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About the BNC

The British National Corpus (BNC) is a 100 million word collection of samples of written and spoken language from a wide range of sources, designed to represent a wide cross-section of current British English, both spoken and written. [more]

Search the Corpus

Type a word or phrase in the search box and press the Return key on your keyboard to see up to 50 random hits from the corpus.

Look up: Enter text

You can search for a single word or a phrase, restrict searches by part of speech, search in parts of the corpus only, and much more.

The search result will show the total frequency in the corpus and up to 50 examples. [more information]

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