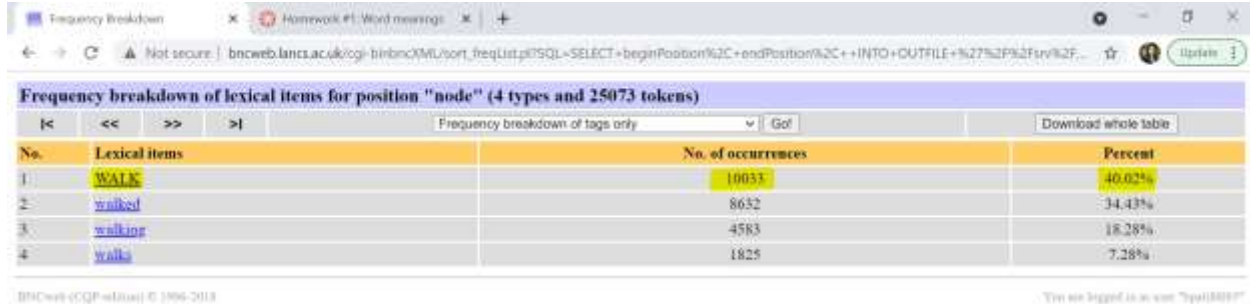


Homework #1: Word meanings

1. What is the most frequent form of the verb lemma *walk*? Is it *walk*, *walks*, *walked*, or *walking*?

- The most frequent form of lemma 'walk' is '**walk**' itself, between all its forms namely walk, walks, walked, walking.

Supporting Evidence from BNC web:



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL bncweb.lancs.ac.uk/cgi-bin/bncXML/sort_freqList.pl?SQL=SELECT+beginPosition%2C+endPosition%2C++INTO+OUTFILE+%27%2F%2Fsrv%2F.... The page title is "Frequency breakdown of lexical items for position 'node' (4 types and 25073 tokens)". Below the title is a table with the following data:

No.	Lexical items	No. of occurrences	Percent
1.	walk	10033	40.02%
2.	walked	8632	34.43%
3.	walking	4583	18.28%
4.	walks	1825	7.28%

At the bottom of the page, it says "BNCweb (CCP-netbase) © 1996-2013" and "You are logged in as user 'typat30037'".

2. What does *crepuscular* mean?

- 1st meaning: **twilight, dusk**

13	FBN 961	Many Catfish are crepuscular , that is to say they are most active during the hours of twilight around dawn and dusk.
18	HWV 2082	Hares, on the other hand, are active in a crepuscular pattern — ie, they restrict their running between their feeding sites to dawn and dusk.

- 2nd meaning: **taking more than usual time to learn or understand; lacking intellectual acuity**

10	EDJ 1305	Back at the table I was in crepuscular mood for a few minutes, then bent once more to the task of diverting the wedding guests.
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- 3rd meaning: **lacking clarity or distinctness**

9	EDJ 548	How did he burst out of his crepuscular oubliette of unnoticeability on this occasion?
17	H8R 1662	From their frail eyes and crepuscular temperaments

- 4th meaning: **lacking in light; not bright or harsh**

15	G0E 2500	And they watched the living cloud of electricity which surrounded them flickering and dancing with fingers of thin white crepuscular power; they watched the spidery web of frosted white fire greedily dancing and exploring the windows.
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3. What is the difference between *earthly* and *terrestrial*?

- *earthly*: **Of or belonging to or characteristic of this earth as distinguished from heaven**

18	ACA 726	The earthly family was divinely instituted, and devout families believed that it would be reconstituted in heaven.
22	AD1 371	She had assumed that God and goodness, and therefore luck and all earthly and spiritual rewards, were on her side.
32	ADX 539	In its upright form it represents the vertical thrust of life across sedimentary layers of earthly matter.
35	AHG 1228	And there were three documentaries, salutary at election time, about the hellish consequences of founding an earthly paradise.

- *terrestrial*: **Of or relating to or inhabiting the land as opposed to the sea or air or characteristic of the planet Earth or its inhabitants**

3	A0E 402	How far will terrestrial broadcasters compete for the rights to SPORTS coverage?
10	A2E 260	Indeed West German satellite companies are so stong that one bought exclusive German rights to Wimbledon this year, just as a similar Swedish company did there, each denying the traditional terrestrial stations access.
18	ABC 394	Dolphins also have a higher metabolic rate than terrestrial mammals of a similar size.
25	ALG 45	Other organisations are also involved in research in relation to the mountain and hill areas — the Institute of Terrestrial Ecology, the Forestry Commission, the Countryside Commission, and several university departments.

4. Write a dictionary entry for the word *tweak* (in the style of the entry for *wag* on Tuesday's slides). Base your work on Hanks's notions of norms and exploitations. What are the ways that *tweak* is used typically? What are some common exploitations of those uses?

- tweak (as *noun*): **a squeeze with the fingers, pinch**

- tweak (as *verb*):

- i. **pinch or squeeze sharply**
- ii. **pull or pull out sharply or twist**
- iii. **adjust finely or tune**
- iv. **improve the appearance or fix**

Examples for *tweak* norms:

1	A0D 1359	She bounced to the mirror to powder and tweak for a moment, catching Conroy's eye and giving him a wink.
5	ABX 165	The boy took hold of the net again, tweaking it.

8	AJU 614	Variants include: Italian tweak — In Italy and Belgium, you can either chose the list of candidates your party has preselected for you, or tick your favourite and tweak his or her name up the preselected list.
12	AS3 861	Perhaps someone could lure some, sportsmen, in tweeds into its tenebrous depths, where we could leap down on them from a great height to tweak their noses and fill their plus fours with cornflakes.
18	BP7 381	As Broom-Parker attempted to struggle to his feet, she leant forward and tweaked both ends of his moustache.

Hank's Exploitations for *tweak*: mildly hurt, refine

16	BMD 478	Many a promising liaison must have been nipped in the bud by Algernon being a duffer at flower arranging or breaking the significant corn stalk with a clumsy tweak ; and many a passion choked to premature death because Augusta absentmindedly pinched the petals off her posy of moss rosebuds and myrtle.
19	BP9 2382	Their ineffective-looking trainer was trying to stop the owners from straightening the number cloth, tidying the forelock over the headband, tweaking at the saddle and shoving their big rosettes with every ill-judged movement near the horse's affronted nostrils.