

Getting Started

1. Click on the link below, then choose Frequency List
(or Google: wordandphrase and then click on Frequency List):
<http://www.wordandphrase.info/>
2. Type one word in the search box
Just one word, in singular/non-count form (**problems** does not work)
If the verb you want does not appear, try its simplest form
3. Hit "Search"
Note: This database does not have as extensive a collection of words as an online dictionary might, so your chosen word might not be included

A Sample Search

1. Enter **focus** and hit the search button.
2. On the top right, you will then see **focus** as a verb or noun.
Click on the one of those (Click on V or N, or on the word Focus to the right).
3. If you're only interested in the academic usage examples for that word, click on the bar below the word ACADEMIC (below and to the left of the V and N).

Sample Sentences

Notice the sample sentences below and how the words there are color coded for their parts of speech. This will help someone to look at (for example) what prepositions (in yellow) might commonly be found after the verb focus.

Collocates

Just to the right of the Academic bar, you can see what common collocates go with your noun or verb form of **focus**.

If you'd then like to see sentences that include your original search word and a word from the Collocates list, click on the collocate word you're interested in. Wait and the sentences that appear will include both those words.