


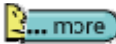

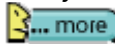

Explore Themes with a Text

This recipe explores simple themes with a user-supplied text.

Ingredients

- A topic in which you are interested
- A Thesaurus Tool such as [Eva at POETS](#)
- An Aggregation Tool such as the [TAPoR Googlizer](#)
- A Collocation tool such as the [TAPoR Find Collocates Tool](#)
- A Concordance tool such as the [TAPoR Find Words - Concordance Tool](#)
- A List Words tool such as the [TAPoR List Words Tool](#)

Recipe Steps

1. **Take** an electronic text from a source such as [Project Gutenberg](#)  or your own text which is rich in known themes;
2. **Generate** a list of words related to the theme you are interest in using a tool such as [WordNet](#) ;
3. Determine the **Sense(s)** of the words that are related to that theme ;
4. Use those words to **Build** a word list with synonyms, antonyms, and cognates using a tool such as [WordNet](#) ;
5. **Create** a concordance for your word list using [TAPoR Find Words - Concordance Tool](#);
6. **Explore** different usages of the same word using [Find Collocates Tool](#) to determine usage patterns ;
7. Repeat the above step for all words in the list.

Discussion

The Sense of a Word

A word's sense is the way in which it is used within the context of the text. Word Sense Disambiguation is the process through which the various senses of a word are considered within the context of its specific usage. A service such as [Eva at POETS](#) provides a list of senses in which a word can be used.

WordNet Service

WordNet is one of many web services available which will provide word senses, synonyms, antonyms and other related words for terms that you enter. For more information see [WordNet](#) or [Eva at POETS](#).

Exercise Steps

Glossary

Collocation

Collocation refers to the occurrence of words adjacently more often than would be expected by chance.

[A Complete Glossary](#)

<statement of origin, caveats, etc>

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