**JUICE**

**COCA at English-corpora.org**

1. What is the basic meaning of the word ‘juice’? Are you familiar with its other meanings? Look up the meanings in Longman learners’ dictionary:

<http://www.ldoceonline.com/>

Note down how information on frequency of the word is provided in the entry.

1. Look up the word ‘juice’ in a corpus in order to refine your understanding of its different meanings. Go through the concordance lines while noting different meanings, each followed by one or two examples. Here is the procedure for looking up the word in a corpus.
	1. Go to the following address

<https://www.english-corpora.org/>

This portal gives you access to many different corpora. For this task we will consult the Corpus of Contemporary American English.

* 1. Press the link to the COCA.
	2. You can now consult the corpus. Type the word ‘juice’ in the search box click on the *Find matching strings* button.
	3. You can see the frequency of the word. This frequency is very high.
	4. Click on the word ‘juice’. You get the concordance lines. Study them for a minute.
	5. You have probably found out that the concordance lines do not reveal anything interesting about this word. So let’s try to limit our search in order to have a better access to less typical meanings.
	6. Go back to the *Search* tab. Make sure the word ‘juice’ is entered in the search box. Click on the *Sections* button underneath and find the category Magazines: sports in the drop-down list. Select it and click on the *Find matching strings* button. New frequency information occurs indicating how often the target word occurs in the sports sections of magazines included in the corpus. Click on the word ‘juice’ again to study the concordance lines. This time the some citations reveal less typical meanings of the word.
1. Is the word ‘juice’ used with the same meanings in British English? Click on the big white arrow at the top of the screen and select the British National Corpus from the list. Keep in mind that this corpus was compiled some 20 years earlier than COCA. Follow the same procedure as before. Have you found any examples of less typical meaning in the BNC?

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