

# Britský národní korpus - základy práce s vyhledávači v BNC (Obenausová Světlana, PhDr. MLitt, Ph.D.)

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## The British National Corpus - basic guidelines to using concordancers

### Attainment targets



If you go through all texts and exercises in this chapter, you will be able to search in the BNC quite competently, using one of the best concordancers - the Web Sketch Engine, also known as Corpus Architect.

### Study guide



This chapter is written in English, because the Web Sketch Engine also operates in English and your searches will be done in English. It is not obligatory to go through all parts of this short course. However, if you want to be a competent user of the BNC, it is suggested that you go through all units, in the order as they appear, and solve all exercises. This will help you to learn not only the necessary terminology, but also to use the WSE efficiently.

If you find this course too difficult, you can do only simple searches using the BNC basic search, which is a free demo version and you will get 50 random hits from the corpus.

<http://www.natcorp.ox.ac.uk/>

This is the link to the Sketch Engine used in this course. There exist other links to a later version of the corpus, yet these new versions do not correspond with screenshots used in my course.

### Part 1 - Introduction - terminology

In this part you will learn all the necessary terminology you will need for your searches in the BNC.

[Terminology](#)

### Part 2 - Our first search

In this part you will start searching in the BNC.

[Getting started](#)

### Part 3 - Samples and frequency

You will learn how to make smaller samples and how to create frequency lists.

[Samples and frequency](#)

## Part 4 - Capitals and search fields

Do capitals matter? How can you use different search fields to get good results?

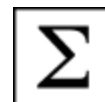
[Capitals and search fields](#)

## Part 5 - Part of speech, tags, attributes

In this part we will learn how to specify your search if you want to find e.g. water as a verb only.

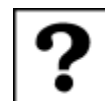
[Part of speech](#)

### Summary



You have learnt the basics and you can start searching in the BNC. If you want to learn more, go to the second part of this short course.

### Questions



1. What is the British National Corpus?
2. What is the difference between searching through lemma and word form?
3. Think about ways how to use the WSE for preparing exercises for your students.

### Key words



- concordance
- lemma
- query
- keyword
- collocation
- node tag

### References



<http://retiring.sketchengine.co.uk/login/> - we are using this version of the Sketch engine in the course.

<http://www.natcorp.ox.ac.uk/corpus/index.xml>

<http://www.natcorp.ox.ac.uk/> - BNC simple search - 50 hits only

[www.collins.co.uk/Corpus/CorpusSearch.aspx](http://www.collins.co.uk/Corpus/CorpusSearch.aspx)

<http://corpus.byu.edu/bnc/>

<http://www.americancorpus.org/> - Corpus of contemporary American English