Ideas about frequency:

* Use BNC
* Compare frequency of lexical items to frequency in BNC
* Must take into account the “snapshot” of BNC 80s-90s
* if frequency of words used are only slightly higher within this time period then can perhaps conclude its due to changes in language (not a change in style)
* if changes are starker, given that word changes don’t occur rapidly, can conclude a more conscious change in style

how to compare?

<http://www.nltk.org/api/nltk.corpus.reader.html?highlight=bnc#nltk.corpus.reader.BNCCorpusReader.word>

^ shows how to do the bnc thing