

Similar pairs

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and with examples from BNC Soc. Science. (figure in brackets is number of examples in this corpus)

a great advantage
the main advantage

a great advantage the main advantage

(4)

Clearly, A GREAT ADVANTAGE of this particular type of participant observation is that the researchers are in the group or community and can quite openly ask as many questions as they feel necessary.

(1)

THE MAIN ADVANTAGE of elicitation procedures is that they give a relatively high degree of control over areas of linguistic ability which are being assessed.

a great deal of
a wide range of

a great deal of
a wide range of

(107)

Communal living has received A GREAT DEAL OF publicity during the last twenty years, partly as the result of the experiments with alternative lifestyles widely advocated by members of the middle classes in the 1960s.

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Sociology developed markedly in the USA too, and received more widespread acceptance there than in Britain: in many ways the USA early this century was ideal sociological material - a rapidly expanding and industrialising, cosmopolitan, immigrant - based society which was experiencing A WIDE RANGE OF social changes.

critical
very important

critical very important

(c. 25)

The notion of territoriality here is quite CRITICAL to an understanding of social action on the terraces and to the social structures that exist.

(75)

Consensus theorists allocated a VERY IMPORTANT role to values; whatever differences in expected behaviour there may be between different groups within a society they consider that a general consensus on the most significant values - central values - must exist for any society to operate satisfactorily.

abundant
numerous

abundant numerous

(18)

They had little difficulty in finding ABUNDANT evidence for this hypothesis.

(127)

The essential point, then, is that one person's "common sense" is somebody else's nonsense, and there are NUMEROUS examples of sociological and anthropological investigation questioning and exploding many common-sense notions about behaviour.

accompanied by
together with

accompanied by
together with

(59)

Furthermore, verbal communication, the prime way of exchanging meaning between human beings who have acquired spoken language, is almost invariably ACCOMPANIED BY communication in non-verbal channels.

(174)

The form of the text, TOGETHER WITH the information about place, may suggest to you, if you have previous experience of such texts, that this text derives from an interaction between street gangs.

acknowledge
recognize

acknowledge recognize

(86)

At present what we need to note is the recognition of the validity of a description in its own terms does not commit us to ACKNOWLEDGE its pedagogic relevance in principle.

(166)

Most of the extracts studied in this paper were taken from accepted and acclaimed examples of literature for children, written with what we RECOGNIZE as style.

and so forth
and so on

and so forth
and so on

(16)

This applies, presumably, to the case where one misfortune sets in train a whole sequence of further misfortunes, each confirming the child's expectation of what life has to offer him and each giving him further reason to adopt whatever behaviour - flight from reality, antisocial tendencies, AND SO FORTH - he used as a way of dealing with the original situation.

(315)

Thus successful organizations will have a high degree of role specialization (reinforcing expertise and efficiency) together with a high generality of roles (encouraging flexibility and interdependency), a continuity of leadership alongside of infusion of new leaders, AND SO ON.

apart from
except for

apart from
except for

(155)

APART FROM anything else, mill life actually inhibited social intercourse, particularly with the perpetual noise, the physical separation of machines, and the power of overseers, all of which was fully recognised at the time.

(24)

Common undertakings become difficult EXCEPT FOR those motivated by a shared desire for protection.

apparent
obvious

apparent obvious

(343)

So, argues Parkin, this APPARENT consensus is, in fact, an expression of the particular system of dominant values which operates in such societies.

(370)

Further it is OBVIOUS that other factors such as the social circumstances of the patient, his or her environment and the provision of care in the community by both formal and informal carers are also important in influencing readmission.

appropriate
suitable

appropriate suitable

(558)

However, these should not be considered as "failures", but part of the learning process during which the user, first, comes to terms with his or her dependency and, second, sets about finding out which is the APPROPRIATE path to take.

(121)

Not all sentences are interesting, relevant, or SUITABLE; one cannot just put any sentence after another and hope that it will mean something.

as a rule
generally/ in general

as a rule generally/ in general

(12)

Not surprisingly, dead metaphors AS A RULE present fewer problems to foreign learners of a language than idioms do.

AS A RULE non-parliamentary taxation fell on the shoulders of those who were better able to bear it, and hence was not exactly unpopular.

(642 + 356)

There is GENERALLY a two-year time lag in the information being made available due to the large size and complexity of the data set.

But IN GENERAL, we feel that such explanations need not be particularly powerful.

by contrast
on the contrary

by contrast on the contrary

(95)

If the people know from the start where the researcher draws the line, then the problem does not arise. Whyte, **BY CONTRAST**, found himself "personating" at an election. That is, he voted more than once, as was quite common among the people he was studying (Whyte 1955).

(55)

In Chapter 4, I will deal with the "scientific" alternative to folklinguistics: sociolinguistics. This progression from one to the other will not be presented as a journey from darkness into light. **ON THE CONTRARY**, it will become clear that scientific investigations are thoroughly imbued with the very same assumptions we find in folklinguistic speculation.

however
nevertheless/ nonetheless

however nevertheless/ nonetheless

(3164)

HOWEVER, the validity of these findings is challengeable as respondents may feel encouraged to give socially acceptable reasons for early retirement such as ill health rather than factors such as self-interest.

(357+58)

The various explanations for communication failure that have been proposed – including not taking account of properties of the stimulus array, not asking questions, failing to perceive the role of the message, and having insufficient cognitive space to monitor the activity – seem to account for many of the experimental findings.

NEVERTHELESS, a feeling of unease persists about the face validity of these accounts.

As with Cornish tin the profits were creamed by the London capitalists who financed a good many undertakings. **NONETHELESS**, the workmen were not necessarily the hapless victims of exploitation.

on the one hand
on the other hand

on the one hand on the other hand

(165)

ON THE ONE HAND, the state has to ensure the continuation of the accumulation of capital; on the other, it has to appear as a neutral arbiter of interests, thereby preserving its own legitimacy.

(338)

However, there is some reason for thinking that Freud may have had something else in mind, namely, the symbols which occur in dream life, some of which are widespread among different cultures and epochs. It is possible to tidy up Freud's theory and see the "archaic heritage" as transmitted by cultural institutions, such as religious and legal codes, as Freud himself did at times.

ON THE OTHER HAND, one can keep an open mind about the content of the id at birth, and include in it some basic symbolic material.

at last, lastly, finally, in the end

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(13)

This puzzle was **AT LAST** unravelled in a series of brilliant papers of a rather technical and mathematical nature by the English geneticist and entomologist William Hamilton (1964, 1971a, b , 1972).

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LASTLY, we might note the apparent similarity of this exercise to the traditional exercise of *précis*, the shortening of texts.

(314) **FINALLY**, one must be aware of yet another way in which social actions have meaning.

Here the discourse proceeds through a repeated grammatical structure (to X and not to Y for Z) into which different words are slotted, creating a rhythm which is **FINALLY** broken in the last phrase in a way which may seem to imitate the sense of relief and reward the prayer concerns.

(64) But **IN THE END** they maintain the conventional strong association between body and self-image.

at first, first(ly), first of all

at first, first(ly), first of all

(139)

AT FIRST he was not immortal, but became so later by deification.

(100s +114)

FIRST, any attempts at reducing expenditure on the NHS will impact most significantly upon the older groups, who are the main consumers of health care services.

FIRSTLY, the penetration of capitalism into rural areas brings about the spread of the commercial nexus, usually through the market system.

(42)

It is important to grasp two complementary elements: FIRST OF ALL the persistence into industrial society of old habits of thought about sex amongst the working class, and their gradual, not immediate, transformation throughout the nineteenth century in the context of working-class experience.

Secondly, related to this, ...

relevant, pertinent, apposite

relevant, pertinent, apposite

(421)

Before we explore the influence of "speaker's topic", we shall try to illustrate in some detail the way in which conversational participants "speak topically", by making their contributions **RELEVANT** to the existing topic framework.

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The question of a possible Manichaeian influence is particularly **PERTINENT** because Manichaeism is at heart a dualistic solution to the issue of good and evil.

(4)

For our purposes the most **APPOSITE** is the description of a course of life in terms of the growth of reputation or the loss of public standing undergone by an individual as he or she meets this or that social hazard. A hazard is an occasion on which an individual can gain the respect or risk the contempt of his fellows.

noticeably, notably, markedly

noticeably, notably, markedly

(19)

What has been NOTICEABLY lacking is any attempt to treat communication for what it is - an interpersonal, dynamic activity.

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However, changing political circumstances – NOTABLY the downgrading of public-sector intervention and the emergence of centrally-appointed development agencies – make any repetition of the GEAR model improbable.

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Auditory consciousness with its MARKEDLY linear character dependent upon the sequencing of events in time is a powerful vehicle for emotion, perhaps especially because the human voice is experienced in this mode, but it lacks the map - like quality of the inner visual panorama.

particularly, especially, specially

particularly, especially, specially

(995)

It is the poor who fare worst in relation to housing facilities, heating and indoor playspace for their children, and it is often single-parent families that are PARTICULARLY hard hit in this respect (Townsend, 1979, Chapter 13).

(827)

Within all the social services, but ESPECIALLY within education, it is often necessary to argue for increased access to the material resource of the service while simultaneously suggesting that there are aspects of the service, particularly the ideology transmitted by it, which one deplors.

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Whatever their ultimate truth or falsity, beliefs and ideologies could thus be subjected to exactly the same kind of functional analysis as other social phenomena. They had no SPECIALLY privileged status.