**Polls**

The word *polls* has two meanings:

* + surveys
  + an election

Study the concordance lines bellow, which are presented in two modes: sentence view and KWIC

1. Find the prepositions which precede the word *polls*. Which meaning of the word do they collocate with?
2. What are the fixed expressions which mean
   * to vote
   * taking into consideration the results of the surveys
   * in the election
   * as the results of the surveys demonstrate

Which mode easier to study the lines and answer the questions?

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2. As they go to the **polls** the voters know what package of compromises they are voting for.
3. Botswana goes to the **polls** on Saturday, when seven parties will contest 34 seats in the country's single chamber.
4. But, with the **polls** pointing to a hung Parliament, the Whitehall village of permanent civil servants is preparing itself for what one source described as the ‘nightmare scenario’ of neither Mr Kinnock nor Mr Major having enough MPs to form a Government or to push a Queen's Speech through the Commons on May 6.
5. By sad contrast, the people who led the bloodless revolution last autumn — many of them artists, writers, musicians and teachers — were eclipsed at the **polls**.
6. Five weeks before the election, he lags behind his black opponent, David Dinkins, in the **polls**.
7. Had the recession been staved off for longer, support for the Scottish Nationalists — now at 31 p.c. in the **polls** and only seven points behind Labour — might not have been as strong.
8. He also took the unusual step of appealing to all electors whatever their political persuasion to turn out and vote, a move that reflected unease among the party leadership that, with the **polls** showing a narrow Labour lead, its supporters might take victory for granted.
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10. If Mr Lawson now drives the economy into deep recession or, alternatively, inflation is let rip, the Government would almost certainly perish at the **polls**.
11. It is a known and established fact that political parties do not pick up in the **polls** once an election is under way.
12. Mister says if they're defeated at the **polls**, it would hasten a general election which Labour could win.
13. The indicators in the **polls** are as tantalising as ever.
14. The Tories had again moved ahead in the **polls** at the start of September.
15. The UK's top advertisers remain pessimistic about economic upturn despite the Tory victory at the **polls** last week.
16. Three days into the election, when the main polling stations closed (leaving another three days for mobile ones to travel around the countryside), 85% of the 4.7m registered voters had gone to the **polls**.
17. Three months before defeating Callaghan at the **polls** she announced publicly her intention of running a ‘conviction Cabinet’.
18. Voters in the City of Oxford, Cherwell and West Oxfordshire will be going to the **Polls** on Thursday to elect 50 District Councillors.
19. With the **polls** now pointing to a Labour minority government, the question of PR can no longer be treated as an academic abstraction.
20. With the **polls** showing that 46 per cent of Connecticut votes believed that Clinton lacked the honesty and integrity to be president, the candidate acknowledged that Brown's negative tactics had been effective.

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