALD)

Recording patterns in dictionaries

Patterns and word class: rubbish

Mostly **rubbish** is an uncountable noun

11	is caused, particularly late at night. Bag domestic	rubbish	and leave for collection in the right place on the right
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To return lines containing adjectives, make queries **rubbish at** and **is a rubbish**

Adjective: **rubbish at...**

3	two hundred and seventy six times. He's	rubbish	at chess; he just won't admit it. He's playing chess
6	around the world and I 've always been quite	rubbish	at geography so really not sure in miles but I got
13	at college. My history teacher told me that I was	rubbish	at writing essays. He didn't put it quite as bluntly as
22	an unexpected passion for learning languages.	Rubbish	at learning modern languages? Are you still shouting

Adjective: **is a rubbish...**

10	. He will miss you all, but only because he is a	rubbish	shot! There is no doubt that Andy's tenure as the
12	depth analysis. I agree a 100 percent that he is a	rubbish	interviewer and we never hear anything new or
16	battle of wits between a cop and a killer. Kang is a	rubbish	homicide detective, whose only real strengths are his
21	today the most so called famous wild child, is a	rubbish	pop star married to a model, who is arrested for

And **rubbish** is a verb:

8	eyed peas are a great band and you shouldn't	rubbish	their lyrics. They are very talented musicians as well as
18	the nations' health. Critics have been quick to	rubbish	the consultation exercise as a waste of time. But only

Recording patterns in dictionaries

Patterns and definitions: Verbs

In all the Collins COBUILD Advanced Learner's dictionaries (from 1987 onwards), the definition of a sense of a word reflects its pattern. Hence the full sentence definitions.

persuade

If you persuade someone to do something, you cause them to do it by giving them good reasons for doing it.

My husband persuaded me to come. [VERB noun to-infinitive]

They were eventually persuaded by the police to give themselves up. [VERB noun to-infinitive, be VERB-ed]

If you persuade someone that something is true, you say things that eventually make them believe that it is true. [VERB noun that]

I've persuaded Mrs Tennant that it's time she retired. [VERB noun that]

correspond

If one thing corresponds to another, there is a close similarity or connection between them. You can also say that two things correspond.

Racegoers will be given a number which will correspond to a horse running in a race. [V + to/with]

The two maps of London correspond closely. [VERB]

dissolve

If a substance dissolves in liquid or if you dissolve it, it becomes mixed with the liquid and disappears.

Heat gently until the sugar dissolves. [VERB]

Dissolve the salt in a little boiled water. [VERB]

Note: In earlier editions of CCALD *correspond* was labelled V-RECIP (reciprocal verb) and *dissolve* was labelled V-ERG (ergative verb).

Recording patterns in dictionaries

Patterns and definitions: Nouns and Adjectives

necessity uncountable noun

The necessity of something is the fact that it must happen or exist.

There is agreement on the necessity of reforms. [+ of]

ability singular noun [NOUN to-infinitive, oft with poss]

Your ability to do something is the fact that you can do it.

The public never had faith in his ability to handle the job.

permission uncountable noun [oft NOUN to-infinitive]

If someone who has authority over you gives you permission to do something, they say that they will allow you to do it.

He asked permission to leave the room.

Finally his mother relented and gave permission for her youngest son to marry. [+ for]

Police said permission for the march had not been granted.

expert adjective

Someone who is expert at doing something is very skilled at it.

The Japanese are expert at lowering manufacturing costs. [+ at]

dependent adjective

To be dependent on something or someone means to need them in order to succeed or be able to survive.

The local economy is overwhelmingly dependent on oil and gas extraction. [+ on/upon]

doomed adjective [verb-link ADJECTIVE, ADJECTIVE to-infinitive]

If something is doomed to happen, or if you are doomed to a particular state, something unpleasant is certain to happen, and you can do nothing to prevent it.

Their plans seemed doomed to failure. [+ to]

He knew that if he lived, he would be doomed to spend the war as a prisoner.

Recording patterns in dictionaries

Patterns across learner's dictionaries: the phrasal verb *wear out*

Collins COBUILD Advanced Learner's Dictionary.

wear out phrasal verb

1. When something wears out or when you wear it out, it is used so much that it becomes thin or weak and unable to be used any more.

Every time she consulted her watch, she wondered if the batteries were wearing out.

[VERB PREPOSITION]

Horses used for long-distance riding tend to wear their shoes out more quickly.

[VERB noun PREPOSITION]

He wore out his shoes wandering around Mexico City.

[VERB PREPOSITION noun]

2. If something wears you out, it makes you feel extremely tired. [informal]

The past few days had really worn him out.

[VERB noun PREPOSITION]

The young people run around kicking a ball, wearing themselves out.

The effect of the continuous attacks has been to wear out his troops.

[VERB PREPOSITION noun]

3. If someone wears out their welcome with you, or if it wears out, they spend a lot of time with you and you are no longer happy about it. You can also say that a feeling wears out or is worn out.

'Could you not stay with us while you are solving your mystery?'—'Oh, we don't want to wear out our welcome.'

[VERB PREPOSITION noun (not pronoun)]

His stubborn resistance to anything new eventually wore out the patience of his superiors. [VERB PREPOSITION noun (not pronoun)]

No matter how often they turn up, their welcome never wears out.

[VERB PREPOSITION]

[Also VERB noun PREPOSITION]

4. See also **worn out** (adjective)

Recording patterns in dictionaries

Patterns across learner's dictionaries: the phrasal verb *wear out*

Macmillan English Dictionary for Advanced Learners

wear out PHRASAL VERB

1 [TRANSITIVE] to make someone feel very tired

She was worn out from looking after her elderly mother.

wear yourself out:

You need a holiday or you'll wear yourself out.

2 [INTRANSITIVE/TRANSITIVE] to use something a lot so that it no longer works, or can no longer be used

The children have all worn out their shoes.

The rear tyres had worn out.

3 [TRANSITIVE] to make a hole or mark in something by using or rubbing it a lot

He'd long since worn out the knees in his old jeans.

Recording patterns in dictionaries

Patterns across learner's dictionaries: the phrasal verb *wear out*

Longman Dictionary of Contemporary English

wear out PHRASAL VERB

1 to become damaged and useless, or to make something like this, by using it a lot or for a long time

My boots are beginning to wear out.

wear something ↔ out

He travels so much he actually wears out suitcases.

2 **wear somebody out** to make someone feel extremely tired **syn exhaust**

All this shopping has worn us out.

wear yourself out

Illness and death came suddenly; over the years she had simply worn herself out.

3 **wear out your welcome** to stay with someone longer than they want you to

(followed by several corpus examples for each sense to illustrate the patterns)

Recording patterns in dictionaries

Patterns across learner's dictionaries: the phrasal verb *wear out*

Oxford Advanced Learner's Dictionary

wear out PHRASAL VERB

wear out | wear something ↔ out

to become, or make something become, thin or no longer able to be used, usually because it has been used too much

He wore out two pairs of shoes last year.

wear somebody out | wear yourself out

to make yourself/somebody feel very tired

The kids have totally worn me out.

You'll wear yourself out if you carry on working so hard.

Cambridge Advanced Learner's Dictionary & Thesaurus

wear sb out PHRASAL VERB

to make someone extremely tired:

Walking around a museum all day really wears you out.

to use something so much that it is damaged and cannot be used any more, or to become damaged in this way:

Moving parts in engines wear out much more quickly than stationary parts.

Patterns and phraseology

The phrasal verb 'wear out'

phrasal verbs

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3	for the next six days. No joke. I tend to try to	wear	a song out, to rid myself of it. But that song, I
10	inflicts an injury. The angler often "plays" the fish to	wear	it out and make it easier to land. The fish is
12	a lifetime warrantee, and will be replaced if you ever	wear	it out. U. S. patent #5, 919, 037.
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16	but that went away after a couple wearings. When I	wear	other trainers out, it is usually the mesh upper
17	to a higher speed, this will stop it cutting, and simply	wear	the teeth out. Cone & Step drills. Again, it is
18	, I still do. Children grow so quickly that they hardly	wear	their clothes out. Meal times were always
22	good runs through empty roads guaranteed to	wear	your tyres out. Led by the Pope so bring your

more usual order

	Chuckit! is a great way to exercise your dog... without	wearing	out your arm. With the Chuckit!, you can throw
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not phrasal verbs

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5	shorter than knee length shorts nor do I really	wear	a vest out of the villa as I hate my upper arms.
6	last one being the most interesting. The girl	wore	an outfit out of a 1950s road movie, complet
7	e 've even noticed an increase in youngsters	wearing	cricket jumpers out in the evening. Thanks
8	I am wearing a lumberjack shirt. People	wear	dreadlocks out of choice.
9	to her. We were just overjoyed. The first day Chloe	wore	her hearing aids out-I was scared fro Chloe, and
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20	costumes that your character wears? Would you	wear	them out? I wouldn't wear the prison uniform
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Patterns and phraseology

The language we use is made up of a number of 'semi-preconstructed phrases that constitute single choices' (Sinclair). Various kinds of single-choice strings are referred to as multi-word units, lexical units, formulaic sequences, multi-word expressions, semipreconstructed phrases, prefabricated units...

Hunston and Francis (1999) have some broad categories:

anomalous collocations

by and large

kith and kin

formulae such as proverbs, slogans, quotations, gambits and closed-set turns

you've never had it so good

FOSSILISED OR FROZEN METAPHORS

skate on thin ice

Very few collocations are absolutely fixed. Lexicographers have to decide which are fixed enough for the label 'phrase' in the dictionary. For example:

THE MEANING IS NOT CLEAR FROM THE PARTS

all over the shop

If something is happening **all over the shop**, it is happening in many different places or throughout a wide area.

This gave them the freedom to make trouble all over the shop without fear of retribution.

RESTRICTED COLLOCATIONS

make a/no difference

If something **makes a difference** or **makes** a lot of **difference**, it affects you and helps you in what you are doing. If something makes no difference, it does not have any effect on what you are doing.

Where you live can make such a difference to the way you feel.

Exercise makes all the difference.

Question Time leaders' special: May under fire over NHS and education –as it happened

under fire

phrase

If you come **under fire from** someone or are **under fire**, they criticize you strongly.

The president's plan first came under fire from critics who said he hadn't included enough spending cuts.

fire

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Trump: I don't have time for total political correctness

to have no time/a lot of time for sb

phrase

If you say that you **have no time for** a person or thing, you mean you do not like them or approve of them, and if you say that you **have a lot of time for** a person or thing, you mean you like them or approve of them very much.

When I think of what he's done to my mother and me, I've just got no time for him.

I have got a lot of time for people who are prepared to put the welfare of their party above their own vanity.

time

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take care of sth

phrase

To **take care of** a problem, task, or situation means to deal with it.

They leave it to the system to try and take care of the problem.

'Do you need clean sheets?'—'No. Mrs. May took care of that.'

care

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Trump is 'out of control,' former FBI official says of the president's tweets

- "This is not going to end well for this administration," a former FBI official tells CNBC.
- What the president has done "goes against core American values," the former official says.

out of control

phrase

If something is **out of control**, no-one has any power over it.

The fire is burning out of control.

I'm dealing with customers all the time who have let their debts get out of control.

control

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thumbs-up

👍 also thumbs up

1. singular noun

A **thumbs-up** or a **thumbs-up sign** is a sign that you make by raising your thumb to show that you agree with someone, that you are happy with an idea or situation, or that everything is all right.

She checked the hall, then gave the others a thumbs-up sign.

2. singular noun

If you give a plan, idea, or suggestion **the thumbs-up**, you indicate that you approve of it and are willing to accept it.

[informal]

The financial markets have given the thumbs up to the new policy. (+ to)

It more or less gets the thumbs up from everyone.





thumbs down

🔊 also thumbs-down

singular noun

If you say that someone gives a plan, idea, or suggestion **the thumbs-down**, you are indicating that they do not approve of it and refuse to accept it.

[informal]

More Synonyms of thumbs down

The received wisdom in politics is that brute repetition works. But by promoting vapid slogans over rational arguments, and 'message discipline' over authenticity, are politicians being reckless with democracy?

WE NEED IS STRONG AND STABLE LEADER
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What's new?

Grammar Patterns 1, 2, 3

The examples have been updated – some of them were stuck in the politics and everyday life of the late 1990s – and lots of new examples have been added.

- There are a large number of verbs and nouns that we didn't use in the late 1990s at all, or whose senses have been extended.
- We used much larger corpora for the revision than were available in the late 1990s. This means that many verbs, nouns, and adjectives turn out to have patterns for which there simply wasn't enough evidence back then. These have been added.

The most noticeable new entries into the meaning group lists are words associated with advances in science and technology, especially the internet all its effects on communication.

Meaning groups: these words usually fit easily into an existing pattern and meaning group. Mostly they have the pattern **V n**, of which some are usually found in the passive. Some have the pattern **V**, like **email** and **text**; some have the pattern **V prep/adv**.

Some new additions to lists:

air (*usu passive*)

download

post

text

upload

clone

email

stream

transmit

webcast (*usu passive*)

copy

live-stream

televise (*usu passive*)

tweet

What's new?

Grammar Patterns 1: Verbs

Examples:

*If a moderator says a member **has posted a lie about their achievements**, then I agree, it's time to close the discussion.*

*The gruesome pictures **were first televised on CBS news**.*

*The dissection of the eight metre, 495kg squid **was webcast on the museum's website**.*

*These mites have no eyes, and no circulatory or respiratory system. They are mainly all female, **cloning themselves** by producing eggs which require no fertilisation.*

*Interestingly, in spite of the fact that these worms do have the ability to spread via email, they mainly propagate by **copying themselves to all network resources accessible on the victim machine**.*

What's new?

Grammar Patterns 1: Verbs

V that: a new meaning group

Route: Verbs > Simple patterns 1 > **V that** > meaning group 6 'The 'love' and 'hate' group

The 'love' and 'hate' group

These verbs indicate your positive and negative feelings about an action or situation.

*The fact is that the establishment **can't bear that people are allowed to express their own views in a live debate when they go against the grain.***

*I **hate that he has to go through another surgery when he is so happy and doing so well.***

*We also **like that we have the luxury of eating meals at our leisure and not at set times, summoned by a bell.***

*I love the creative side of it and I **love that you can bring people together and have a really great time with them.***

*Shortly before his death, he said he **did not mind that his views were in the minority.***

(cannot) bear

hate

like

love

(not) mind

Some emerging patterns

shop the [goods] or [place] or [range]

Association of pattern and genre: this is almost all advertising. But then the node is shop!

John Lewis email subject

Clearance – a perfect time to **shop the essentials**.

- 1 Shopper interest in cake is heightened at Christmas with an extra 1 million households **shopping the cake category**.
- 2 Call 800-255-0088 and request your FREE catalog or **shop the catalogs** online today!
- 3 If your balance is so impaired that falling becomes frequent and unavoidable, **shop the full range of walkers available**.
- 4 The ultimate guide to **shopping the global village** with famous shops and shopkeepers and information on where to find the best bargains.
- 5 We continually **shop the globe** to bring you the latest up-to-date, high tech quality spy gadgets ...
- 6 The challenge to **shopping the high street** is that they are so adept at reproducing trends that most of their offers seems out of fashion by the time the sales have started.
- 7 A new Smart Mouse Pad System, a push-button programmable mouse pad that makes surfing and **shopping the Internet** easier, is being launched by ...
- 8 To **shop the largest online selection of parts and accessories for your car, truck, motorcycle, Jeep, sport compact, SUV, RV and more**, visit J C Whit today ...
- 9 ... frightening advances in genetic engineering are making it possible to shop for a baby in the same way we **shop the latest design in the cloth industry** ...
- 10 It's an annual focal point for birders **shopping the latest offerings from manufacturers of all things bird-related** ...
- 11 We pass all our out-grown children's clothes on to friends, charity **shop our clothes**.

Some emerging patterns

debate sb

Ken Livingstone **debating the RMT's Bob Crow on workers rights**-I would pay extra to see that. I have no trouble **debating you**, but as yet all you've provided is basically -- -Your words... NOT mine. You do realise this has several months of investigation ahead of us.

And I, personally, **debated a Georgetown University professor named Madeleine Albright** who insisted that the United States not use its troops predicting, appeasement-style, that the entire Arab world would side with Iraq.

Debating a hard-liner in front of a pro-administration crowd, Harman heaped praise on President Bush, calling the Iraqi elections 'sensationally impressive'.

A few weeks after 9/11, I **debated a leading Bush ideologue, Charles Krauthammer**, for one hour on Canadian television.

The hyperbolic language of "concentration camps" and "torture" suggests they are not interested in **debating anybody who disagrees with them**.

Will Brunner be remembered merely as one of several dialectical theologians, or as the one who **debated Barth** about natural theology? Some recent histories of Christian theology have reduced him to that size.

Debating Cheney on TV will be the Democratic running mate (a) Wes Clark; (b) Bob Graham; (c) Bill Richardson; (d) Dianne Feinstein; (e) John Edwards; (f) Carl Levin.

Clinton has also raised Tibet as an issue in several meetings with Chinese leaders, most prominently in a June 1998 visit to China, during which he publicly **debated Chinese Premier Jiang Zemin** on Chinese television.

On September 14, before a packed theatre, George Galloway **debated Christopher Hitchens** in a battle referred to as the "Grapple in the Big Apple"...

On one occasion, I **debated Conrad Lichtenstein**, who introduced himself as Professor of molecular biology, Queen Mary College, London University...

I sometimes find myself in the comic position of publicly **debating liberal Catholics** and suddenly realizing that they are consorting with the old liberal Protestant strumpets of my seedy past.

Thank you