

## Appendix B: Speaking Practice With Multiword Expressions

**Instructions:** Use the [Corpus of Contemporary American English](#) (COCA) to help you complete the tasks below.

1. Select one language pattern from the list below.

Article + adjective + noun	<i>the present study</i>
Article + noun + verb	<i>the results indicated</i>
Preposition + article + noun	<i>in the context</i>
Relative pronoun + noun + verb	<i>which students learn</i>

2. Go to COCA and type that pattern into the search box. Write the 3 most frequent forms for academic texts in the space provided below. Include the number of times each one occurs in the corpus.

	Frequent form	# of times it occurs in the corpus
Example	<i>any given time</i>	117
1		
2		
3		

3. Click on the multiword expression to see how the phrase occurs in real world language. What do you notice about the forms? What types of contexts do they occur in? Why do you think they occur most frequently in academic texts? What other patterns, if any, do you notice?

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4. Consider when the phrase(s) might be used. Generate a dialog which includes one or more of the phrases you studied. Write at least four exchanges between two or more individuals.