

To understand more of the background, please see 'Design Intent'.

What is the project?

We are building a web application for language learning. It combines the 'vocabulary approach' (focusing on mastering the most common words) and the 'corpus approach' (massive exposure to real life examples of how the language is spoken or written).

The 'Text Production Project' serves both of these purposes: on one hand, it's like compiling a dictionary, we want to produce some explanations to illustrate the meaning of a word; on the other hand, we want the explanation-text itself to be a thoughtfully-crafted sample of the language.

Basically the task is like this: "Please write a paragraph to illustrate this concept..."

Example (a paragraph defining/illustrating what a 'rainbow' is):

A rainbow is an optical and meteorological phenomenon where a spectrum of light appears in the sky when the Sun shines on to droplets of moisture in the Earth's atmosphere.

Example (a paragraph illustrating several concepts in context):

The magician performed some very entertaining optical illusions to a crowd of spectators. The audience gasped with fascination when he suddenly made an elephant disappear from the stage.

We want to **first** produce at least **one paragraph for each concept** on the 'Priority List'.

Some words on the list have only one concept each, some have several:

ABSTRACT	generalise	conceptual	summary
ACADEMY	school		
ACCESS	get to		
ACCOMMODATE	housing	adapt	
ACCOMPANY	be with		
ACCUMULATE	amass		
ACCURATE	true		
ACHIEVE	feat		
ACKNOWLEDGE	admit	recognise	

The 'Priority List' starts with the Academic Word List (560+ words), these words have a higher 'return-on-investment' for the learning effort.