

Introduction to Pattern Grammar

Let's take one of the patterns associated with the adjective *afraid* (Book 2, Pattern 84, page 400*)

N (personal pronoun)	v-link (verb to be)	adj (predicative adjective)	that (that clause)
<i>I</i>	<i>am</i>	<i>afraid</i>	<i>that</i>

Here are 50 concordance lines taken from the Bank of English which follow this pattern.

1. Put the adjectives together into 'meaning groups' (i.e. groups of adjectives with related meanings).
2. What are the main groups? What types of adjective are associated with this pattern?
3. Is this particular pattern associated with one or more meanings?

1 prior to--to that, but I was **afraid** that I would have problems, so I went to
 2 afraid of the strike. She was **afraid** that it wasn't going to work.
 3 of Patrick's shows. But he was **afraid** that she would be offended by close-to
 4 owner. As it matures I am **afraid** that it is likely to get worse.
 5 He told journalists: 'I am **afraid** that the present British government is
 6 talk to me.' However, she is **adamant** that polygamy is not a good thing. 'The
 7 the England kit bag. He was **adamant** that he could never find satisfactory
 8 substitute, for his pain. He is **angry** that the treatment was abandoned as too
 9 after a restless night. He was **angry** that promised medical supplies had not
 10 of the Treaty, but he was **anxious** that any new Hispano-Portuguese agreement
 11 selling them. He was **anxious** that the birds should be provided with
 12 questioned by police I am **ashamed** that I didn't know my rights. I didn't
 13 officials said they are **aware** that groups of Muslim refugees are on the
 14 to everything and if you are **aware** that what you are going to say will cause
 15 the Sun Metals dispute. I was **aware** that there was a level of dissatisfaction
 16 practitioners, and I am **certain** that some of my readers will disagree
 17 He dismissed them all. He was **certain** that the court would believe his story."
 18 up for a great deal. She was **certain** that Anna and Johannes would love it
 19 of nuclear weapons. So we are **certain** that we can test the intention of our
 20 left than I have, I am **confident** that I can complete my apprenticeship
 21 with the changes and we are **confident** that our customers will want to buy at
 22 s success of 1998. We are **confident** that the new structure will add value to
 23 with Down's Syndrome. I was **conscious** that people might say, 'It is all very
 24 within the district I was **conscious** that tenants were you know, there was
 25 Kurds' perspective, they were **fearful** that the act of releasing this evidence
 26 put it: 'Perhaps we were **fortunate** that we were born Gentiles and citizens
 27 even more nauseous, and she was **glad** that she had not been selected to play
 28 not his real name, and he was **glad** that his hunch had proved correct; he'd
 29 shops as they promised, I am **grateful** that the police protected my civil
 30 work with, you know, they were **happy** that it finally started. They look at it
 31 of the patient - said he was **happy** that adequate steps had been taken to
 32 in her last letter that she is **happy** that you'll stay a little longer, and
 33 in committee. He was **heartbroken** that this frivolous and ill-thought-out
 34 region are excellent. I am **hopeful** that an announcement in this regard can
 35 the problem. But said he was **hopeful** that the difficulties could be overcome.
 36 the state. And he was **indignant** that Mr Said should have been arrested
 37 The NHS needs more money. I am **lucky** that the treatment I have received is
 38 Mr Cook said he was **optimistic** that a few remaining points would be
 39 Mr. Miller says he is **optimistic** that the taste will match that of the
 40 the officer on this; she was **positive** that her report was accurate. An attempt
 41 either side. He said: 'I am **proud** that two great English clubs are
 42 about working part-time. I am **proud** that the Met is recognising the need to
 43 the new qualifications, and I am **sure** that your school is trying to anticipate
 44 Mark Ella. But one day I am **sure** that Jonny will be England's fly-half. It
 45 onto the cinders. We were **thankful** that we didn't have to attend this
 46 Tony has died but we are **thankful** that his wife is not too badly hurt. She
 47 Secretariat of State he was **unaware** that the Vatican was already secretly
 48 Sgt Hayes also said he was **unaware** that the couple owed money to the
 49 Sue Lawley. 'I was **unhappy** that we were taking photographs of them
 50 to rebuild as it is, and I am **unsure** that your excessive attention to their

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Worksheet 2B

Let's take one of the patterns associated with the verb *manage* (Book 1, Pattern 8, page 87*),

N (pronoun)	adv	Verb	to-infinitive
<i>I</i>	<i>finally</i>	<i>managed</i>	<i>to prove</i>

Here are 50 concordance lines taken from the Bank of English which follow this pattern.

1. Put the verbs together into 'meaning groups' (i.e. groups of verbs with similar or related meaning).
2. What are the main groups? What types of verbs are associated with this pattern?
3. Is this particular pattern associated with one or more meanings?

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. for an allied attack before he 2. and "After the Ball," before he 3. for the first album. Even when they 4. and was cold and tired when she 5. by his experience in Tunis. When he 6. immaturity of men. That was when I 7. win the second at a gallop, they 8. to go home to bed. Even so, she 9. critics and other artists. When they 10. He drove for three days, and when he 11. mine of information. From him, I 12. sit staring for hours and hours. I 13. the country we wanted to live on. we 14. he claims was involved and why he 15. another source of trouble, they 16. who had emigrated to Germany, he 17. a challenge-something tougher. I 18. moans and screeches. Terrified, he 19. and broke into their cars. She 20. band. It's just ironic that when we 21. would wreck their romance. They 22. in April and three months later he 23. to her computer screen. When she 24. even refused to even see me. When I 25. I wasn't even embarrassed when we 26. change these procedures. When we 27. wall behind the bedstead. When he 28. huge sense of relief. But when I 29. life, Lady James reflects, that she 30. had adult and tense overtones. I 31. days they had together after they 32. of being pushed around before we 33. But he never returned home. When I 34. pill herself. "It wasn't easy but I 35. murderer Fred West has told how she 36. was not the right one. And when she 37. Moore lifted the World Cup, they 38. to such a point, I am told, that he 39. called the police! And after you 40. page prepared statement in which he 41. his parents' Merseyside home as he 42. feel his thoughts were far away. He 43. the blinds of his hotel room when he 44. but none of them would talk. When I 45. Apart from saying that when they 46. they tormented him without mercy; he 47. that determined how and why he 48. I took it as a good sign that as I 49. on and off for several years, and I 50. and more and more, and--and when I | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. finally 2. finally 3. finally 4. finally 5. finally 6. finally 7. finally 8. finally 9. finally 10. finally 11. finally 12. finally 13. finally 14. finally 15. finally 16. finally 17. finally 18. finally 19. finally 20. finally 21. finally 22. finally 23. finally 24. finally 25. finally 26. finally 27. finally 28. finally 29. finally 30. finally 31. finally 32. finally 33. finally 34. finally 35. finally 36. finally 37. finally 38. finally 39. finally 40. finally 41. finally 42. finally 43. finally 44. finally 45. finally 46. finally 47. finally 48. finally 49. finally 50. finally | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. agreed to cooperate with the UN 2. agreed to give up what he called 3. agreed to let me produce myself 4. agreed to take a pill about 3am 5. arrived to see for himself what 6. began to think for myself, and it 7. began to wake up and get behind 8. began to feel safe. She had since 9. came to accept this work 10. came to realize what he was doing 11. came to understand the process by 12. came to understand that he was 13. chose to move to the Pacific 14. chose to resign 3 hrs. 21 minutes 15. condescended to give her a form to 16. consented to go in return for the 17. dared to admit to myself that I 18. dared to look outside, and saw two 19. decided to act when her son's 20. decided to call it a day one of 21. decided to go public last month 22. decided to take the plunge. Ian 23. deigned to speak to him, it was to 24. did get to see FX came out and 25. emerged to find a queue of 26. got to see a doctor with Jessie, 27. got to sleep, the dreamer found 28. got to talk to him later that 29. grew to value her own father's 30. learned to cook when I left home 31. learned to listen to each othe 32. managed to get on a train out of 33. managed to get hold of him he said 34. managed to persuade a friend to go 35. managed to rebuild her shattered 36. promised to look more minutely at 37. promised to put that right. <p> A 38. refused to make any French 39. returned to collect the car, why 40. started to discuss some of the 41. started to become aware of the 42. started to speak, although he did 43. succumbed to sleep. He awoke with 44. threatened to invite Ross Benson 45. tried to play, they were found 46. tried to fight them," T.R. 47. tried to deal with domestic 48. wanted to take possession of the 49. wanted to know what they were." 50. went to work, then I started |
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Let's take one of the patterns associated with the noun *time* (Book 1, Pattern 4, page 297*),

Subject	Verb	Noun	to-infinitive
<i>it</i>	<i>takes</i>	<i>time</i>	<i>to heal</i>

Here are 50 concordance lines taken from the Bank of English which follow this pattern.

1. Put the nouns together into 'meaning groups' (i.e. groups of verbs with similar or related meaning).
2. What are the main groups? What types of verbs are associated with this pattern?
3. Is this particular pattern associated with one or more meanings?

1. when a draft begins this badly, it takes **ages** to sort it out." Greens go
2. are medium spiced and so filling, it takes **ages** to eat a pack. They are also
3. so on. Even if we did get new ones, it takes **ages** to adapt them so they can be
4. once, Stephen. Today of all days." It takes **balls** to face up to realities,
5. s Best Selling Business Magazine." It takes **balls** to run that sort of slogan,
6. making is the new rock'n'roll, it takes **brains** to be more than a one-hit
7. and instinct of a lifetime. It takes **bravery** to dare to trust one's
8. and brave enough--because it takes **bravery** to change and to bring perfect,
9. has a lot of character flaws. It takes **character** to resign and I don't
10. downtown Petra. I say climb", but it takes **character** to defy the locals on-the-
11. person, it's hard to handle. It takes **commitment** to keep up.' To go this
12. about the young Esther -- and it takes **confidence** to carry on with a
13. when people get into a rut it takes **courage** to change. But the choice
14. about what was happening because it takes **courage** to do the right thing. He
15. live and work with others as well. It takes **courage** to say what you think and
16. of like an envelope. Apparently it takes **days** to learn how to do the perfect
17. the entry of take at work and like it takes **days** to go through it 'cos it's
18. manager of HSBC bank, admits that it takes **decades** to check the progress of
19. to chewing tobacco. Given that it takes **decades** to build the kind of
20. of strong, sculpted, sexy legs. It takes **determination** to reshape your body
21. free, enjoyable evening. But it takes **discipline** to use this technique
22. It's what you're meant to do." It takes **discipline** to be involved, not to
23. seen each other the week before. It takes **effort** to keep friendships going,
24. investment of time and effort. It takes **effort** to be on time. Reliability
25. language, and we know that it takes **energy** to do things. For example,
26. find the energy necessary to grow. It takes **energy** to be a healthy man. The
27. You won't be selling our house. It takes **enthusiasm** to flog a sodding tea-
28. even to folks with a good eye. It takes **experience** to know how to get
29. you will be unable to walk again." It takes **faith** to hold on to a cure or
30. language" of its surroundings. It takes **generations** to build up tolerances
31. the media having a go at you. But it takes **guts** to do the job properly. Clubs
32. year to promote the 's lifestyle. It takes **guts** to do what they do, and when
33. when Parliament reassembles, it takes **hours** to deal with them. For a
34. of guy. When your kid is sick, it takes **hours** to reach a doctor. You
35. in the British House of Commons, it takes **ingenuity** to use concern about the
36. between unrelated individuals. It takes **intelligence** to monitor the level
37. out of trouble and off the street. It takes **intelligence** to know right from
38. to the classic version, but it takes **minutes** to cook. And it won't break
39. problems and some may fold. It takes **money** to run shows and trials, and
40. as they did before their babies. It takes **months** to develop a proper lump but
41. trade unions that oppose reform. It takes **months** to get a new idea accepted
42. have quit years ago. Dick said it takes **nerve** to do what you did. Myers?" I'
43. get much practice in writing them. It takes **practice** to get the knack. You will
44. plan. Credit where it is due. It takes **skill** to hold the attention of Congress
45. for next year on the grounds that it takes **time** to build up enough expertise
46. But then after while--you know, it takes **time** to heal, and I'm still not
47. television, and they insisted it takes **time** to develop new programs and
48. and columnist Linda Gilbey. It takes **years** to crack the code of Northern
49. stretch them. Time is essential - it takes **years** to undo psychological damage.
50. regulatory bodies before: It takes **years** to get them up and running."