This document sets out how to start to formulate queries to find useful returns in large scale textual datasets. Normally, we’d also ask what type of results you want out of the system - returning full articles, or paragraphs, or sentences, but for this initial phase we’ll just be providing a count of the terms, to give a sense of how many “hits” (frequency query) you will have to set up a work flow to deal with.

For running a **frequency** query we need to define 6 parameters (some of them are optional):

1. **Target word(s) [Optional]**: None
2. **Lexicon**: Separate file, 2 lexicons; one Scots words, one English words
3. **Period of Time [Optional]**: Everything
4. **Hint count**:  Page count, and term count
5. **Treatment of words [Optional]:**None
6. **Grouping** (the frequency) **results**: Both