Introduction to Pattern Grammar

Here are 50 concordance lines taken from the Bank of English for the adjective *afraid*.

1. How many different meanings does *afraid* have?
2. Identify some of the most frequent grammatical patterns associated with *afraid*.
3. Are these different meanings associated with particular patterns?

1. "here, Lieutenant Andrews?" I'm afraid I can't make any comment at this
2. Laughs) Literally. Gwendolen: I'm afraid I don't have experience in anything
3. here, Lieutenant Andrews?" I'm afraid I can't make any comment at this
4. can't tell you. 3rd MAN: I'm afraid I can't help you- except with
5. light to encourage others. I'm afraid I had to laugh when Mr Blunkett
6. over. So on to the World Cup. I'm afraid I'm not all that convinced Colin
7. get him to change his behavior, I'm afraid we're going to have to show that we
8. showing a fallen elm nearby, I'm afraid we've just cut it down!" Oh, never
9. her an amicable grin. Well, I'm afraid you are out of luck. This one is
10. living on his royalties. But I'm afraid Billy's got it wrong again. He
11. fan ended on an upbeat note. I'm afraid England were out for a hundred and
12. indeed. Belgium, deja vu? Yes, I'm afraid, folks, it's beginning to look that
13. tax prior to--to that, but I was afraid that I would have problems, so I went to
14. really afraid of the strike. She was afraid that it wasn't going to work.
15. of Patrick's shows. But he was afraid that she would be offended by close-to
16. in numerical order, but I was afraid that his poor social skills would
17. that's what I was afraid of. I was afraid that nobody would believe me.
18. oman without using condoms but I am afraid that's going to put them off.
19. end of some of this stuff. And I'm afraid that if more comes out, it's just a
20. when we start getting close as I'm afraid that if we have sex, they will
21. Still. I stood there. I was afraid that if I opened the door, I should
22. I had regained my equilibrium; I was afraid that if she thought I was still in
23. got her hands full ... and kick, I'm afraid that if I lean too hard on him for
24. would go after it full tilt. He was afraid that if anyone started looking for
25. already had. They were shy and afraid of being criticized for the way
26. they're afraid--I sense they're afraid of being blamed. They're afraid
27. program, software. Many people are afraid of being overwhelmed by the
28. gassed in his bedroom. He was also afraid of being poisoned and he had his
29. crime was soaring because cops were afraid of being branded racists. He said
30. for me though. At the time I wasn't afraid of being caught as it was exciting.
31. know, the beauty of the art, but I'm afraid that's not what our students see
32. love may work for some but I'm afraid it will not work for you. You need
33. That's what I'd like to do, but I'm afraid I'm not very good at it which
34. won Book of the Year but I'm afraid I could not understand what he said
35. so much on that outfit, but I'm afraid you have not won an award this
36. She won't mind. But he was so afraid of hurting you and of your
37. is not your transmission, but he's afraid of feeling foolish in front of the
38. Her ex-husband said she used to be afraid of flying but conquered her fear
39. no longer grasp the oars and he was afraid of dying in the blackness of the
40. with a family, yet part of me is afraid of commitment. I don't want to get
41. But he's so sharp--and he's not afraid of working hard. And at his age he's
42. did not appear to be at all afraid of death. As a dying man, I can
43. a risk, but she was not one to be afraid of risks. 'Tell me, Shaerl. I want
44. First of all, banks are still afraid to loan. They're really very
45. fear. Techno fear is when people are afraid to press the buttons of a machine
46. in that I have a skipper who's not afraid to lead from the front. The
47. in the action and Chereau is not afraid to tell it how it was - Charles IX
48. that Halli and others like him were afraid to rock the boat, believing that
49. the old girl sick? They mustn't be afraid to tell me. I want to know. I know

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1. How many different meanings does manage have?
2. Identify the most frequent grammatical patterns associated with manage.
3. Are these different meanings associated with particular patterns?

1. If you can afford it, and if you can manage it, that's the way to go. 'As rice
2. leave for a few days? I think he can manage it. And I've telephoned Rachel. She'
3. formally, 'I'm so pleased you could manage it. Won't you come inside?' The
4. overflow; some people can never manage it, especially in our century,
5. concerns as well, as to how we will manage it. And appreciate that until you'
6. exercising because they just cannot manage it anymore, but some struggle on,
7. us instead." Of course, no one ever managed to prove that the two policemen we
8. T Alex was in bed when he finally managed to get upstairs, his first hours
9. a colleague and I eventually managed to restrain him. There was a lot
10. three years. Sophie has finally managed to quit heroin and has been clean
11. enough to hold on until we somehow managed to pull him to the deck where he
12. collapsed on my single bed. He then managed to finish the scotch and screw me.
13. and explained why. 'How will you manage?' Senna asked. 'I'll be all right.
14. went their way unchecked. How can we manage?' Aimee Diderot asked. 'I should
15. feel my way and guide you." Can you manage?" Rick's voice vibrated. 'It's like
16. How's it all going, how are you managing? Elsie said this evening, people
17. days a week for 26 weeks. How do you manage?" Danny: 'This is the technical
18. success. That is to say that he is managing to get the things published and,
19. according to Greg, because he was managing to keep on working at more or less
20. SEXY girl band Back Alley have been managing to make a name for themselves. For
21. around because fewer people are managing to fiddle the taxman. He also
22. said: 'This shows our staff are managing to do a very good job despite
23. busy and run off our feet but are managing to cope. I thought we were doing fine
24. on how well their country was managing the environment. 'Australia's
25. period of that--time I have been managing this campaign, Mr. Perot and I
26. the incompetent way ministers are managing the NHS." IRA back on war
27. her grandfather. One day you'll be managing all this, Nicky," he told her. She
28. manner in which Ernst and Young are managing the project. The EC confirmed that
29. supply of everything you need to manage and save your money and your time!
30. learn techniques that allow you to manage and deal with stress more
31.500 left behind at Clark Air Base to manage and provide security. He says the
32. solution- a not-for-profit trust to manage and maintain the track and
33. a few weeks ago, they were able to manage and motivate a staff of 20 and
34. the target of misguided attempts to manage costs to the employer who buys the
35. about weight helps the therapist to manage medical situations that might
36. solution, of using displacement to manage her pain, this cultural defense,
37. ideas. Delores, the alter trying to manage life and the demands of this world,
38. differed, however, on how best to manage the transition from an agrarian
39. and denied states the right to manage their own affairs; he also
40. and mango sauce. Middlethorpe is managed by Malcolm Broadbent and is owned
41. within the piles. But a study managed by Britain's Natural Environment
42. rights of the user on rivers are managed by British Waterways and the
43. in August. The lucky duo are being managed by Whitney Houston's artist to.
44. the same name. The mine will be managed by giant UK mining house RTZ,
45. CARTY Pat Carberry, 34, has managed a Kwik Save store in Handsworth,
46. Minister and Frank Dobson have mis-managed the NHS. Nor will it impress the
47. his own ability were unfounded; he managed the London Office efficiently and
48. of seven hotel clubs. She has managed the Fulham branch for four months.
49. a former senator from Berlin and managed the German business of Citibank,
50. million deal with IBM. Big Blue will manage the Co-op's network of cash

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1. Caddick his fourth wicket, the first time he has taken so many in a one-day match.
2. And even then, this is the third time you work on that document, you can see how much more.
3. We tend to do better the second time we take a test, after we have slept together is at weekends but hadn't planned but it's come at a great time in both their lives. They're both thrilled.
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