

## KWIC LINES: LIMITING AND SORTING

In the corpora at English-Corpora.org, it has long been possible to see the KWIC lines from just part of the entire corpus. You can do this either by (1) limiting the search to part of the corpus, (2) selecting (show) [SECTIONS] and then clicking on the links for just the desired section, or (3) doing a CHART search and then clicking on just the desired section.

List Chart Word Browse +

soft NOUN [POS]?

Find matching strings Reset

Sections Texts/Virtual Sort/Limit Options

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TV/MOVIES BLOG WEB-GENL SPOKEN FICTION MAGAZINE NEWSPAPER ACADEMIC

1	2019	FIC	NewEnglandRev				in the lab, recording data from a helium-3 neutron spectrometer. # I had a <b>soft spot</b> for neutrons. In isolati
2	2019	FIC	WorldLitToday				by the railroad tracks. # I had my favorites, by then -- a <b>soft spot</b> for hanging, in particular, maybe because i
3	2019	FIC	SciFi & Fantasy				for miles. # And once I have sent my message, I find a <b>soft spot</b> upon which to sit, cross-legged, and wait. #
4	2019	FIC	Analog				Trying to penetrate the thick scaly skin would be futile, but it found a <b>soft spot</b> by the eye and delivered its :
5	2019	FIC	Fan Fic				Ted had first shown up, but it looked like the old man had a <b>soft spot</b> for young kids. The boy looked at his i
6	2019	FIC	Fan Fic				stomach churn. Even before arriving on the island, he had always had a <b>soft spot</b> for Ralph, everything abou
7	2018	FIC	Subtropics				. He lowered his head and lunged toward her. His face aimed for the <b>soft spot</b> between her legs. # Darlene
8	2018	FIC	SouthernRev				down, but at least he knows who the principal is. Stasic has a <b>soft spot</b> for the kid, who got to Brooklyn the
9	2018	FIC	NewYorker				the cop killer, has shot him. Not fatally. The boss has a <b>soft spot</b> for rebellious kids. He removes the bullet a

[1]

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soft NOUN [POS]

Find matching strings Reset

Sections Texts/Virtual Sort

	ALL	BLOG	WEB	TV/M	SPOK	FIC	MAG	NEWS	ACAD
SOFT TISSUE	1120	62	67	74	39	36	100	35	707
SOFT DRINKS	1109	123	123	42	90	83	304	296	48
SOFT MONEY	790	21	34	12	446	8	78	153	38
SOFT SPOT	867	133	110	166	63	159	135	86	15
SOFT DRINK	721	43	60	48	77	68	191	199	35
SOFT VOICE	546	12	39	10	11	351	53	52	18
SOFT POWER	421	49	53	1	64	1	51	32	170
SOFT TISSUES	328	13	23	5	6	10	41	6	224

[2]

List Chart Word Browse +

soft spot [POS]?

See frequency by section Reset

Sections Texts/Virtual Sort/Lin

SECTION	ALL	BLOG	WEB	TV/M	SPOK	FIC	MAG	NEWS	ACAD
FREQ	869	133	110	166	63	160	135	87	15
WORDS (M)	993	20.5	19.8	20.5	20.1	18.9	20.1	19.3	19.0
PER MIL	0.88	6.47	5.54	8.11	3.12	8.46	6.70	4.47	0.78
SEE ALL SUB-SECTIONS AT ONCE									

[3]

But it is also possible to limit (and sort) the results in the KWIC / Keyword in Context / concordances page itself. This is perhaps the most useful when 1) you are using many different criteria to limit the texts (such as sub-genre and also a particular year), or 2) you want to limit by the source as well (for example, a particular magazine or TV show or web site).

**HOW TO DO IT:** To limit KWIC lines, click on LIMITS in the upper right-hand corner of the KWIC page:

FIND SAMPLE: 100 200 500 1000  
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95644 ENTRIES: 73370 TEXTS (SHOW TEXT ID)  
LIMITS: NONE  
SORTING: DATE, COUNTRY

CLICK FOR MORE CONTEXT

SAVE TRANSLATE ANALYZE HELP

1	22-10-22 ??	France 24					know how Russian President Vladimir Putin could bring an end to his faltering <b>war in Ukraine</b> and save face. Western analysts see no good options.
2	22-11-01 ??	currently.att					-- as well as technical support -- to Russia for use in its <b>war in Ukraine</b> . " We are concerned about the threat picture, and we remain in constant
3	22-11-01 ??	worldbulletin.dunyabulteni					come at the worst possible time, when Europe is facing the Russian <b>war in Ukraine</b> and an energy crisis. # While the German side stressed that bot
4	22-11-01 ??	worldbulletin.dunyabulteni					is a sense of urgency for the EU to deal with the Russian <b>war in Ukraine</b> and chart out a new strategy towards China. # The Frankfurt-based daily Fr
5	22-10-23 KE	lankaweb.com					back on petroleum production and thereby helping Russia earn income vital to its <b>war in Ukraine</b> ? The answer is more complicated than the obviou
6	22-10-22 PH	philstar.com					early this year in an attempt to restore its old power. The <b>war in Ukraine</b> , however, has shown that Russia is not a serious contender for the status

You can then limit the KWIC lines by a number of different criteria, and these will vary according to the corpus that you are using. For example, for the NOW Corpus it is country, date, and source. If you select [Great Britain] for [Country], and set the [Date] to between [22-02-24] and [22-05-31] (from the first day of the war in Ukraine to about three months afterwards) and set [Source] to [guardian] (the *Guardian* newspaper), you will see the following, where there are 510 texts that match these criteria.

FIND SAMPLE: 100 200 500  
 PAGE: 1 / 6

510 ENTRIES: 385 TEXTS (SHOW TEXT ID)  
 LIMITS: COUNTRY: GB DATE: 22-02-24-22-05-31 SOURCE: guardian  
 SORTING: DATE, COUNTRY

	SORT	LIMIT	Examples / notes
Country	--	Great Britain	
Date	▼--▲	22-02-24 to 22-05-31	20-03-20 to 20-04-30
Source	--	guardian	guardian or huffingtonpost

Limit / sort

CLICK FOR MORE CONTEXT

SAVE TRANSLATE ANALYZE HELP

1	22-03-11 GB	theguardian.com	was not a failure of our nuclear mission." # As the war in Ukraine is reminding us, life with nuclear weapons is not safer or more peaceful #
3	22-03-11 GB	theguardian.com (1)	independent journalism at theguardian.com/infocus Could Nato do more to stop the war in Ukraine? # Nato has refused to intervene militarily in the Ukrain
4	22-03-11 GB	theguardian.com	have shifted over his time in office. Now, as Putin's war in Ukraine enters its third week, and the humanitarian toll of his assault grows more dire
5	22-03-14 GB	theguardian.com	of watching the war in Ukraine is giving us all brain fog # If we are not talking about the conflict
6	22-03-16 GB	theguardian.com	be normalizing earlier this year are also now feeling the impact of the war in Ukraine and face further setbacks as China imposes new lockdowns to curb nev
7	22-03-16 GB	theguardian.com	it will end the year at 4.1%. But he reiterated that the war in Ukraine was likely to lead to supply chain disruptions and higher prices." No matter

Note that you don't need to use all of the limits – just use the ones you want. And you can use some limits from the main search page of the corpus and then some more from the KWIC page. For example, you could search for *fake news* in the NOW Corpus, and limit by [United States] on the main search page. And then on the KWIC page, you could further limit to the dates [16-11-08] to [16-12-31] (the date of the US presidential elections in November 2016 and then through the end of the year), and perhaps a source like NPR (National Public Radio, in the US):

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41 ENTRIES: 6 TEXTS (SHOW TEXT ID)  
 LIMITS: DATE: 16-11-08-16-12-31 SOURCE: npr  
 SORTING: DATE, COUNTRY

Note: on the [SECTIONS] part of the [main search page](#) or from a link in a CHART, you are already limiting the corpus to the section [ ] in the corpus.

So if you limit the results using the criteria below, you are just further limiting that portion of the corpus, NOT all of the possible tokens in the corpus. And sometimes this will result in no KWIC lines at all. For example, if you have already limited the results to a particular time period or genre (on the main page) and then you limit the KWIC lines (below) to a different time period or genre, you won't see any KWIC lines.

	SORT	LIMIT	Examples / notes
Country	--	.....	
Date	▼--▲	16-11-08 to 16-12-31	20-03-20 to 20-04-30
Source	--	npr	guardian or huffingtonpost

Limit / sort

CLICK FOR MORE CONTEXT

SAVE TRANSLATE ANALYZE HELP

1	16-11-12 US	NPR	and what we do, to favor journalism over a government press release or a fake news website. Since we are asking for your support, we owe you a
2	16-11-20 US	NPR	media companies play in monitoring fake news? NPR's Rachel Martin talks to Vivian Schiller, former head of Twitter
3	16-11-20 US	NPR	CEO Mark Zuckerberg underscored what his company is doing to stop the spread of so-called fake news. # To talk more about this and the broader role of social media
4	16-11-20 US	NPR	there's a lot of definitions flying around of what we mean when we say fake news. And there's also a lot of pitfalls and I think some misguided
5	16-11-20 US	NPR	. # MARTIN: So let's go slow in the conversation. What is fake news, as you understand it? # SCHILLER: So my definition of fake
6	16-11-20 US	NPR	fake news, as you understand it? # SCHILLER: So my definition of fake news is a content-like object that is a story, an article, a video
7	16-11-20 US	NPR	said that the speech had endorsed Donald Trump. That's the perfect definition of fake news. It was intentionally designed to deceive. # MARTIN: So what has

Sometimes the corpus won't let you combine certain limits in the main search page, such as sub-domains (like Magazine-Sports) and years (for example 2016-2017) in COCA. The ability to select some limits in the main search page and then some more in the KWIC page is a way around this.

You could also use Virtual Corpora to limit the texts, especially when limiting by source. But Virtual Corpora take a bit more planning, whereas you can just impose new limits in the KWIC page "on the fly".

## SORTING THE KWIC LINES

In addition to limiting the KWIC lines, you can also sort them, using as many as three different levels of sorting. To access this feature, click on SORTING in the upper right-hand corner of the KWIC page, and then **click on the -- for any of the sort levels**, clicking in order of the sorting that you want to use.


FIND SAMPLE: 100 200 500 1000  
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52452 ENTRIES: 40266 TEXTS (SHOW TEXT ID)  
LIMITS: | DATE: 22-02-01-22-09-13

SORTING: DATE ▲, COUNTRY

	<input type="checkbox"/> SORT	<input type="checkbox"/> LIMIT	Examples / notes
Country	2	-----	
Date	▼ 1 ▲	22-02-01 to 22-09-13	20-03-20 to 20-04-30
Source	--		guardian or huffingtonpost
<input type="button" value="Limit / sort"/>			

CLICK FOR MORE CONTEXT				SAVE	TRANSLATE	ANALYZE	HELP
1	22-02-01	MY	maa.theedgemarkets.com	🔍	🔍	🔍	markets took compared with American ones suggests that the increased prospects of a <b>war in Ukraine</b> are a more important reason for the market
2	22-02-01	US	hotair.com	🔍	🔍	🔍	continually claimed that it's actually the United States that is "stoking <b>war in Ukraine</b> " and they are simply responding to potential threats near t
3	22-02-02	AU	au.finance.yahoo.com	🔍	🔍	🔍	opened competition at the Beijing Winter Olympics on Wednesday as the shadow of <b>war in Ukraine</b> , and the impending arrival of Russian Preside
5	22-02-02	CA	vice.com (1)	🔍	🔍	🔍	with pro-Russian separatists in Donetsk and fighting Ukrainian regulars. (The <b>war in Ukraine</b> has been compared to the war front not long ago in
6	22-02-02	US	postandcourier.com	🔍	🔍	🔍	# Washington is beating the war drums again -- this time for a <b>war in Ukraine</b> that Congress hasn't authorized and the American people don't wa
7	22-02-02	US	postandcourier.com	🔍	🔍	🔍	Alexandrov # top story Mace: Don't send US troops to <b>war in Ukraine</b> # By Nancy Mace # Feb 1, 2022 # Feb 1, 2022 #

Using again the example of *war in Ukraine* in the NOW corpus, you could sort (1) by date and then (2) by country, as in the example, above. If you make a mistake or want to start over, just click on the "edit" button  (you can also click on this in the LIMIT fields, to start again on the limits).

You can also determine whether the KWIC lines are sorted in ascending ▲ or descending ▼ order. For example, in the NOW Corpus, ascending would show the oldest texts first and the newest texts at the end; and descending order would be the reverse. For example, if we sort it in descending order, it will first show articles from yesterday (13 September 2023, since this help file was written the morning of 14 September 2023), and (using the "secondary" sorting of country), AU (Australia) will appear before CA (Canada) or GB (Great Britain):

FIND SAMPLE: 100 200 500 1000  
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52452 ENTRIES: 40266 TEXTS (SHOW TEXT ID)  
LIMITS: | DATE: 22-02-01-22-09-13

SORTING: DATE ▼, COUNTRY

CLICK FOR MORE CONTEXT				SAVE	TRANSLATE	ANALYZE	HELP
1	22-09-13	AU	thewest.com.au	🔍	🔍	🔍	Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights said Russia was intimidating opponents of the <b>war in Ukraine</b> , violating the right to access informat
2	22-09-13	AU	examiner.com.au	🔍	🔍	🔍	over the past 18 months stemming from the effects of COVID and the <b>war in Ukraine</b> . # In many cases, these increased costs have been passed or
3	22-09-13	AU	afr.com	🔍	🔍	🔍	in Russia, " Sony Music said in a statement. # The <b>war in Ukraine</b> , a major grains supplier, has also sent global food prices soaring. #
4	22-09-13	AU	waterday.com.au	🔍	🔍	🔍	night to save electricity, the Paris mayor announced, as Russia's <b>war in Ukraine</b> deepens an energy crisis in Europe. # Mayor Anne Hidalgo said the
20	22-09-13	CA	ca.news.yahoo.com	🔍	🔍	🔍	local politicians who called for President Vladimir Putin to be sacked over the <b>war in Ukraine</b> faces the likely dissolution of their district council follo
21	22-09-13	CA	theglobeandmail.com	🔍	🔍	🔍	to save electricity, the Paris mayor announced Tuesday, as Russia's <b>war in Ukraine</b> deepens an energy crisis in Europe. # Mayor Anne Hidalgo said
23	22-09-13	CA	ca.news.yahoo.com (1)	🔍	🔍	🔍	the conspicuous absence of Russian Orthodox Patriarch Kirill, who supports the <b>war in Ukraine</b> . Kirill had been expected to attend the Seventh Cor
24	22-09-13	GB	heraldscotland.com	🔍	🔍	🔍	even greater motivation to succeed in the Champions League due to the ongoing <b>war in Ukraine</b> , the reason their game against Celtic is taking plac
25	22-09-13	GB	mirror.co.uk	🔍	🔍	🔍	time. More Info. 93483330 <b>War in Ukraine</b> : Has Ukraine reached a turning point in the conflict with Russia?"
26	22-09-13	GB	uk.news.yahoo.com	🔍	🔍	🔍	countries. # However, Patriarch Kirill -- a vocal supporter of the <b>war in Ukraine</b> -- cancelled his visit last month after Pope Francis stated he would r
27	22-09-13	GB	express.co.uk	🔍	🔍	🔍	that more than 15,000 would be involved due to the demands of the <b>war in Ukraine</b> . Troops from India, Laos, Mongolia, Nicaragua and Syria were

As seen, you can limit the KWIC results in powerful ways – on the fly, using multiple criteria (such as genre, date, or country; depending on the corpus), and even including source. You can also sort the results using as many as three different criteria. All of these features should make the corpora from English-Corpora.org even more useful for research, teaching, and learning.