

# Use of Concordances Homework Results

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Write anything you notice about the examples:

## 1. **Because**

10 examples of because of

Because of is usually used without punctuation.

Because of is used after a main clause in many cases.

Various types of word (noun, verb, adjective, etc.) are used before because.

Many words after because are pronouns.

The patterns are: [Fact] because (of) [reason]

Because (of) [reason], [fact]

Why . . . ? Because [reason]

## 2. **However**

Many new paragraphs begin with however.

However is often used at the beginning of a sentence

There are 2 examples of However, it is.

There are many examples in which a comma is used after however.

However much of a [noun] is an interesting expression.

However can be used at the end of a sentence (make their fortune at any price, however.).

The pattern is often [Sentence.] However, [contrasting sentence.]

## 3. **And**

There is only one case of a paragraph which begins with And.

And can connect either sentences or words.

There are many examples of [Noun phrase] and [Noun phrase].

There are many examples of [Verb] and [Verb].

There are several examples of [Clause] and [Clause].

There is only one example of and which begins with an uppercase letter.

All except one of the instances of and begin with a lowercase letter.

Most of the instances of and are in the middle of sentences.

## 4. **Also**

There are many examples of [Subject] also [Verb].

In many sentences, also follows the subject.

Also is used before the verb except in the case of the verb be.

There are no instances of also between commas.

A comma is not used after also.

There are no instances in which punctuation is used both before and after also.

Most instances of also begin with a lowercase letter.

Also is used after a noun, verb, or pronoun.

In most instances there is no punctuation before or after also.

There are 2 instances of but also.  
Also is not used at the end of a sentence.  
Also is not usually at the beginning or end of a sentence.  
But . . . also is a common pattern.

## **5. But**

The distribution of But and but is about 50:50.  
But connects sentences.  
But is mostly used in the middle of a sentence.  
In almost all the examples, a comma or period is used before but.  
There are many instances of ", but\_".  
There are many instances of But [Subject] [Verb].  
There is only one example in which punctuation is used after but.  
About half the sentences have but between 2 clauses.  
But is often followed by the subject of the sentence or clause.  
The pattern is often [Affirmation] but [Negation].

## **6. Such as**

All the examples are of the form . . . such as [Example].  
In many examples, such as comes before and after a noun.  
The noun after such as is sometimes a proper noun.  
No sentences begin with an uppercase letter.  
Such as is used in the middle of sentences.  
There is only one example of such as with commas both before and after.  
There are several instances of phrases in quotation marks after such as.

## **7. For example**

The actual example is sometimes before and sometimes after for example.  
In many instances, there is a comma after for example.  
In every instance, there is punctuation before and/or after for example.  
Many punctuation combinations are used before and after for example.  
In many examples, commas and periods are used before and/or after for example.  
In most examples, for example is followed by a period, comma, or no punctuation.  
A common pattern is For example, [Subject][Verb].  
For example can be used at the end of a sentence.

## **8. Besides**

There are 10 examples of besides the.  
About half the instances of besides begin with an uppercase letter.  
In most cases, the next word is the subject of the sentence.  
The next word is often a noun or pronoun.  
The next word often ends with -ing.  
Verbs are not used after besides except with -ing.  
Besides is used at the beginning or in the middle of sentences.  
There are several examples in which a question mark occurs before besides.  
There are some examples of and besides.  
There are 9 examples in which punctuation is used after besides.

In many examples, Besides is used at the beginning of a sentence.

Many new paragraphs begin with Besides.

In most instances, there is a period or comma before besides.

Many instances of besides follow a noun.

Various types of words are used before and after besides

Besides is used in several senses: in addition, in addition to, and except (e.g., and there is none to be served besides thee).

In three cases, besides follows a question mark. (It's often used in arguments.)

Besides can be used at the end of a sentence (garden tools, pots, and lots else besides.).