## HOW TO USE THE ONLINE CONCORDANCER

WHY DO I NEED THIS? Most English Language teachers have learned as opposed to acquired English; this means that English is their second or third language. They may therefore sometimes be unsure about certain language items because they lack a feel for the correct collocations. The following web site is a free online source for teachers and students alike; it provides an instant response to inquiries.

HOW CAN I GET MY STUDENTS TO USE THIS SITE? If you have a computer lab, take your students there and show them how to use the site; otherwise, give them copies of the following explanations and they can try out the site on their own. One way that I use this site is by first actually showing the class what to do in the computer lab and then incorporating vocabulary work into their assignments. They have to list $8-10$ new words that they have come across their reading and using the online concordancer then have to list several collocations for each word.

## STEP BY STEP GUIDELINES

1. Go to: http://www.lextutor.ca/concordancers/concord_e.html
2. Enter the word in the KEYWORD box. e.g. "require"
3. Corpus:

For academic English: Select the "Univ. Word List": this is the Academic Word List (AWL) and contains formal academic English expressions.
For general English: Select All of the Above to see how the word is used in British \& American, spoken \& written, formal \& informal English in a corpus of 4 million words.
4. Push: "Search for concordances"

5. Your search result will look like this (with the right side in alphabetical order)


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her full-time or part-time, will require a formal contract. This, says Mr Egg ll, one-way, walk-up fares. They require a Saturday-night stay and are purcha ford Bridge was that it did not require a grant. Yet the Chelsea manager, Bob this country for example, could require a massive downward restatement of co his side's dozen tries. It will require a miracle for Bedford to retain thei well water (very hard water may require additional treatment) is filtered dow th a condensed version. It does require computer literacy to acquire the spe and Mergers, which is likely to require details of his financial backing. Thi ept. 30, a new Federal law will require employers to tell applicants like Ms.
th today's technology, companies require few employees to produce a high doll
art- timers are easier to find, require fewer benefits, and appear to be mor US, Italy and Canada explicitly require foreign companies to restate their f at the next $M B$ Group foray will require fresh equity of some sort but investo minutes. Most treatments do not require general anesthesia and cause no imme les or slowing traffic that will require gradual braking. Such sensors will s el reinforcing rods and does not require heavy, expensive cranes to swing the storage, corporations wouldn't require more buildings. Yet no politician sa et's parent company, Saison, you require no cash. The charge is added to your 1

## 6. Your search will look like this with the left side in alphabetical order:


7. The sentences are in fragment form. If you want to see the complete sentence for an item, click on the underlined search word in the sentence that you are curious about. e.g. When you click on the first "require" in the first list above, the original sentence in its complete form is as follows:


## Corpus: UWL.txt at position 1694528

themselves, might have the administrative capacity to handle it whereas independent operators did not. Under the social Charter every employee, whether full-time or part-time, will require a formal contract. This, says Mr Eggar, will create more red tape and more regulations which will directly harm the growth and development of the small business sector. "Contracts of

WordNet entries for require
Use the BACK button to return to the previous page.

## 8. If you want to read the dictionary meaning of the word, click on "WordNet

 entries for 'require'" at the bottom.
9. Sometimes the list of collocations is very short; try to change the form of the word. For instance, 'correspond' yielded two collocations but 'corresponds' six. Try the present, past, and 3rd person singular forms of verbs and the singular \& plural forms of nouns.



