**Surround**

**SKELL (Sketch Engine for Language Learning)**

In this task you will explore an online tool called SKELL (Sketch Engine for Language Learning).

1. Open the SKELL website: https://skell.sketchengine.eu/.
2. Enter the word ‘surround’ in the box and click on *Examples*.
3. Note down the frequency of the search item. Is this word frequent or not? To make a judgment you can compare its frequency with its synonym ‘encircle’. Enter the word ‘encircle’ in the box and click on *Examples* again.
4. Go back to the examples with the word ‘surround’. Study the concordance lines. They have been selected from a corpus as the most suitable citations (examples) for second language learning and teaching. Can you see in what grammatical forms the target word occurs (active/passive, tense, base/participle)? What preposition is it followed by?
5. Now click on *Word sketch*. Study the words associated with the target item. You can click on the individual collocates to see example sentences.
6. Finally, click on *Similar words*. You will see a list of verbs which occur in the same context as the same ‘surround’, so there are related to the target item (but they are not its synonyms).

Think of another word (noun, verb, adjective or adverb) that might be interesting for your students and explore its examples, word sketch and related lexemes using SKELL.

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