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

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<th>adj (predicative adjective)</th>
<th>that (that clause)</th>
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<td>I</td>
<td>am</td>
<td>afraid</td>
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Here are 50 concordance lines taken from the Bank of English which follow this pattern.

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 current 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 angry that any new Hispanic-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 this way: we were born with a perfect set of theorists. We were fearful that she had not been selected to play
27. even more nauseous, and she was glad that his hunch had proved correct; he'd
28. not his real name, and he was glad that the police protected my civil
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. of nuclear weapons. So we are certain that we can test the intention of our
35. The NHS needs more money. I am lucky that the treatment I have received is
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. Secretary 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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Let’s take one of the patterns associated with the verb manage (Book 1, Pattern 8, page 87*).

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<td>I</td>
<td>finally</td>
<td>managed</td>
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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?

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

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<td>it</td>
<td>takes</td>
<td>time</td>
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Here are 50 concordance lines taken from the Bank of English which follow this pattern.

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--cautious. 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 try 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 days to learn how to do the perfect
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 what they do, and when
32. year to promote the 's lifestyle. It takes guts to deal with them. For a
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."

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