



a year with CQL

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[ lemma="ski|skate" & tag="V.\*" ]

[ ] criteria for the same token/position must be inside a pair of square brackets

| means OR, i.e.  
find lemma *ski* OR  
lemma *skate*

& means AND  
the word we are looking  
for must be lemma *ski*  
or lemma *skate* AND  
must be a **verb**

spaces have no function  
but make the CQL more  
readable, this query produces  
the same results  
[lemma="ski|skate"&tag="V.\*"]

\* means any number of characters  
this corpus annotates different types  
of verbs with VB VBD VBG VBN VBP  
VBZ VH VHD VHG VHN VHP VHZ VV  
VVD VVG VVN VVP VVZ tags; using  
V.\* will match all of them

can get back to camp first ? ' They laughed , and  
parents in Cumbria . What do you think ? ' Phoebe went  
months later . And that 's fairly thin ice on which to  
she moved upslope to the entrance and her numb foot  
correspondence and typing course . In practice , she learnt to

skied  
skiing  
skate  
skated  
ski

happily down the white snow . ' This is like home  
early every spring . She had learned as a girl and  
one's credibility ! But I'm making excuses already  
on the glossy groundsheet . She saved her curses  
; but it was the first time she had been away from

## JANUARY 2017

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[lc="valentine's"] [lc="day"]  
[tag="N.\*"]

lc behaves as if all words were lowercase, both *day* and *Day* will be found, *days* will not. Use lc to include instances of *Valentine's Day* misspelt in lowercase.

\* means any number of characters - this corpus annotates different nouns with NN NNZ NNS NNSZ NP NPZ NPS NPSZ tags; using N.\* will match all of them

[][][] looking for three tokens/positions (*Valentine's+Day+noun*) requires three pairs of square brackets

Century-Fox , to join an all-star cast for The St  
deciphering it - I 'm up to here with Amore ! The whole  
it out ' . May I appeal to your readers to send a  
Stevens made the perfect start to their new life with a  
eighteenth-century France ' for their traditional St

Valentine's Day Massacre  
Valentine's Day Thing  
Valentine's Day message  
Valentine's Day treat  
Valentine's day exhibition

, to be released in 1967 , he had only a minuscule  
is trivial and commercial , A cue for unleashing  
to the Members of Parliament and urge them to ' Have  
. The pair's honeymoon turned into a nightmare when  
. Two particularly charming works are ' Le jaloux

FEBRUARY 2017

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[lc="patrick's"] [lc="day"]  
[] {0,4} [lc="green"]

**{}** repetition  
**[] {0,4}** zero to four tokens/words between *day* and *green*  
**[] {4}** exactly four tokens/words between *day* and *green*  
**[tag="J.\*"] {1,3}** from one to three adjectives between *day* and *green*

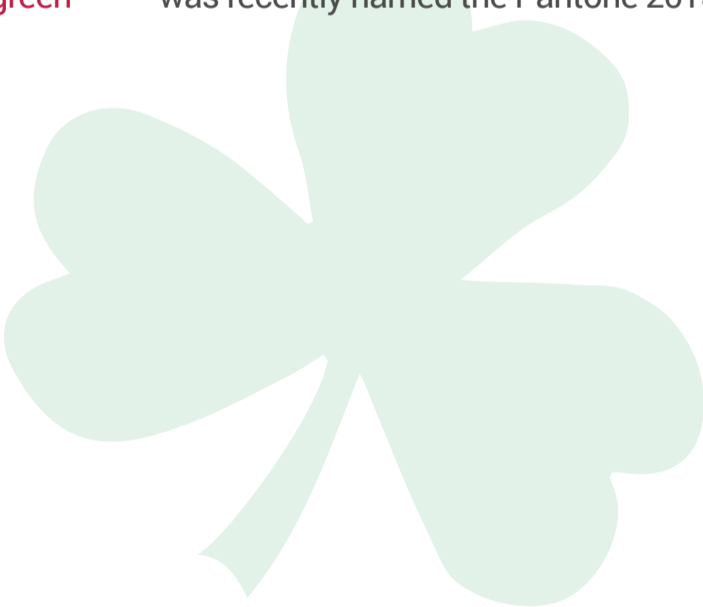
**lc lc lc** to avoid repeating the same attribute, only type the values in inverted commas and select the default attribute from the drop down. The following will produce the same: Default attribute: **lc** "patrick's" "day" [] {0,4} "green"

**spaces inside words**  
the spaces inside words such as *do n't* or *ca n't* indicate that these words are tokenized as two tokens: *do* - *not* and *can* - *not* respectively

that kinda bar . Chicago is completely Irish on St  
Year selection of emerald , one might predict a St.  
there ca n't be a tour of foods colored green for St.  
affiliate marketing payday . You may already have St.  
15 , 2013 This year , green is n't just for Saint

Patrick's Day . Green  
Patrick's Day overflowing with green  
Patrick's Day without the classic green  
Patrick's Day circled in green  
Patrick's Day . Emerald green

hair green beer green faces green Chicago River .  
ensembles . Aside from the typical college celebrations  
beer . Even a beer purist will join the crowd and  
ink , but have you also made preparations for Plant  
was recently named the Pantone 2013 color of the



MARCH 2017

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[lemma="celebrate" ] {1,6}  
"earth" "day" within <s/>

**within** searches inside something, e.g. for the word *celebrate* followed by *Earth Day* between 1 and 6 words away inside the same sentence (not at the end of one sentence and the beginning of another).

Default attribute: lc

Use **within** to search inside a lexical or grammatical structure, e.g. to find all examples of *agree* inside the structure *whether.....or not*, e.g. *whether others will agree to it or not*  
[lemma="agree"] within [lc="whether" ] {2,10}  
[lc="or" ] [lc="not"]

<s/> the whole sentence, analogically  
<p/> the whole paragraph,  
<doc/> the whole documents.  
These structures may differ in each corpus, check the corpus info page.

Use another within to search inside the same sentence.  
[lemma="agree"] within [lc="whether" ] {  
[lc="or" ] [lc="not"] within <s/>

[ ]\* means any number of words in between

other hospitals nationwide this year in time to go native than this month as we of other across the globe , though we all means to us . </s><s> There is no need to 1969 . </s><s> On April 22 , 1970 , America

celebrating the 40 th anniversary of Earth Day  
celebrate not only Earth Day  
celebrate a very special Earth Day  
celebrate 22 nd April as Earth Day  
celebrated its first Earth Day

on April 22 nd . </s><s> As a major healthcare on April 22 , but also Native Plant Appreciation April 22 and honor Mother Earth in very ; everyday should be treated as Earth Day , with an unparalleled twenty million people

APRIL 2017

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# <s/> containing "World" "Press" "Freedom" "Day"

Default attribute: word

**containing** finds all structures (sentences, paragraphs, documents or grammatical or lexical structures containing something, in the example all sentences containing *World Press Freedom Day*.

Using <s/>, <p/>, <doc/> and other long structures will result in a very long highlighted result. Use view options to change the display from **KWIC** to **Sentence** for practicality.

**containing vs. within**  
both are very similar, the difference lies in what will be highlighted in the result  
**containing** finds the structure, the structure will be highlighted  
**within** finds the word(s) inside a structure, the word(s) will be highlighted

of the press in political transformation . )  
ethically . They can lead this debate .  
on the continent and throughout the world .  
independent studies , dependent upon staffing .  
not demand vaccinations for travel to China .

May 3rd marks World Press Freedom Day .  
Let us all celebrate World Press Freedom Day !  
In 1993 this day was declared World Press Freedom Day .  
Letter from America : Celebrating World Press Freedom Day  
Another World Press Freedom Day rolls along on 3 May .

While we pause to honor those journalists who  
Trying to guess what big politician and always  
As a way of commemorating this important day  
UNESCO will convene its annual World Press  
Seminars and rallies are to be held , prizes



MAY 2017

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[word="[A-Z]{2,4}"] []?  
[lemma="stand"] [lc="for"]

The search finds acronyms used together with *stand for*.  
? makes the preceding element optional, in this case []? means one or no word between the acronym and *stand for*  
regular expression explained:  
[A-Z] any capital letter from A to Z  
{2,4} repetitions, i.e. between 2 and 4 repetitions of any uppercase letter e.g. OSN, RAM, BA, CMOS etc.

examples:  
[A-Z][0-9][A-Z] will find B2B, B2C, C2C, H2O, W3C  
[A-Z][0-9]?[A-Z] will find B2B, W3C but also WC  
(the digit is optional)  
[msn]end will find mend, send, vend  
[msn]?end will find mend, send, vend and end  
(the first letter is optional)

website and that too with very little efforts . UX & natural and technological hazards is an effective tool .  
, 4 % nickel , 4 % copper and 0.3 % niobium . The tabletop system from Sony , the XDR-S3HD . Unlike about something good . Life is all about choices !

UI Design stands for  
SMUG stands for  
PH designation stands for  
HDTV which stands for  
CMS stands for

User Experience & User Interface Design respectively  
Seriousness , Manageability , Urgency and Growth  
" precipitation hardening . " Its properties can  
High Definition Television , the HD in HD Radio stands  
Content Management System is application software

GPRSUX  
CMOS  
UX  
HDTV

JUNE 2017

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"(inter)?national"  
the first word is optional and  
the prefix is optional too

"(inter)?national"? "bikini" "day"

"[\. \?!:] "</s>

"[\. \?!:]" matches a punctuation  
between the last word and the end of the  
sentence. Because full stop and question  
mark have special functions in regular  
expressions, this special function has to  
be "turned off" with a back slash. This is  
called *escaping*.

Default attribute:

the selected default attribute  
will be used for each token  
without an attribute, this  
avoids typing [lc=" "] for each  
token

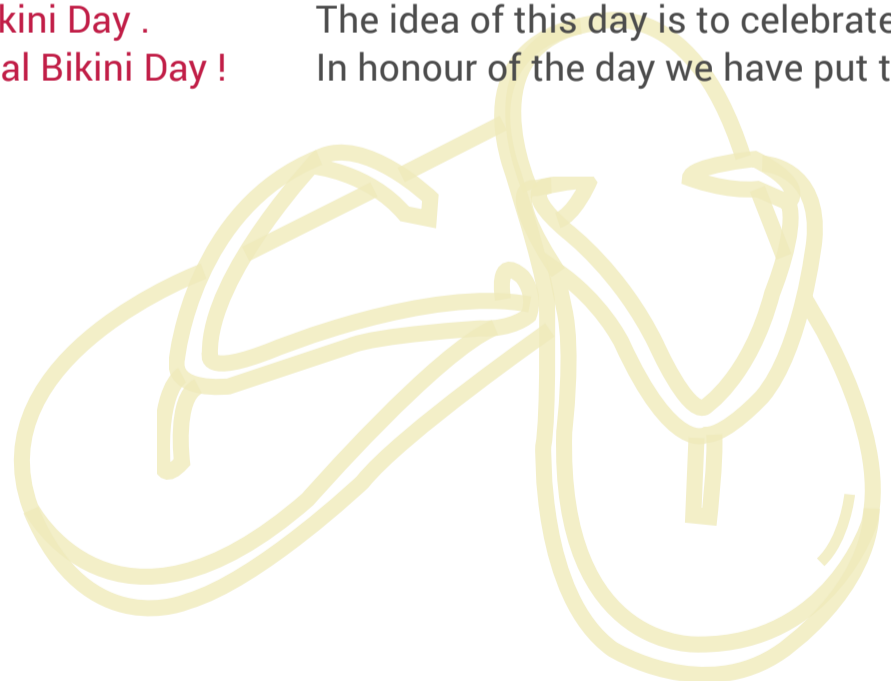
The search finds sentences ending with  
words *international bikini day*. </s>  
marks the end of a sentence.

To search for sentences starting with  
the phrase, put <s> at the beginning

Today looks to be a great day to celebrate  
, in the Marshall Islands , establishing  
beach . But did you know July 5 is known as  
Reard and since then it is celebrated as  
swimsuit , and so the 5th July is celebrated as

Bikini Day .  
International Bikini Day .  
Bikini Day ?  
Bikini Day .  
National Bikini Day !

Bikini's were the invention of Parisian  
Réard's design was much smaller than Heim's  
Yes , this very day in 1946 , the bikini  
The idea of this day is to celebrate the  
In honour of the day we have put together



JULY 2017

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(meet [tag="N.\*"]  
[word="lefth.\*"] -2 2)

**Meet** finds and highlights words/tokens found in the specified context, in this case nouns surrounded by words beginning *left* within 2 words to the left or right.

**Meet** can be used instead of a token inside another query, e.g. to find verbs preceding the above nouns:  
[tag="V.\*"] [{0,3} (meet [tag="N.\*"] [word="lefth.\*"] -2 2)

observed on August 13 of each year by many population . On one hand , throughout the among the artist was actually a lefthander . is designated International Lefthanders persecuted . On the other hand , it is said that

lefthanders  
centuries  
Leonardo  
Day  
lefthanders'

since 1976 , Left-handers Day was declared lefthanders have suffered not only from Da Vinci and Michelangelo Buonarotti Coeval by lefthanders International . It was first brains are structured differently , they



AUGUST2017

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(union  
(meet [lemma="literacy"] [tag="N.\*"] 1 2)  
(meet [lemma="literate"] [tag="R.\*"] -2 -1))

This query will combine the results of two **meet** queries and will display them combined in the same concordance.

The first **meet** query finds instances of *literacy* followed by a noun, the second query finds instances of *literate* preceded by an adverb.

under people's noses . People are becoming visually organizations worldwide set to celebrate International daytime classes can continue . As well as teaching basic 25 per cent . The 1981 census gives these figures : prime historical example of the transition to a really

*literate*  
*Literacy*  
*literacy*  
*literacy*  
*literate*

. There are exciting new developments all the time Day on September 8th . To join in the celebration , Mayor skills the unit also teaches maths and numeracy . amongst men 32.9 per cent ; amongst women 14.8 per society ' . It is important to bear this definition



## SEPTEMBER 2017

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[lc="international"] ~10"coffee-n"  
[lc="day"]

this CQL uses information from the thesaurus to look up phrases containing words similar to the word *coffee*  
~10"coffee-n" will search for the top 10 words from the thesaurus for the noun *coffee*

~"coffee-n" when no number is used, Sketch Engine will determine it automatically based on the size of the corpus  
type the word as lempos, i.e. work-n, work-v, good-j, quickly-a

, and Sweden . - The first known celebration of an  
or dark everyone loves chocolate ! And as today is  
celebration of all the things that make a brew special .  
stories , history , ingredients and how it 's made .  
and instead head out to your local cafe to celebrate

International Coffee Day  
International Chocolate Day  
International Beer Day  
International Beer Day  
International Coffee Day

was in Japan in 1983 , celebrated on October 1st  
, we thought we would investigate chocolate a little  
celebrates not only the beer , but also the brewers  
is a great opportunity to share a glass and have  
. Since every day ca n't be a coffee holiday , we



OCTOBER 2017

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1:[tag="N.\*"] [ ]{0,3} 2:[tag="V.\*"]  
& 1.lemma=2.lemma

1: 2: use numbers to label the positions for which a condition should be set

& attaches the global condition

1.lemma = 2.lemma  
the lemma of word 1 must be the same as the lemma of word 2.

The query uses global conditions to find instances of potentially clumsy stylistics: nouns followed by verbs derived from the same root, i.e. nouns whose lemma equals the lemma of the verb.

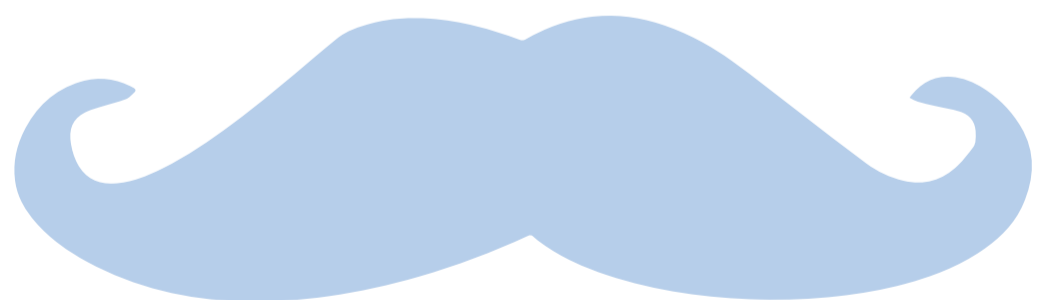
other attributes can be used in global conditions, e.g. 1.tag!=2.tag (tags are not equal)

Excise & VAT ) is 66% of the total retail Sir Robert Robinson under whom she was to that now , as she writes : ` I run my own direction . This produces a pressure for agency staff were inclined to dispose of contingency of the authority and as pay

price of a typically priced  
work was away working  
design business mainly designing  
results , which may result  
records recording  
awards are awarded

bottle of Scotch Whisky . Over the past for a government department and his students kitchens in appropriate styles for period in reports for discoveries which have n't their mistakes or not to think of information the money we drawn down from that into

MOVEMBER



NOVEMBER 2017

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**1:[tag="[NJR].\*"]**  
the first word must be a noun, adjective or adverb (tags starting with N, J and R)

**"have|will"? "be"**  
words like *will be*, *has been* must be between the words, *have* and *will* are optional

**1:[tag="[NJR].\*"]  
"have|will"? "be" 2:[ ]  
& 1.lc=2.lc within <s/>**

**within <s/>**  
ensures the whole phrase is within the same sentence

**& 1.lc=2.lc** global condition saying that the word form of the first position must be the same as that of the second position (lc makes it case insensitive)

Default attribute: lemma ▼

The query finds instances of phrases such as *enough is enough* and *boys will be boys*.

enough is enough  
enough was enough  
life is life

bygones be bygones  
boys will be boys  
men were men  
rules are rules

people are people  
past is past  
flesh is flesh

fair 's fair  
children are children  
business is business  
men are men



## DECEMBER 2017

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