

Parks and Recreation Script Analysis

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Introduction

- ▶ Originally airing in April 2009 in the mockumentary style of the acclaimed TV show “The Office,” NBC’s Parks and Recreation has become a popular streaming show in its own right.
- ▶ The show follows the lives of a group of government employees working in the parks and recreation department of fictitious Indiana city, Pawnee.
- ▶ The show stars Amy Poehler, Nick Offerman, Aziz Ansari, Chris Pratt, and Aubrey Plaza, among others.

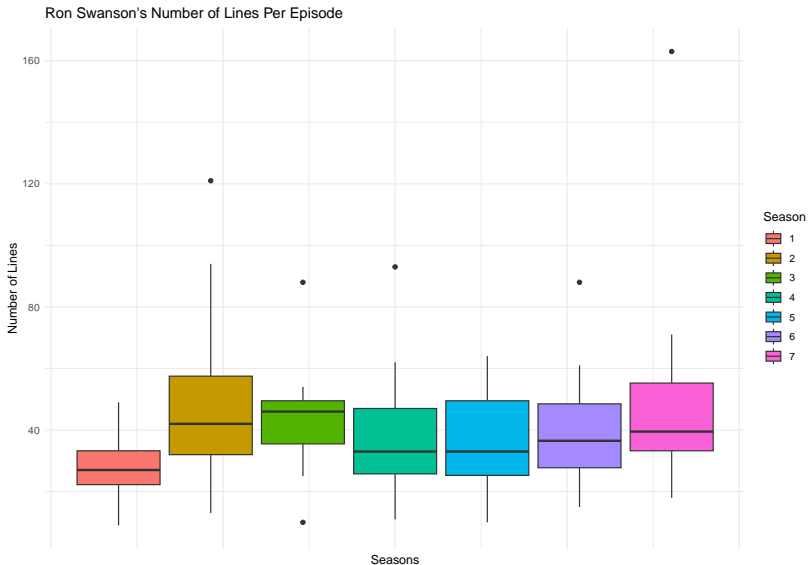


Figure 1: Parks and Recreation Logo

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- ▶ Using the scripts from every episode, the goals of my analysis were to:
 1. Visually determine if differences may exist in the number of lines per episode my favorite character Ron Swanson says across the seasons.
 2. Visually compare the average number of lines per episode per season Ron Swanson says.
 3. Determine the top 25 words main character Leslie Knope says each season.
- ▶ *Let's get started!!*

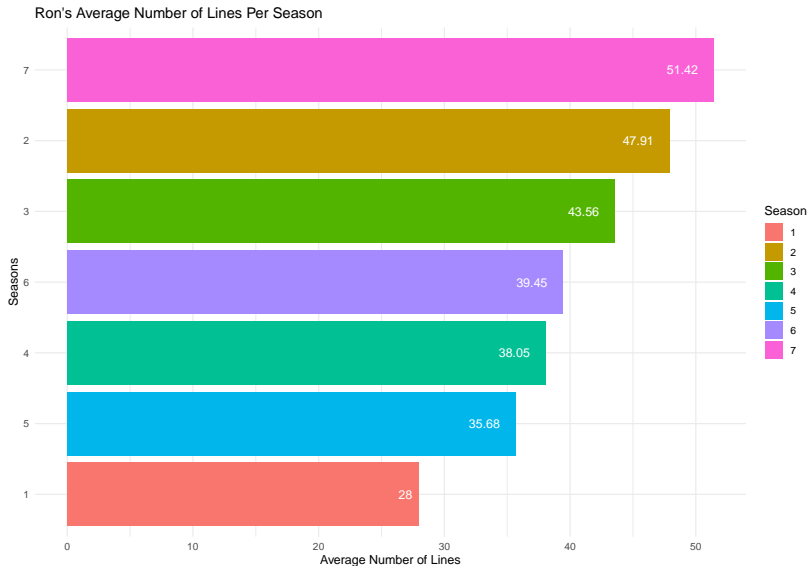
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- ▶ As we can see, Ron had the most lines in a given episode in season 7.
- ▶ Ron had the fewest number of lines in a given episode in season 1.
- ▶ Ron's average number of lines per episode was 41.28.

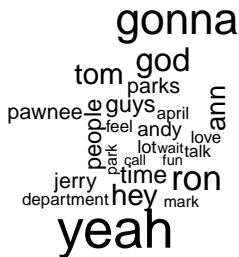
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Leslie Knope Word Clouds - Season 1

ann park
mark yeah
gonna hey
guys godpawnee
tonight mom clublot
leslie boys tom
pit government ron
knope city
meeting love parks
people

Leslie Knope Word Clouds - Season 2



Leslie Knope Word Clouds - Season 3

harvest town
hey ron chris
ann pawnee
festival
talk @ fun
guys on idea parks god
department time job tom
gonna ben
people yeah

Leslie Knope Word Clouds - Season 4

yeah
ann
campaign
gonna
ben
pawnee
god
love
city
ron
hey
newport
talk
friends
bobby
world
leslie
parks
time
people
knope
town
uh
jerry
g

Leslie Knope Word Clouds - Season 5

gonna
pawnee
hey
city
town
god
yeah
jamm
jerry
ben
guys
time
wait
love
stop
vote
ann
ron
people
park
day
councilman
wow
april
people

Leslie Knope Word Clouds - Season 6

people
eagleton
guys leslie
knope yeah
tom town
parks lot wow
ron hey city day
job ben april ann
gonna love
god time
pawnee

Leslie Knope Word Clouds - Season 7

time pawnee
gryzzl national
tom land ron
kids job
people hey guys life
run talk wow ben
god love april
andy park idea yeah
gonna