

Homework 02

Course: Introduction to Corpus Linguistics

Due date: 2023-11-29

Relevant readings: Chapter 5 of Barth & Schnell 2022

1. Words with the prefix *un-* and the suffix *-able* can be ambiguous. For instance, *unlockable* can mean a door that cannot be locked or a door that can be unlocked. Look up the concordance of a word which has both the prefix *un-* and the suffix *-able*. Count the first 20 instances to see which of the two ambiguous meanings are more frequent. Print out the sentences in your homework (Use SketchEngine)
2. Choose an expression or sentence that is highly colloquial that has two variants – search both the variants and see which one is more frequent. Write down a summary of the results. (Use SketchEngine)
3. Tell a two-minute story on your phone in your native language (e.g., German). Try to tell the story in the most colloquial way possible. Convert the file to a .wav format.¹ Load the .wav file in ELAN with the template `elan_template.etf` posted on moodle. Provide a transcription and translation of the story in ELAN. Submit the wav file and .eaf file.

¹ You can use convertio online (<https://convertio.co/>)