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ABSTRACT

The study aimed to investigate the substitution of three verb synonyms, namely *catch*, *grab*, and *grasp*, focusing on the similarities and differences in terms of lexical information, collocation information, and degree of formality. The data was obtained from two lexical resources: MacMillan Dictionary Online (2016) and the 520 million word Corpus of Contemporary American English (COCA). The findings revealed the similarities of these synonyms since they contained a share meaning of “to hold something/someone.” The examples are “...Kate, who *caught* it with one hand...., He *grabbed* the knife, She *grasped* his hand....” The findings also disclosed differences of these synonyms. Regarding the lexical information, it was additionally found that each synonym contained other specific meanings, for example, *catch* can be also defined as “to get disease or illness” e.g. He *caught* the flu...., *grab* can be also defined as “to eat quickly or sleep for a short” e.g. I’ll *grab* a sandwich, *grasp* can be also defined as “to get the meaning and understanding something” e.g. ...it difficult to *grasp* the rules of the game. Considering the collocation information, the investigation showed that each synonym mostly had different collocates, for example, the noun collocate most frequently used with *catch* was “eye”, with *grab* its was “arm,” and with *grasp* it was “hand.” In addition, the results showed that the degree of formality of these synonyms was at a low level since they frequently occurred in fiction. It can be seen from the study that these three verb

synonyms may be substitutable only in certain contexts. Thus, carefully using these English synonyms in appropriate contexts is necessary, especially for L2 English learners.

Keywords: Synonym, Corpus, COCA, Lexical Information, Collocation, Formality



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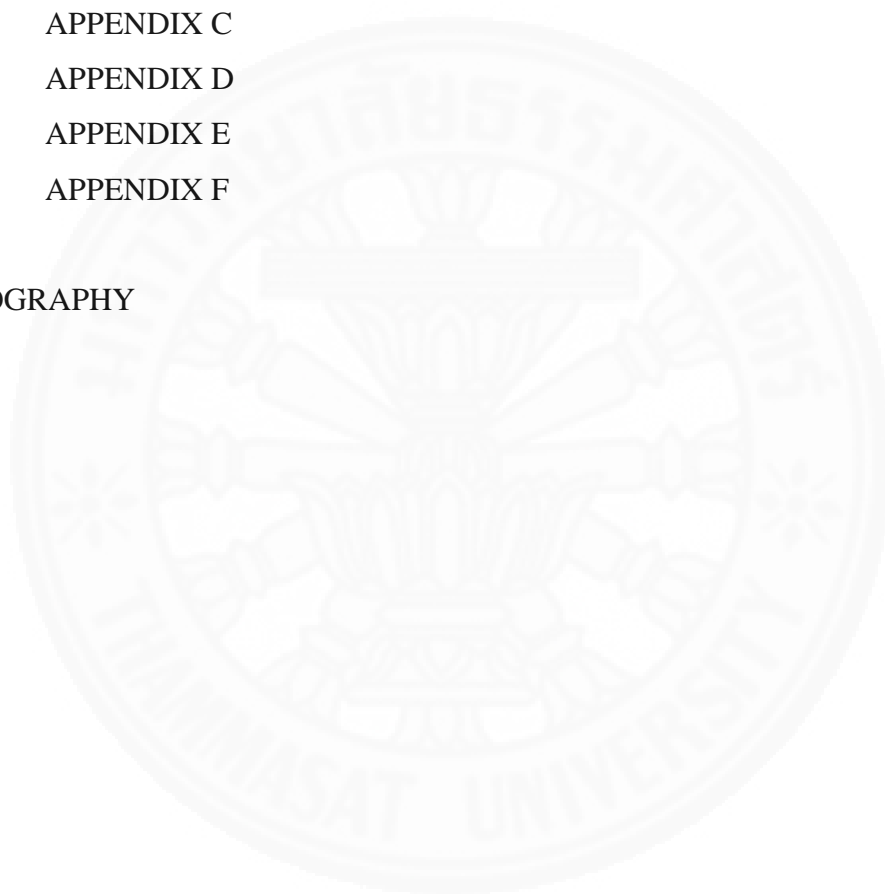
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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

Symbols/Abbreviations	Terms
COCA	The Corpus of Contemporary American English
KWIC	Key word in context
BNC	British National Corpus
SWECCL	Spoken and Written English Corpus of Chinese Learners
L1	Speaker's First Language
L2	Speaker's Second Language

CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1 BACKGROUND

Imagine the gesture of holding something, and some verbs relating to the “holding” gesture, such as *catch*, *grab*, and *grasp*. These three verbs are synonyms or “different phonological words which have the same or very similar meanings” (Saeed, 2009, p. 65), which can be found in dictionaries for English learners, e.g. the Oxford Learner Dictionary Online (2016) gives *grab* and *grasp* as synonymous verbs of *catch* in English.

Synonymy in the English language allows learners to use synonyms as a technique for avoiding word repetition in communication; however, Harley points out that words are not replaceable with synonyms in every context (2006). For example, picture the action of taking a taxi; the synonyms that can be used in the context are *catch* (a taxi) or *grab* (a taxi), but not *grasp* (a taxi).

In light of the above, an extensive corpus-based study on English synonyms was carried out in order to investigate the substitutable use of three synonymous verbs, namely *catch*, *grab*, and *grasp*, by examining the similarities and differences in terms of their lexical information, collocation information, and degree of formality. The data was gathered from two actual language resources: the first was the MacMillan Dictionary Online (2016), which represents a traditional lexical database, and the other one was the 520 million word Corpus of Contemporary American English (COCA).

The corpus was selected as the major tool to analyze the similarities and differences of *catch*, *grab*, and *grasp*, as it is a significant pool of texts containing up-to-date data, which increases the validity of the study. In addition, the texts were systematically collected from various lexical resources in both written and spoken languages. The Corpus of Contemporary American English (COCA) is one of the popular corpus tools that is widely used to carry out linguistic studies, as it contains more than 520 million words from five different resources: spoken, fiction, popular

magazines, newspapers, and academic texts. The Corpus of Contemporary American English (COCA) also regularly updates its data, with December 2015 as the latest update. In addition, the Corpus of Contemporary American English (COCA) is accessible freely, enabling users to search for linguistic data such as the frequency of words, phrases, and grammatical constructions.

Due to time limitations, this corpus-based study focused on only the similarities and differences in terms of lexical information, collocation information, and the degree of formality. Only the past simple tense and past participle forms of the synonymous verbs were used, which are *caught*, *grabbed*, and *grasped*. Moreover, the collocation information focused only on the noun collocates of each synonym. However, in order to extensively investigate the substitutions of the synonyms *catch*, *grab*, and *grasp*, other related aspects such as stylistic and the grammatical patterns as well as expanding the scope to other forms of these synonyms are suggested to be explored in future studies.

The structure of this paper is as follows. Chapter 2 contains the review of literature, which focuses on the related previous studies. Chapter 3 details the research methodology addressing the targeted synonyms, the materials and the statistical procedure. Chapter 4 discusses the results. Chapter 5 draws conclusions and makes recommendations for future research studies. The last two chapters are the references and appendices of this study.

1.2 OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY

1.2.1 To investigate the similarities and differences of three synonymous verbs, which are *catch*, *grab*, and *grasp*, in terms of their lexical information using the MacMillan Dictionary Online (2016).

1.2.2 To investigate the similarities and differences of three synonymous verbs, which are *catch*, *grab*, and *grasp*, in terms of their collocation information using the MacMillan Dictionary Online (2016) and the Corpus of Contemporary American English (COCA).

1.2.3 To investigate the similarities and differences of three synonymous verbs, which are *catch*, *grab*, and *grasp*, in terms of their degree of formality using

the MacMillan Dictionary Online (2016) and the Corpus of Contemporary American English (COCA).

1.3 RESEARCH QUESTIONS

1.3.1 What lexical information do *catch*, *grab*, and *grasp* contain?

1.3.2 What is collocation information of *catch*, *grab*, and *grasp*?

1.3.3 What is the degree of formality of *catch*, *grab*, and *grasp*?

1.4 STATEMENT OF THE PROBLEM

English-language learners may acknowledge that *catch*, *grab*, and *grasp* have shared meaning as an action of holding something, and these words are called synonyms. However, the problem of using synonymous words is that English learners may not know which words can be properly used in certain contexts and may be confused about whether the synonyms are replaceable in actual use. This may cause English learners to have communication problems. This study sought to explore the actual use of these English synonyms in order to increase the synonymy comprehension for English-language learners and linguists.

1.5 DEFINITION OF TERMS

1.5.1 **Synonym** is a word which contains similar meaning as another word, e.g. *welcome* is a synonym for *greet* (MacMillan Dictionary Online, 2016).

1.5.2 **Corpus** is a collection of written and spoken language stored on computer and used for language research and writing dictionaries (MacMillan Dictionary Online, 2016). This study uses the Corpus of Contemporary American English (COCA) as a main research material.

1.5.3 **Lexical Information** is information relating to words or the vocabulary of a language as distinguished from its grammar and construction (Merriam-Webster Dictionary Online, 2016).

1.5.4 **Collocation** is “the habitual co-occurrence of two or more words” (Stubbs, 1996, p. 176), for instance, *commit a crime* is a typical collocation in English (Longman Dictionary of Contemporary English Online, 2016).

1.5.5 **Formality** is the careful attention to polite behavior and language in formal situations (Longman Dictionary of Contemporary English Online, 2016).

1.6 SCOPE OF THE STUDY

Catch, *grab*, and *grasp* were the English synonyms selected as the focus for this corpus-based study. The investigation specifically investigated these synonyms in only the past simple tense and past participle forms: *caught*, *grabbed*, and *grasped*. The data was obtained from two lexical sources: a traditional lexical database, i.e. the MacMillan Dictionary Online (2016); the other was the Corpus of Contemporary American English (COCA), a compendium of up-to-date American-English texts during 1990 to 2015. The investigation mainly focuses on the similarities and differences of these three synonymous verbs in terms of lexical information, collocation information, and the degree of formality. Regarding collocation information, only noun collocates were explored in this study.

1.7 SIGNIFICANCE OF THE STUDY

The study, which is based on corpus analysis, shows the current actual use of three synonyms: *catch*, *grab*, and *grasp*. Although they are considered synonyms since their shared meaning relates to the action of holding something, this study revealed that each synonym has more than one definition. They also have their own collocations that frequently occur together, and they are used differently in various contexts. This results of this study may enable English-language learners to choose the appropriate synonym among *catch*, *grab*, and *grasp* for the right context.

1.8 LIMITATIONS OF THE STUDY

There were some limitations that may restrict the results of this research study. Firstly, the investigation of the three synonymous verbs *catch*, *grab*, and *grasp* focused on their similarities and differences regarding only three aspects: lexical information, collocation information, and the degree of formality; furthermore, these synonyms were studied only in the form of past simple tense and past participle tense, which are *caught*, *grabbed*, and *grasped*. Finally, the collocation information focused on only the top-twenty ranked noun collocates of the synonyms.

1.9 ORGANIZATION OF THE STUDY

This paper is organized as follows. Chapter one is the introduction. Chapter two is the literature review focusing on the fundamental structure of the verbs *catch*, *grab*, and *grasp*, the theoretical information of synonymy, basic information on corpus, the criteria used to distinguish the synonyms, and the relating previous studies. Chapter three contains the research methodology addressing the targeted synonyms, the materials, the statistical procedure, and the data analysis. Chapter four reveals the results and discusses the findings. Chapter five draws conclusions and makes recommendations for future research studies.

CHAPTER 2

REVIEW OF LITERATURE

This chapter presents (2.1) the structure of verbs, (2.2) synonymy, (2.3) the criteria used to distinguish synonyms, (2.4) the corpus, and (2.5) previous related studies.

2.1 STRUCTURE OF VERBS

2.1.1 *Catch* (v.)

Catch in verb form can be used in four different forms: present simple, past simple, past participle, and –ing form. The examples are as below.

Forms	Examples
<i>Present simple</i>	<i>I/ you/ We/ They <u>catch</u>...</i>
	<i>He/ She/ It <u>catches</u>...</i>
<i>Past simple</i>	<i>He/ She/ It <u>caught</u>...</i>
<i>Past participle</i>	<i>He/ She/ It <u>caught</u>...</i>
<i>-ing form</i>	<i>He/ She/ It is <u>catching</u>...</i>

(Oxford Learner Dictionary Online, 2016).

2.1.2 *Grab* (v.)

Grab in verb form can be used in four different forms: present simple, past simple, past participle, and –ing form. The examples are as below.

Forms	Examples
<i>Present simple</i>	<i>I/ you/ We/ They <u>grab</u>...</i>
	<i>He/ She/ It <u>grabs</u>...</i>
<i>Past simple</i>	<i>He/ She/ It <u>grabbed</u>...</i>
<i>Past participle</i>	<i>He/ She/ It <u>grabbed</u>...</i>
<i>-ing form</i>	<i>He/ She/ It is <u>grabbing</u>...</i>

(Oxford Learner Dictionary Online, 2016).

2.1.3 *Grasp* (v.)

Grasp in verb form can be used in four different forms: present simple, past simple, past participle, and –ing form. The examples are as below.

Forms	Examples
<i>Present simple</i>	<i>I/ you/ We/ They <u>grasp</u>...</i> <i>He/ She/ It <u>grasps</u>...</i>
<i>Past simple</i>	<i>He/ She/ It <u>grasped</u>...</i>
<i>Past participle</i>	<i>He/ She/ It <u>grasped</u>...</i>
<i>-ing form</i>	<i>He/ She/ It is <u>grasping</u>...</i>

(Oxford Learner Dictionary Online, 2016).

2.2 SYNONYMY

According to Leech (1981, p. 94), the term of synonymy is defined as “more than one (word) form having the same meaning.” Additionally, Cruse (1986) says that synonymy relates to empirical and contextual evidence. It is usually “employed as an explanation or clarification of the meaning of another word. The relationship between the two words is frequently signaled by something like that is to say, or a particular variety of or” (p. 267).

Partington (1998) points out that “every lexical item in the language has its own individual and unique pattern of behavior” (p. 46). It can be assumed that the meanings of synonymous words in different forms are also different. For example, “each one of a set of forms like quick, fast, swift, rapid, speedy, differs from all the others in some constant and conventional feature of meaning” (Bloomfield, 1984, p. 145).

Leech (1981) claims that to identify which words are synonyms, some rules should be applied, for instance, “rules of implication” (p. 276), or rules that determine the possible substitution of each synonym (p. 255).

Cruse (2000) mentions three degrees of synonymy, which are “absolute synonymy, propositional synonymy, and near-synonymy” (p. 156). However,

absolute synonymy and near-synonymy have received more attention from researchers regarding the significance of their differences.

1. Absolute synonymy

Lyons (1995) defines absolute or perfect synonyms based on the three conditions: (a) “all meaning [of the prospective synonyms] are identical”; (b) two words are “synonymous in all contexts”; and (c) they are “semantically equivalent (i.e., their meaning or meanings are identical on all dimensions of meaning, descriptive and non-descriptive” (p. 61).

However, Taylor (1995) states that absolute synonyms that contain the same meanings and can be replaced in every context are rare (p. 56).

Referring to Ulmann, Jones (1986) claimed that one of the reasons why synonymous words are often not absolute synonyms is that one word may be used generally more than another (p. 75).

2. Near synonymy

Cruse (1986) defines near-synonyms as words containing an identical sense of meaning in central semantic traits, but not in minor or peripheral traits (p. 287).

Lyon (1981) points out that the significance of near synonyms relates to similarities of meaning, but not identical (p. 50).

Murphy explains near-synonyms as instances when one word containing the definition and sense overlap, but are not identical. Near-synonymy is thus associated with overlapping meaning and senses (2003).

Cai illustrates examples of the near-synonyms using a set of synonymous words: Awesome, Excellent, Fabulous, Fantastic, Great, Terrific, and Wonderful (2012).

2.3 CRITERIA TO DISTINGUISH SYNONYMS

Each synonym contains lexical meaning, which is “the meaning of a word in relation to the physical world or to abstract concepts, without reference to any sentence in which the word may occur” (Collins English Dictionary, 2016).

However, distinguishing the similarities and differences of synonyms requires that the dialects, the formality of the context, the connotations, the grammatical patterns and the collocations be of concern (Phoocharoensil, 2010).

2.3.1 Dialects

A language which is used in different regional or geographical areas may differ with respect to grammar, vocabulary and pronunciation; although the appearance is different, the meaning is similar since users intend to refer to the same construct, (Akmajian, Demers, Farmer, & Harnish, 2001). Examples of British and American English dialects are found below.

British English

lay by

Petrol

Lorry

minerals

American English

rest area

Gasoline

Truck

Soft drinks

(Akmajian et al., 2001).

British English

Ring

biscuit

luggage

autumn

American English

Call

Cracker

Baggage

Fall

(Fromlin, 1987).

As mentioned, a dialect may be used as one of the approaches to measure the similarities and differences of synonyms.

2.3.2 Formality of context

Phoocharoensil states that each synonymous word tends to have a lower or higher level of formality in terms of usage (2010). This can be observed from the examples below.

Formal	Informal
<i>Commence</i>	<i>Start</i>
<i>Terminate</i>	<i>End</i>
<i>Endeavour</i>	<i>Try</i>

(Cambridge Dictionaries Online, 2016).

2.3.3 Connotations

A significant feature of synonyms is that they contain similar meanings and may replace each other in certain contexts. However, further specific meanings may also be found when considering each synonymous word. This kind of meaning is called the connotation or “a quality or an idea that a word makes you think of that is more than its basic meaning” (Longman Dictionaries Online, 2016); for example, the synonyms of *house* and *home*, which contain the core meaning of “a building for human habitation” (Oxford Learner Dictionary Online, 2016). However, *house* may have the sense of meaning as a physical structure of a place of residence, whereas *home* may imply warm living with one’s family over a long period (Oxford Learner Dictionary Online, 2016). Another example is the synonymous verbs of *eye* and *gaze* in which both verbs have similar definitions as an action of looking something. However, *eye* may refer to the specific action of watching carefully whereas *gaze* implies a long steady looking, which may occur during a surprising situation or when admiring someone (Ying, 2012).

2.3.4 Grammatical Patterns

Patterns of grammar are another aspect used to distinguish synonyms. According to Fang (2013), some synonyms may be used with the same grammatical patterns, for example, the synonymous verbs of *wish* and *hope* may generally be used with the infinitival “to” such as

“A lady *wishes to* see me urgently.”

“Their lawyer *hopes to* take the case to the European Council”.

(Fang, 2013).

In addition, *wish* and *hope* may be used with the prepositional “for” such as

“I could not *wish for* a better husband.”

“Liam decided to ignore the warning and just *hope for* the best.”

(Longman Dictionary of Contemporary English, 2016).

However, Fang (2013) also found that *hope* may be used in the grammatical patterns of “in + *hope*” and “in + *hope* + that + clause” whereas these patterns may not be found with *wish*. Examples of use are as below.

“They have sweated and mastered all sorts of back-breaking and obscure sports *in the hope* of bringing home glory.”

The situation is not good but we live *in hope that it will improve*.

(Oxford Learner Dictionary Online, 2016).

Another example is the synonymous adjectives of *able* and *capable*, in which *able* is generally used with the infinitival “to” whereas *capable* is used with the preposition “of” as the example below (Phoocharoensil, 2010).

It is so wonderful being *able to* see the sea from my window.

A force ten wind is *capable of* blowing the roofs off houses.

(Cambridge Dictionaries Online, 2016).

As mentioned above, although the synonymous words share the same meaning, they are not replaceable in every context, with one of the conditions being the grammatical pattern.

2.3.5 Collocations

Sinclair defines collocations as the two lexical items combined to produce native-like language (2003). Collocations can be divided into lexical collocations and grammatical collocations. Lexical collocations consist of nouns, adjectives, verbs, and adverbs, with some examples shown below.

noun + verb	<i>bees buzz</i>
verb + noun	<i>compose music</i>
verb + adverb	<i>argue heatedly</i>
adjective + noun	<i>strong tea</i>
adjective + adverb	<i>hopelessly addicted</i>

(Benson, Benson, & Ilson, 1986).

The grammatical areas include open class words and grammatical patterns. Some examples are shown below.

noun + preposition	<i>She is going to submit the <u>assignment afterward</u>.</i>
noun + infinitival to	<i>He has an <u>idea to</u> create a large project.</i>
noun + that clause	<i>I am waiting for the <u>meeting that</u> will be held on May.</i>
preposition + noun	<i>Thank you <u>in advance</u>.</i>
adjective + preposition	<i>I am <u>afraid of</u> you.</i>
adjective + infinitival to	<i>It is <u>impolite to</u> get in this area with the short pants.</i>
adjective + that clause	<i>Teacher was <u>afraid that</u> they would fail the exam.</i>

(Benson et al., 1986).

2.4 CORPUS

Corpus can refer to the electronic storage of numerous of texts in which a computer is used manage all the texts for a variety of uses (Kennedy, 1998, p. 3). Compared with dictionaries, which represent traditional lexical storage, corpus brings more advantages to users, especially to linguists, enabling them to access the right data with speed and reliability (Lindquist, 2009).

At the early stage of the corpus, it played a major role in the revolution of dictionaries since the Cobuild corpus was invented by the corporation of the Collins Dictionary publisher and Birmingham University (Rundell, 2008).

Nowadays, many dictionary publishers have created their own corpus since it is able to hold a large amount of texts; moreover, it is easy to update the recent data and convenient to obtain the expected outcome (Lindquist, 2009).

With the multitude of texts in the corpus, new insights, especially information relating to linguistics, can be revealed. For instance, corpus can be used to explore

collocations and semantic prosody (Partington, 1998). It also can be used to explain the relationship between grammar and lexicon (Altenberg and Granger, 2002, p. 4-5) as well as to study synonyms and near-synonyms, with this being useful in particular to linguistic studies and language teaching (Gavioli, 2005). Additionally, the corpus can also help linguists to investigate extensive data contained within contexts such as the registers, genders, ages, and so on (Altenberg and Granger, 2002, p. 5).

2.5 PREVIOUS STUDIES

Many corpus-based studies have focused on English synonyms and near-synonyms. The research has focused mostly on determining whether specific synonyms and near-synonyms can be replaceable with each other since they contain overlapping meanings. In order to obtain the results, the similarities and differences of the synonyms and near-synonyms are investigated (Aroonmanakun, 2015; Chung, 2011; Phoocharoensil, 2010). However, concentrating on near-synonyms may lead to the further linguistic comprehension such as the findings on the use of two near-synonyms. The results can thus reflect similarities and differences between non-native and the native English users (Fan, 2010). Moreover, corpus analysis focusing on specific words can be useful in order to acquire in-depth results (Nordlund, 2010).

Aroonmanakun (2015) focused on the similarities and differences of the two near-synonyms: *quick* and *fast*. The Longman Dictionary of Contemporary English was used to find out the basic information of these near-synonyms such as the meanings and the examples of actual use. The Corpus of Contemporary American English (COCA) was used to analyze the data in which collocations were mainly considered. The scope of the study of these near-synonyms was limited to their adjective forms. The investigation showed that some collocates can be used with two near-synonyms, whereas some collocates cannot. Also, the results revealed that *quick* tends to be used to express the quality of action while *fast* is used to express the sense of the manner of action. The results from this study showed the benefits of using the corpus tool, which can provide linguists more than just electronic storage of texts.

Chung (2011) studied the similarities and differences between the two near-synonyms, *create* and *produce*, using the Brown Corpus and the Frown Corpus to

collect the data. The findings showed both similarities and differences with regard to those near-synonyms, implying that *create* and *produce* cannot be replaceable in every context. The similarities were two near-synonyms that contained a related sense of meaning, and both of them can be frequently found in the form of the bare infinitive and the –ed. However, regarding the differences, *create* is followed by abstract objects more often than *produce*, whereas *produce* is frequently found to occur with a greater amount of objects.

Phoocharoensil (2010) examined the similarities and differences of five English synonyms, specifically *ask*, *beg*, *plead*, *request*, and *appeal*, with the focus being on lexical, syntactic, and stylistic information. He compared the data by using the two main research materials: three learners' dictionaries and the corpus tool. The findings revealed that the corpus database can provide more information on those synonyms than learners' dictionaries. Moreover, the results showed different information for each synonym, specifically lexical information, collocations, dialects, and grammatical patterns. Thus, those synonyms may not be absolutely substituted for each other.

Fan (2010) explored how non-native English and native English speakers used two near-synonyms: *lead to* and *cause*. The data was analyzed considering the actual use of the near-synonyms within the two corpus databases, namely the Spoken and Written English Corpus of Chinese Learners (SWECCCL) and the British National Corpus (BNC), with SWECCCL reflecting the usage by non-native speakers and BNC reflecting native usage. The result showed that the two near-synonyms tended to be used with the same meaning according to semantic prosody, for example, it was found that *lead to* and *cause* were mostly used with a negative meanings within both corpus tools. However, when considering the collocations that frequently occurred with these two near-synonyms, the findings showed that there were some collocations that frequently occurred in SWECCCL but less so in BNC; in addition, there were a number of uses of "cause development" in SWECCCL. The findings may help linguists to be aware that non-native English learners use the English language according to their L1 intuition sometimes.

Nordlund (2010) concentrated her corpus-based study on the extensive meanings of the English verb *grasp*. The data was obtained from the British National

Corpus including 100 million words. The findings revealed the actual use of *grasp* in three main categories: physical, non-physical, and mental usages. Moreover, it illustrated the results according to the subject and object of the verb *grasp* by creating special terms: *graspers* for data that represents the subjects of the action, and *graspees* for the others, which act as objects.

The previous research studies were used as a guideline for the present study since the results of revealed that even though English synonyms contain similar meanings, they may not be used interchangeably in certain contexts. Moreover, some gaps in the previous studies such as the corpus-based study on *create* and *produce* by Chung (2011) with a narrow focus on lexical and collocation information, can be filled by this study, which has a larger scope than the aforementioned investigations.

CHAPTER 3

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

This chapter describes (3.1) the targeted synonyms, (3.2) the materials, (3.3) the procedures used in this study, and (3.4) the data analysis.

3.1 TARGETED SYNONYMS

The study investigated three English synonyms focusing on their verb forms that occur in the past simple tense and past participle forms: *caught* (*catch*), *grabbed* (*grab*), and *grasped* (*grasp*).

3.2 MATERIALS

The researcher used two research materials for conducting the study. One was the MacMillan Dictionary Online (2016) and the other was the Corpus of Contemporary American English (COCA).

The MacMillan Dictionary Online (2016) contains a variety of up-to-date lexical information since it has its own corpus database of millions of examples of English used mostly in real spoken and written texts around the world. The lexical data is analyzed using state-of-the-art software, which allows lexicographers to select updated vocabulary and examples to publish in the dictionary. Moreover, this online dictionary can be accessed at no cost via <http://www.macmillandictionary.com/>.

The other material was the Corpus of Contemporary American English (COCA), which is the largest electronic American-English database containing 520 million words from 1990 – 2015. The Corpus of Contemporary American English (COCA) is freely available by accessing <http://corpus.byu.edu/coca/> with a regularly updated version. Moreover, it is user-friendly with simple functions; for example, it provides a tool for users in order to limit searches by frequency and compare the frequency of words, phrases, and grammatical structures, in two ways: (1) by different year, and (2) by genres: spoken, fiction, magazines, newspapers, and academic. Also

an online guided tour is available on the use of the Corpus of Contemporary American English (COCA).

3.3 PROCEDURES

3.3.1 Research design

The study was designed to empirically explore the similarities and differences of three verb synonyms, namely *catch*, *grab*, and *grasp*, through analysis of the data in the terms of lexical information, collocation information, and the degree of formality, respectively. However, the focus was limited to their past simple tense and past participle forms: *caught*, *grabbed*, and *grasped*.

3.3.2 Data Collection

The data was collected from two lexical sources: the MacMillan Dictionary Online (2016) and the Corpus of Contemporary American English (COCA). In order to find out the lexical information, the types of finite verbs (transitive or intransitive verb), definitions and examples of word use were gathered from the Online Dictionary.

To discover the collocation information and the degree of formality, the Corpus of Contemporary American English (COCA) was used. However, the three verb synonyms were explored only in their past simple tense and past participle forms: *caught*, *grabbed*, and *grasped*; these verb forms may frequently occur in some tenses. Consequently, in the first step of collecting data using the Corpus of Contemporary American English (COCA), the study firstly investigated the most frequent types of tenses found with the verb forms of past simple tense and past participle.

The first 200 concordance lines within the Corpus of Contemporary American English (COCA) were selected to be samples for investigating the most frequent types of tenses used. The researcher started the process by accessing <http://corpus.byu.edu/coca/> and manually setting the display in the mode of KWIC or

the key word in context as well as setting the amount of concordance lines to show on the screen at 200; the synonymous words *caught*, *grabbed*, or *grasped* were then typed in the search string. After pressing the search button, a list of the first 200 concordance lines that occurred most frequently containing the synonymous words appeared arranged from the highest to the lowest on the screen. After that, the types of tenses occurring could be examined from these concordance lines. The procedure for accessing the data in the Corpus of Contemporary American English (COCA) is shown in Figure 3.1.

The screenshot shows the COCA website interface with several callouts:

- 1: website (pointing to the URL bar)
- 2: KWIC (pointing to the 'KWIC' radio button)
- 4: keyword (pointing to the search string 'caught')
- 5: search (pointing to the search button)
- 6: results (pointing to the concordance list)
- 3: Setting (pointing to the 'KWIC 200' dropdown menu)

#	HITS	FREQ	200	KWIC	200		
1	1992	ACAD	MarineFish	A	B	C	five spearfish caught were released . In all , 1,129 anglers caught 1,821 bilfish but lande
2	2006	FIC	AntiochRev	A	B	C	around the world might have been a better idea : # caught cation books and
3	2002	NEWS	Chicago	A	B	C	when I am there , " Laurin said . I have caught couple erapples there
4	1999	FIC	Analog	A	B	C	had n't known a thing about it , until Nick had caught glimpse of the frozen
5	2009	FIC	Bk:WhileMyPrettyOne	A	B	C	a faux version from L.L. Bean . Under that , Lucy caught glimpse of an attract
6	2008	SPOK	NBC_Dateline	A	B	C	:(Voiceover) Days after Brianna disappeared , investigators caught huge break . They lea
7	2010	FIC	Bk:CityVellsNovel	A	B	C	over the body . Abu-Yussuf snapped out of his reverie and caught last glimpse of the git
8	1996	MAG	FieldStream	A	B	C	the Southeast . On another occasion , my wife and I caught mess glimpse of the bass
9	1993	FIC	VirginiaORev	A	B	C	been brightly lighted an instant ago , as if she'd caught nanosecond of aftern

Figure 3.1. The process used to access the data of types of the occurring tense of the three synonyms by using COCA.

To explore the collocation information, the scope of the exploration focused on only the top 20 noun collocates of each synonym. The Corpus of Contemporary American English (COCA) via <http://corpus.byu.edu/coca/> was still used; however, the display of the screen needed to be changed to the list mode. Then, the collocate button had to be selected and the amount of words needed to be set; these could be counted by frequency as collocates of that synonym with four words before and after the keyword searched. In addition, the sorting mode was used to sort by frequency. After typing the synonymous word or the keyword and pressing the search button, the lists of collocates that frequently co-occurred with that synonym appeared shown from the highest to the lowest. This frequency list was made up of all tokens found in

the Corpus of Contemporary American English (COCA). However, only the first 20 noun collocates displayed on the list were selected for this study. The procedure for accessing the data in the Corpus of Contemporary American English (COCA) is shown in Figure 3.2.

Additionally, examples of contexts containing noun collocates were also available on the screen after pressing on the noun collocates. For instance, “eye” was shown at the highest rank of noun collocates of *catch*, with the example context of “...looking up, I *caught* her eye and without”

The screenshot shows the COCA website interface with the following elements labeled:

- 1: website (address bar)
- 2: List (SEARCH STRING)
- 3: keyword (WORD(S) input field)
- 4: setting (COLLOCATES dropdown)
- 5: frequency (SORT BY dropdown)
- 6: search (SEARCH button)
- 7: results (Table of collocates)

	CONTEXT	FREQ	ALL	%	MI
1	EYE	1958	56085	3.49	5.56
2	ATTENTION	1313	85563	1.53	4.38
3	FIRE	895	76565	1.17	3.98
4	FISH	827	55448	1.49	4.34
5	GLIMPSE	766	6896	11.11	7.23
6	SIGHT	760	26345	2.88	5.29
7	BREATH	705	31627	2.23	4.92
8	GUARD	634	33845	1.87	4.67

Figure 3.2. The process used to access the data of noun collocates of the three synonyms by using COCA.

In order to collect the data on the degree of formality for each synonym, the display of the screen on the Corpus of Contemporary American English (COCA) via <http://corpus.byu.edu/coca/> needed to be changed to the chart mode before pressing the search button. The sorting mode was required for sorting by frequency. After pressing the search button, the number of each synonyms found in five different text types, i.e. spoken, fiction, magazines, newspapers, and academic texts, was shown listed from high to low. The frequency was measured from all tokens found in the Corpus of Contemporary American English (COCA). The process used for accessing the data in the Corpus of Contemporary American English (COCA) is shown in Figure 3.3.

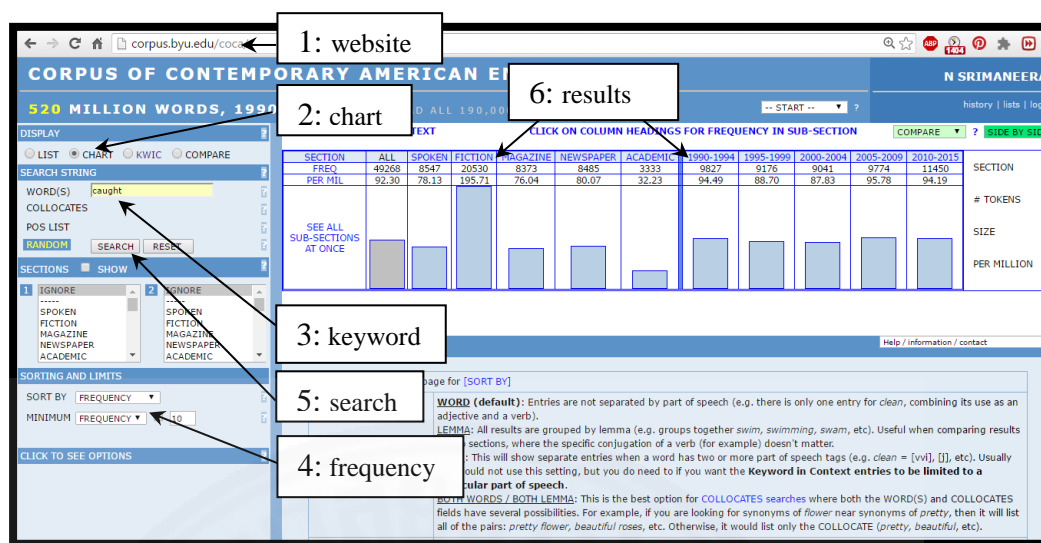


Figure 3.3. The process used to access the data of degree of formality of the three synonyms by using COCA.

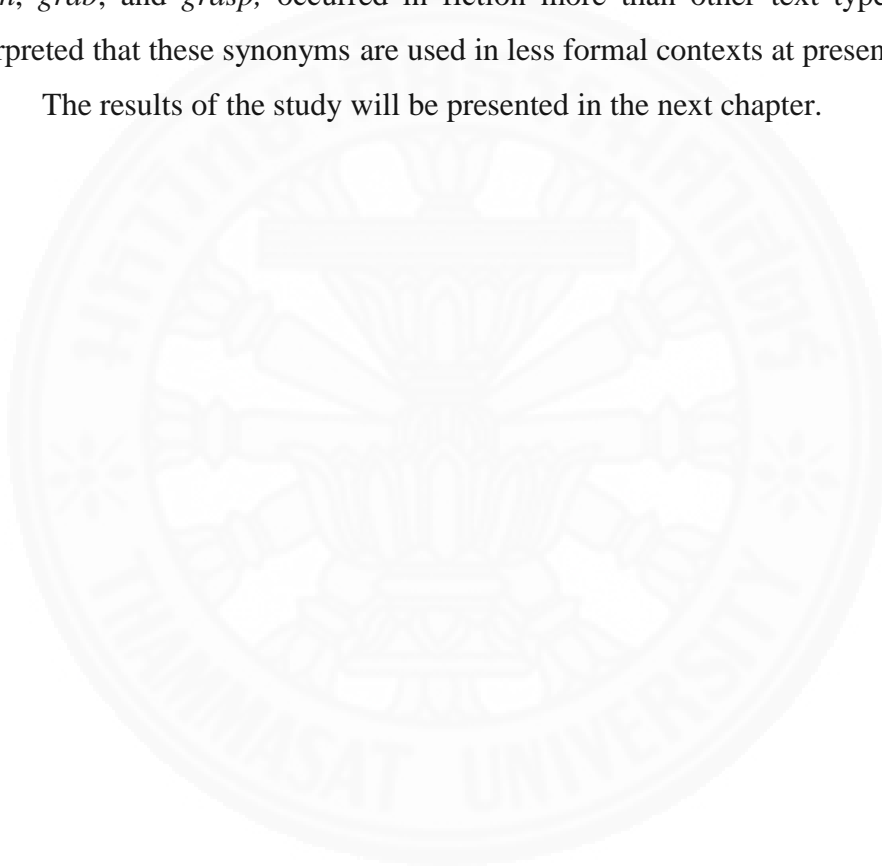
3.4 DATA ANALYSIS

The researcher analyzed the data with respect to three factors of (a) lexical information, (b) collocation information, and (c) degree of formality in order to find out the similar and different information of the three synonyms.

The analysis of lexical information was conducted by comparing the definitions of each word in MacMillan Dictionary Online (2016). After that, the data from the Corpus of Contemporary American English (COCA) was analyzed. Tenses that occurred in the 200 selected concordance lines of each synonymous verb in the past simple tense and past participle forms were considered. The results showed that *caught*, *grabbed*, and *grasped* were mostly used with three tenses: past tense, present perfect tense, and past perfect tense. Next, the findings on the noun collocates, which were displayed in the top 20 ranked from the highest to the lowest frequency, were discovered. This showed that each verb synonym has different noun collocates and most of them seem to have particular uses, e.g. *glimpse* was found as a noun collocate of *catch* only. However, some similarities were also discovered since there were some noun collocates that can be used with more than one synonymous verbs; for example, *arm* was found as a noun collocate of *grab* as well as of *grasp*.

The last criterion was the degree of formality, which explored the frequency of use of the three synonyms from data obtained from five different genres. The results showed the frequency in the chart, which was used to measure the scale of formality in the language use of these synonyms. Considering the five genres, which were (1) spoken, (2) fiction, (3) popular magazines, (4) newspapers, and (5) academic texts, the ordering by number from (1) to (5) reflected the ordering level of language use from low to high formality. Since the study revealed that the three synonyms, i.e., *catch*, *grab*, and *grasp*, occurred in fiction more than other text types, it may be interpreted that these synonyms are used in less formal contexts at present.

The results of the study will be presented in the next chapter.



CHAPTER 4

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

This chapter reveals and discusses the results of similarities and differences of the three synonymous verbs, *catch*, *grab*, and *grasp*, in terms of lexical information, collocation information and degree of formality. The findings are divided into three sections: (4.1) lexical information, (4.2) collocation information and (4.3) degree of formality. The data was obtained from two language resources, namely the MacMillan Dictionary Online (2016) and the Corpus of Contemporary American English (COCA).

4.1 Lexical Information

The MacMillan Dictionary Online (2016) was used to explore the lexical data of the three synonyms focusing on types of finite verbs (transitive or intransitive verb), definitions and examples of use. The results are shown in (4.1.1), (4.1.2), (4.1.3), and the discussion is in (4.1.4).

4.1.1 Catch (v.)

As shown in Appendix A, *catch* as defined by the MacMillan Dictionary Online (2016) has twenty definitions, including examples of word use. Additionally, the results showed that *catch* can be both a transitive and intransitive verb depending on its context.

4.1.1.1 (vt./vi) To stop and hold something that is moving through the air, especially an object that someone throws.

E.g. She tossed the packet of crisps to Kate, who caught it with one hand.

4.1.1.2 (vt.) To get hold of and stop someone you have been chasing so that they cannot escape.

E.g. She raced to catch the toddler before he could make it out of the front gate.

4.1.1.3 (vt.) If the police catch someone, they find them and arrest them.

E.g. The police say they are doing all they can to catch the culprits.

4.1.1.4 (vt.) To get on a train, bus, plane, or boat that is travelling somewhere.

E.g. I caught the next train back to London.

4.1.1.5 (vt.) To stop an animal, bird, or insect and prevent it from escaping, especially using a trap.

E.g. A device used for catching flies.

4.1.1.6 (vt.) To find someone doing something that they do not expect you to see, especially something wrong or illegal.

E.g. Several times she'd caught him staring at her.

4.1.1.7 (vt.) To find someone in a situation that they are not expecting or prepared for.

E.g. The railway companies had all been caught completely unprepared by the sudden snowfall.

4.1.1.8 (vt.) To see or smell something for a very short time.

E.g. Adam caught a whiff of expensive perfume as she passed by.

4.1.1.9 (vt.) To have a sudden effect on something such as someone's attention or imagination.

E.g. Suddenly my attention was caught by a lorry parked a short distance ahead.

4.1.1.10 (vt.) To get a disease or illness.

E.g. He caught the flu and had to stay in bed.

4.1.1.11 (vt.) To hear something that someone says.

E.g. I'm sorry, I didn't catch your name.

4.1.1.12 (vt.) To find someone available to talk by going to or telephoning them at the place where they are.

E.g. Margaret caught me just as I was leaving.

4.1.1.13 (vt.) To discover a problem or medical condition and stop it from becoming worse.

E.g. Doctors assured her that her symptoms had been caught early enough to treat.

4.1.1.14 (vt.) To see, watch, or listen to something.

E.g. Want to catch a film tonight?

4.1.1.15 (vt.) To become stuck on something, or to make something do this.

E.g. As she ran, her foot caught on something and she fell.

4.1.1.16 (vt.) If light catches something, or if something catches the light, the light shines on it and makes it look bright and shiny.

E.g. A fish in the river catches the light one second and swims off into a dark pool the next.

4.1.1.17 (vt.) If the wind or a wave catches something, it gets behind or under it and suddenly blows or pushes it hard.

E.g. The balloon was caught by the wind and carried away.

4.1.1.18 (vt.) To hit someone on a part of their body.

E.g. He caught his opponent with a right cross to the chin.

4.1.1.19 (vt.) To show or represent something in a way that people can easily recognize.

E.g. It wasn't a very radical or intellectual newspaper, but it caught a mood of dissent in mid-1950s America.

4.1.1.20 (vt.) To start to burn.

E.g. The dry twigs soon caught fire.

4.1.2 Grab (v.)

As shown in Appendix B, *grab* can be used only as a transitive verb, and it has four main definitions including examples of word use.

4.1.2.1 (vt.) To take hold of something in a rough or rude way.

E.g. He grabbed the knife before I could get to it.

4.1.2.2 (vt.) To succeed in getting something, especially by being quick or by being the best at something.

E.g. We got there early and grabbed seats at the front.

4.1.2.3 (vt.) To interest someone, or to make them feel enthusiastic.

E.g. The idea didn't really grab me.

4.1.2.4 (vt.) If you grab food or sleep, you eat quickly or sleep for a short time.

E.g. I'll grab a sandwich back at the hotel.

4.1.3 Grasp (v.)

As shown in Appendix C, *grasp* can be used as a transitive verb only, and it has three main definitions including examples of word use.

4.1.3.1 (vt.) To take and hold something or someone very tightly.

E.g. She grasped his hand and pulled him towards her.

4.1.3.2 (vt.) To understand something.

E.g. He was finding it difficult to grasp the rules of the game.

4.1.3.3 (vt.) To take advantage of an opportunity when it happens.

E.g. We must grasp every opportunity if we are going to succeed.

4.1.4 Discussion

Regarding the definitions of *catch*, *grab*, and *grasp* as shown above, the meanings of the three synonyms can be divided into three categories:

4.1.4.1 Shared meaning: these three synonyms contain a shared meaning of “to hold something/someone” See the examples below.

She tossed the packet of crisps to Kate, who caught it with one hand.

He grabbed the knife before I could get to it.

She grasped his hand and pulled him towards her.

4.1.4.2 Overlapping meanings of 2/3 of the synonyms: two of the three synonyms contain similar meanings. See the examples below.

(1) *catch* and *grab* can be defined as “to take someone attention.” Sentences below are shown as examples.

Suddenly my attention was caught by a lorry parked a short distance ahead.

It's often the bad characters in a story who grab our attention.

(2) *grab* and *grasp* can be defined as “to take advantage/opportunities.” The sentences below are shown as examples.

I grabbed the chance to escape for a few minutes.

We must grasp every opportunity if we are going to succeed.

4.1.4.3 Other meanings: each synonym also contains other meanings that may not relate to those of another synonym. See the examples below.

(1) *Catch* can be also defined as “to get disease or illness.”

E.g. He caught the flu and had to stay in bed.

(2) *Grab* can be also defined as “to eat quickly or sleep for a short.”

E.g. I'll grab a sandwich back at the hotel.

(3) *Grasp* can be also defined as “to get the meaning and understanding something”

E.g. He was finding it difficult to grasp the rules of the game.

4.2 Collocation Information

The collocation information of *catch*, *grab*, and *grasp* was gathered by exploring the 520 million word Corpus of Contemporary American English (COCA). The investigation was limited to the three synonymous verbs shown in past simple tense and past participle forms due to the limitation of time. Therefore, the forms of the three synonyms used for searching the data on the COCA were *caught* (*catch*), *grabbed* (*grab*), and *grasped* (*grasp*). In addition, the collocations of these synonyms were specified as only the noun collocates since verbs normally co-occur with the objects or nouns.

The results are shown in two aspects of (4.2.1): the tenses that frequently occurred with the three synonyms in the past simple tense and past participle forms and (4.2.2) the noun collocates of each synonym.

4.2.1 Tenses which frequently occur

The investigation of the first 200 concordance lines of each synonym showed that there were three main tenses that frequently occurred in contexts with the three synonyms in the form of *caught*, *grabbed*, and *grasped*: past simple tense, present perfect tense, and past perfect tense. Furthermore, the study additionally discovered that these synonyms in the past simple tense and past participle forms were also used in other types of tenses. The results are shown below.

4.2.1.1 Caught (v.)

(1) Past Simple Tense

(1.1) Active Voice (S. + v.2):

E.g. I caught a 7-pound speckled trout and came in second (text retrieved from a magazine in 2008).

(1.2) Passive Voice (S. + was/were + v.3):

E.g. Steve was caught about an hour after he dropped me off: He got the maximum sentence, which was 32 to 70 years (text retrieved from a magazine in 1997).

(2) Present Perfect Tense

(2.1) Active Voice (S. + has/have + v.3) :

E.g. "You may have caught me," snarled Carson," but you'll never get him back (text retrieved from a fiction in 2009).

(2.2) Passive Voice (S. + has/have + been + v.3) :

E.g. "One bear has been caught four or five times since we initially tagged it in 2006, and still remains in the area," Moore says (text retrieved from an academic source in 2011).

(3) Past Perfect Tense

(3.1) Active Voice (S. + had + v.3) :

E.g. She clawed at herself, thinking she had caught fire somehow (text retrieved from a fiction in 1992).

(3.2) Passive Voice (S. + had + been + v.3) :

E.g. Five years earlier, a young debutante had been caught with a stable boy in her bed--a simpleton stable boy at that (text retrieved from a fiction in 2006).

(4) Others

However, *caught* was also found to occur in different tenses. The details are as below.

Present tense in passive voice (S. + be + V.3):

E.g. More than 80% of fish are caught along the continental shelves (text retrieved from a newspaper in 1998).

Present Possibility (S. + may + be + V.3):

E.g. Everyone else may be caught between wonder and suspicion – just whose American soul are we... (text retrieved from a news in 2007).

Past possibility (S. + would + be + V.3):

E.g. ... the brokerage and scathing looks from women who wouldn't be caught dead in anything less than designer labels (text retrieved from a fiction in 2004).

Get + Past participle (V.3):

E.g. ... After a little while, if you get caught enough times, it's not going to be very funny to ... (text retrieved from a spoken resource in 2012).

Got + Past participle (V.3):

E.g. ... his sister made sure Cameron got caught after sneaking out (text retrieved from a fiction in 2001).

4.2.1.2 Grabbed (v.)

(1) Past Simple Tense**(1.1) Active Voice (S. + v.2) :**

E.g. She grabbed a beer and flicked on ESPN2; he snuggled up with a box of Kleenex to discover Lifetime Television for Women (text retrieved from a magazine in 2001).

(1.2) Passive Voice (S. + was/were + v.3) :

E.g. Suddenly, out of the crowd, my hand was grabbed and I was pulled toward the front door (text retrieved from a fiction in 1996).

(2) Present Perfect Tense**(2.1) Active Voice (S. + has/have + v.3) :**

E.g. Maybe she should have grabbed the phone (text retrieved from a fiction in 2004).

(2.2) Passive Voice (S. + has/have + been + v.3) :

None.

(3) Past Perfect Tense**(3.1) Active Voice (S. + had + v.3) :**

E.g. His nephew, Angel Maria, had grabbed a goose-down pillow from the bed and pressed it firmly over his face, so hard he could feel the stiff damask pattern of the slipcover on his cheeks (text retrieved from a fiction in 2011).

(3.2) Passive Voice (S. + had + been + v.3) :

E.g. ... parent reported to security that his or her child had been grabbed by a female teacher who jacked him up and threw him ... (text retrieved from a news resource in 2010).

(4) Others

However, *grabbed* is also found its occurrence in the other different tenses. Details are as below.

Present tense in passive voice (S. + be + V.3):

E.g. ... over the abyss, and began to fall only to be grabbed and pulled back onto the ledge (text retrieved from a fiction in 1999).

Present possibility (S. + has to + be + V.3):

E.g. It has to be grabbed by someone (text retrieved from a spoken resource in 2002).

Past possibility (S. + could +have + be + V.3):

E.g. ...wondering if there wasn't some way we could have grabbed him without her getting" knocked down (text retrieved from a fiction in 2007).

4.2.1.3 Grasped (v.)

(1) Past Simple Tense

(1.1) Active Voice (S. + v.2) :

E.g. I grasped a formidable truth (text retrieved form a magazine in 2005).

(1.2) Passive Voice (S. + was/were + v.3) :

E.g. This difficult situation was grasped by an Oxford-educated Armenian, James Malcolm, who had privileged contacts with high British officials (text retrieved from an academic resource in 1990).

(2) Present Perfect Tense

(2.1) Active Voice (S. + has/have + v.3) :

E.g. When a theory pulls so many different phenomena together with such seemingly effortless elegance, astronomers sense that they have grasped something physically profound and fundamental (text retrieved from a magazine in 1996).

(2.2) Passive Voice (S. + has/have + been + v.3) :

None.

(3) Past Perfect Tense

(3.1) Active Voice (S. + had + v.3) :

E.g. Without ever recognizing the sphericity of the earth, they had grasped enough knowledge of celestial mechanics to enable them to predict eclipses (text retrieved from an academic resource in 1992).

(3.2) Passive Voice (S. + had + been + v.3) :

None.

(4) Others

However, *grasped* was also found to occur in different tenses. The details are shown below.

Present tense in passive voice (S. + be + V.3):

E.g. ... feet above a new ceremonial highway, two crossed sabers are grasped in giant bronze forearms ... (text retrieved from a magazine in 1990).

Present possibility (S. + must + be + V.3):

E.g. Thus the grammar of a language must be grasped by the mind in order to be understood (text retrieved from an academic resource in 1996).

Present possibility (S. + can + be + V.3):

E.g. Most of the concepts you struggled to master in law school can be grasped by the average 12-year-old (text retrieved from an academic resource in 2011).

Past possibility (S. + could + be + V.3):

E.g. ...your world name, the handle by which you could be grasped by strangers (text retrieved from a magazine in 1994).

Past possibility (S. + would + be + V.3):

E.g. Each white carton would be grasped by three or four or five belligerents and pulled in three ... (text retrieved from a magazine in 1994).

4.2.1.4 Discussion

According to the results shown in Table 4.1, it can be seen that the three synonyms in the form of *caught*, *grabbed*, and *grasped* were frequently used in the past simple tense, especially in form of the active voice (s.+v.2), with *grabbed* mostly used with this typed of tense (*caught*: 122 times, *grabbed*: 177 times, *grasped*: 153 times). The present perfect tense and past perfect tense were also frequently used, respectively. However, *caught* was rarely used in the passive voice form in the present perfect tense and past perfect tense, whereas *grabbed* and *grasped* were not determined to be used with either tense. Moreover, these three synonymous verbs also occurred in different types of tenses, such as the present tense in the passive voice (S. + be + V.3) and present possibility (S. + must + be + V.3).

Table 4.1. The Comparison of Tenses of the Three Synonyms Frequently Occurring in Past Simple Tense and Past Participle Forms.

Tenses		<i>Caught</i> (Frequency/ Times)	<i>Grabbed</i> (Frequency/ Times)	<i>Grasped</i> (Frequency/ Times)
Past Simple	Active Voice (S. + v.2)	122	177	153
	Passive Voice (S. + was/were + v.3)	22	7	4
Present Perfect	Active Voice (S. + has/have + v.3)	8	2	7
	Passive Voice (S. + has/have + been + v.3)	2	-	-
Past Perfect	Active Voice (S. + had + v.3)	11	7	6
	Passive Voice (S. + had + been + v.3)	2	1	-
Others		33	6	30
Total		200	200	200

4.2.2 The noun collocates

The collocation data of the three synonymous verbs was limited to determining only the noun collocates with a top 20 ranking in the Corpus of Contemporary American English (COCA). To obtain the data, the synonyms in the past simple tense and past participle forms, i.e., *caught*, *grabbed*, and *grasped*, were used. The ranking is listed from the highest to the lowest by measuring the frequency of noun collocates that frequently occurred from all tokens. The results are as follows.

4.2.2.1 Caught (catch) (v.)

Caught or *catch* was shown in the Corpus of Contemporary American English (COCA) 49,268 times during 1990 to 2015. According to Table 4.2, it can be seen that *eye* was the most frequently used at 1,958 times as a noun collocate with *caught* (*catch*). An example of use is “Tim plodded to Chelsea's aid. Out of the corner of her *eye* she *caught* Bo stealing a glance at his watch. # " How about a black coffee (retrieved from a fiction entitled *Miracle at the Higher Grounds Café :a Heavenly novel in 2015*).”

Table 4.2. Top 20 Words in Noun Form Frequently Co-occurring with Caught (*catch*) Ranking on COCA.

Rank	Words (noun)	Frequency (times)	Rank	Words (noun)	Frequency (times)
1	Eye	1958	11	Camera	269
2	Attention	1313	12	Throat	225
3	Fire	895	13	Crossfire	215
4	Fish	827	14	Whiff	161
5	Glimpse	766	15	Trap	153
6	Sight	760	16	Touchdown	145
7	Breath	705	17	Bass	144
8	Passes	575	18	Trout	132
9	Tape	453	19	Scent	131
10	Surprise	436	20	Cameras	127

In addition, the top 20 nouns that frequently appeared together with *caught* (*catch*) may be considered regarding their characteristics as below.

(1) Abstract nouns:

attention, glimpse, sight, breath, passes, surprise, crossfire, whiff, scent, and touchdown.

(2) Concrete nouns:

eye, fire, fish, tape, camera, throat, trap, bass, trout, and cameras.

4.2.2.2 Grabbed (grab) (v.)

Grabbed or *grab* appeared in the Corpus of Contemporary American English (COCA) 14,355 times during 1990 to 2015. According to Table 4.3, it can be seen that *arm* was the most frequently used at 866 times as a noun collocate with *grabbed* (*grab*). An example of use is “...so I started moving towards the fire and the sheriff *grabbed* my *arm* (retrieved from a spoken source in 2015 namely NBC and entitled *Escape: The Great California Fire*).”

Table 4.3. Top 20 Words in Noun Form Frequently Co-occurring with *Grabbed* (*grab*) Ranking on COCA.

Rank	Words (noun)	Frequency (times)	Rank	Words (noun)	Frequency (times)
1	Arm	866	11	Neck	111
2	Hand	684	12	Handful	105
3	Wrist	202	13	Rebounds	98
4	Bag	201	14	Purse	98
5	Phone	188	15	Bottle	94
6	Arms	178	16	Collar	91
7	Attention	162	17	Throat	90
8	Shoulders	151	18	Coat	90
9	Shoulder	146	19	Headlines	85
10	Gun	135	20	Jacket	85

In addition, the top 20 nouns that frequently appeared together with *grabbed* (*grab*) may be considered regarding their characteristics as below.

(1) Abstract nouns:

attention, rebounds, handful, and headlines.

(2) Concrete nouns:

arm, hand, wrist, bag, arms, phone, shoulders, shoulder, gun, neck, purse, bottle, throat, collar, coat, and Jacket.

4.2.2.3 Grasped (*grasp*) (v.)

Grasped or *grasp* was found to occur in the Corpus of Contemporary American English (COCA) 2,274 times during 1990 to 2015. According to Table 4.4, it can be seen that *hand* was the most frequently used at 222 times as a noun collocate with *grasped* (*grasp*). An example of use is “She gave him her hand which he grasped in a firm handshake (retrieved from a fiction entitled A man's heart in 2015).”

Table 4.4. Top 20 Words in Noun Form Frequently Co-occurring with *Grasped* (*grasp*) Ranking on COCA.

Rank	Words (noun)	Frequency (times)	Rank	Words (noun)	Frequency (times)
1	Hand	222	11	Arms	21
2	Hands	95	12	Significance	20
3	Arm	67	13	Truth	17
4	Shoulders	40	14	Importance	16
5	Handle	33	15	Doorknob	12
6	Fingers	29	16	Implications	12
7	Concept	27	17	Meaning	12
8	Wrist	26	18	Elbow	10
9	Shoulder	25	19	Forearm	9
10	Edge	25	20	Handful	9

In addition, the top 20 nouns that frequently appeared together with *grasped* (*grasp*) may be considered regarding their characteristics as below.

(1) Abstract nouns:

concept, edge, significance, truth, importance, meaning, implications, and handful.

(2) Concrete nouns:

hand, hands, arm, shoulders, handle, wrist, fingers, shoulder, arms, forearm, elbow, and doorknob.

4.2.2.4 Discussion

According to Table 4.5, *caught* (*catch*) was the most used (49,268 times) during 1990 – 2015 compared to *grabbed* (*grab*) and *grasped* (*grasp*), whereas *grasped* (*grasped*) was found at the lowest level of use at only 2,274 times.

Table 4.5. The Comparison of Frequency of Use of the Three Synonymous Verbs Found in COCA during 1990-2015.

Frequency (times)		
<i>Caught</i>	<i>Grabbed</i>	<i>Grasped</i>
49,268	14,355	2,274

According to Table 4.6, it can be seen that most of the noun collocates of these three synonyms related to humans, with the top-ranking noun collocates of each synonym being about human organs (*caught*: eye, *grabbed*: arm, and *grasped*: hand). Additionally, there were also other parts of human organs with which these three synonyms frequently co-occurred; for instance, *caught*: throat; *grabbed*: hand, wrist; *grasped*: arm, shoulders, and fingers).

Table 4.6. The Comparison of the Top 20 Words in Noun Form Frequently Co-occurring with *Caught* (catch), *Grabbed* (grab), and *Grasped* (grasp) Ranking on COCA.

Rank	<i>Caught</i>		<i>Grabbed</i>		<i>Grasped</i>	
	Words (noun)	Frequency (times)	Words (noun)	Frequency (times)	Words (noun)	Frequency (times)
1	Eye	1958	Arm	866	Hand	222
2	Attention	1313	Hand	684	Hands	95
3	Fire	895	Wrist	202	Arm	67
4	Fish	827	Bag	201	Shoulders	40
5	Glimpse	766	Phone	188	Handle	33
6	Sight	760	Arms	178	Fingers	29
7	Breath	705	Attention	162	Concept	27
8	Passes	575	Shoulders	151	Wrist	26
9	Tape	453	Shoulder	146	Shoulder	25
10	Surprise	436	Gun	135	Edge	25
11	Camera	269	Neck	111	Arms	21
12	Throat	225	Handful	105	Significance	20
13	Crossfire	215	Rebounds	98	Truth	17
14	Whiff	161	Purse	98	Importance	16
15	Trap	153	Bottle	94	Doorknob	12
16	Touchdown	145	Collar	91	Implications	12
17	Bass	144	Throat	90	Meaning	12
18	Trout	132	Coat	90	Elbow	10
19	Scent	131	Headlines	85	Forearm	9
20	Cameras	127	Jacket	85	Handful	9

Considering the general characteristics, the noun collocates of the three synonyms may be divided roughly into two categories: abstract and concrete nouns in which abstract noun refers to “existing in thought or as an idea but not having a physical or concrete existence” and concrete noun refers to “Existing in a material or physical form” (Oxford Learner Dictionary Online, 2016).

According to Table 4.7, *grabbed* frequently occurred with concrete nouns such as *bag*, *arm*, and *phone*, whereas *caught* (*caught*) and *grasped* (*grasp*) were equally used with both abstract and concrete nouns. Moreover, it can be seen that some nouns frequently appeared with more than one synonymous word such as *attention*: this word was one of the top-twenty noun collocates of *caught* (*catch*) as well as *grabbed* (*grab*).

Table 4.7. The Comparison of the Abstract and Concrete Nouns Frequently Co-occurring with *Caught* (*catch*), *Grabbed* (*grab*), and *Grasped* (*grasp*) Ranking on COCA.

Abstract Nouns			Concrete Nouns		
<i>Caught</i>	<i>Grabbed</i>	<i>Grasped</i>	<i>Caught</i>	<i>Grabbed</i>	<i>Grasped</i>
Attention	Attention	Concept	Eye	Arm	Hand
Glimpse	Rebounds	Significance	Fire	Hand	Hands
Sight	Handful	Truth	Fish	Wrist	Arm
Breath	Headlines	Importance	Tape	Bag	Shoulders
Passes		Meaning	Camera	Arms	Handle
Surprise		Implications	Throat	Phone	Wrist
Crossfire		Handful	Trap	Shoulders	Fingers
Whiff		Edge	Bass	Shoulder	Shoulder
Touchdown			Trout	Gun	Arms
Scent			Cameras	Neck	Forearm
				Purse	Elbow
				Bottle	Doorknob
				Throat	
				Collar	
				Coat	
				Jacket	

In addition, Table 4.8 shows a clearer picture of the noun collocates which frequently co-occurred with the three synonyms, with *caught* (*catch*) mostly used with nouns relating to human actions, such as *attention*, *glimpse* and *sight* as well as things

such as *camera*, *tape* and *trap*. *Grabbed* (*grab*) and *grasped* (*grasp*) frequently occurred with nouns relating to human organs, for example, *throat*, *hand*, and *wrist*; however, things such as a bag, purse and phone were often used in the contexts with *grabbed* (*grab*) also.

Table 4.8. The Comparison of Sub-categories of the Abstract and Concrete Nouns.

	Sub-categories	Caught	Grabbed	Grasped
Abstract Nouns	Human Actions	Attention Glimpse Sight Breath Surprise Crossfire	Attention	-
	Sports Actions	Touchdown Passes	Rebounds	-
	Abstracts	-	-	Importance Significance Truth Meaning Implications
	Others	Scent Whiff	Handful Headlines	Handful Edge
Concrete Nouns	Human organs	Throat Eye	Throat Hand Wrist Shoulders Shoulder Arms Arm Neck	Hand Hands Wrist Shoulders Shoulder Arms Arm Forearm Fingers Elbow
	Things	Camera Cameras Tape Trap Fire	Bag Purse Phone Gun Bottle Collar Coat Jacket	Handle Doorknob
	Animals	Bass Trout Fish	-	-

4.3 Degree of formality

The researcher measured the degree of formality of the three synonymous verbs by investigating the frequency of occurrences of each synonym within the five genres or types of texts gathered from the Corpus of Contemporary American English (COCA). The genres included (1) spoken, (2) fiction, (3) popular magazines, (4) newspapers, and (5) the academic texts. The scale of formality in terms of the actual use in lexical sources ranged from (1) to (5), with (1) being the lowest. The results of the investigation are shown below.

4.3.1 Caught (catch) (v.)

According to Table 4.9 and Figure 4.1, *caught* (*catch*) occurred in the COCA 49,268 times during 1990 – 2015. In almost half of the total occurrences, *caught* (*catch*) was used in fiction (20,530 times); in contrast, it appeared less frequently within academic texts (3,333 times). An example of *caught* (*catch*) found in a fiction context is “Half-hidden in the tangle of weeds, the silvery disk sparkled in the bright sun and *caught* his eye (retrieved from a magazine in 2002 namely Child Life; Vol. 81, Iss. 3).”

Table 4.9. Actual Uses of Caught (*catch*)
in Different Genres from COCA.

Genres	<i>Caught</i>
	Frequency (times)
Spoken	8,547
Fiction	20,530
Magazines	8,373
Newspapers	8,485
Academic texts	3,333
Total	49,268

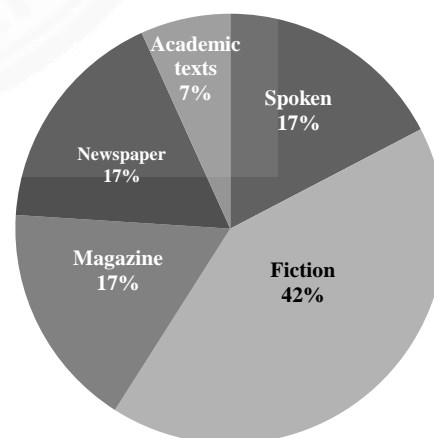


Figure 4.1. Percentages of the actual uses of caught (*catch*) in different genres from COCA.

Moreover, considering the occurrence of *caught* (*catch*) in different types of fiction during 1990 – 2015, it was discovered that *caught* (*catch*) more frequently occurred in general journals than other types of fiction resources (general journals 5,860 times; general books 5350 times; sci-fi/fantasy 4,750 times; movies 825 times; and juvenile fiction 715 times). See details in Figure 4.2.

An example of *caught* (*catch*) found in a general journal is “The father checked on the baby and Margo caught a glimpse of the child's sleeping face as he adjusted a blanket (retrieved from a general journal in 2012 namely The Antioch Review; text entitled Bringing Up Baby).”

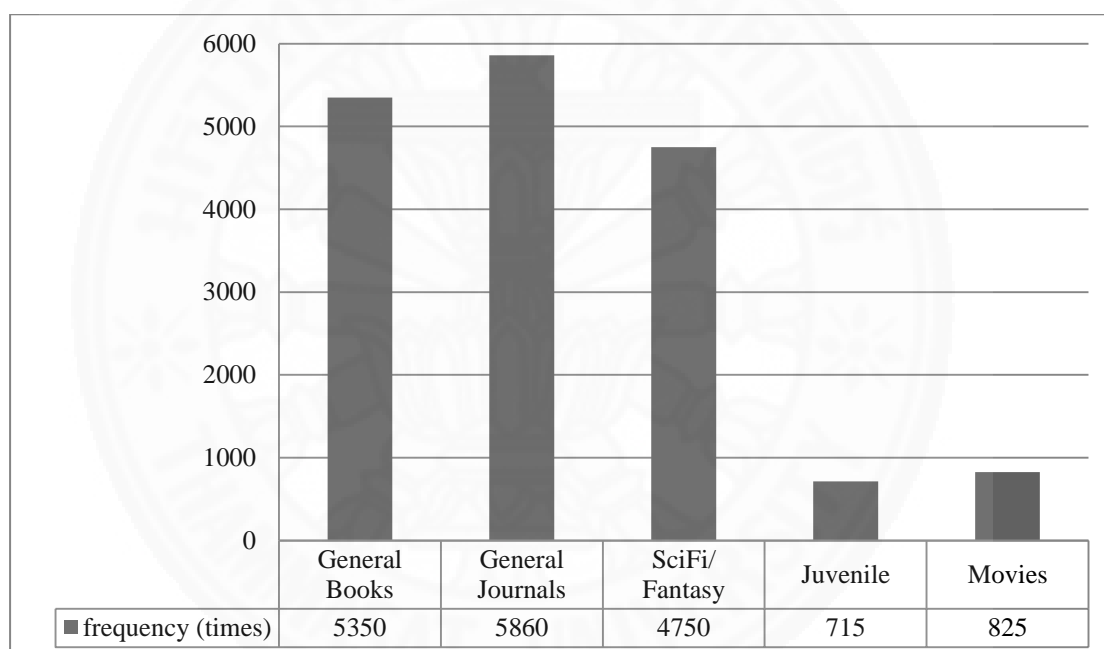


Figure 4.2. Types of Fictions with the Occurrence of Caught (*catch*) During 1990 – 2015; Data Conducted from COCA.

4.3.2 Grabbed (*grab*) (v.)

According to Table 4.10 and Figure 4.3, *grabbed* (*grab*) occurred in the COCA 14,355 times during 1990 – 2015. In more than sixty percent of the occurrences, *grabbed* (*grab*) was used within fiction (9,310 times); in contrast, it rarely appeared within academic texts (221 times). An example of *grabbed* (*grab*) found in a fiction context is “Meryl Gibbs also grabbed 10 boards and added five

points off the bench (retrieved from a news source in 2009 namely Houston Chronicle).”

Table 4.10. Actual Uses of Grabbed (*grab*) in Different Genres from COCA.

Genres	<i>Grabbed</i>
	Frequency (times)
Spoken	1,620
Fiction	9,310
Magazines	1,563
Newspapers	1,641
Academic texts	221
Total	14,355

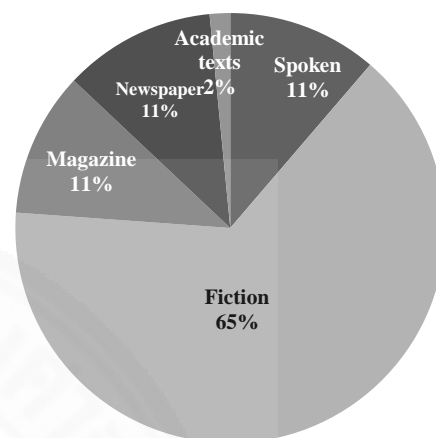


Figure 4.3. Percentages of the actual uses of grabbed (*grab*) in different genres from COCA.

Moreover, considering the occurrence of *grabbed (grab)* in different types of fiction during 1990 – 2015, the researcher discovered that *grabbed (grab)* more frequently occurred in general books than the other types of fiction resources (general books 2,543 times; general journals 2,322 times; sci-fi/fantasy 2,205 times; juvenile fiction 529 times; and movies 133 times). See details in Figure 4.4.

An example of *grabbed (grab)* found in a general book is “Devin came running down then and grabbed hold of Landon's hand (retrieved from a general book in 2012 entitled Coming Home).”

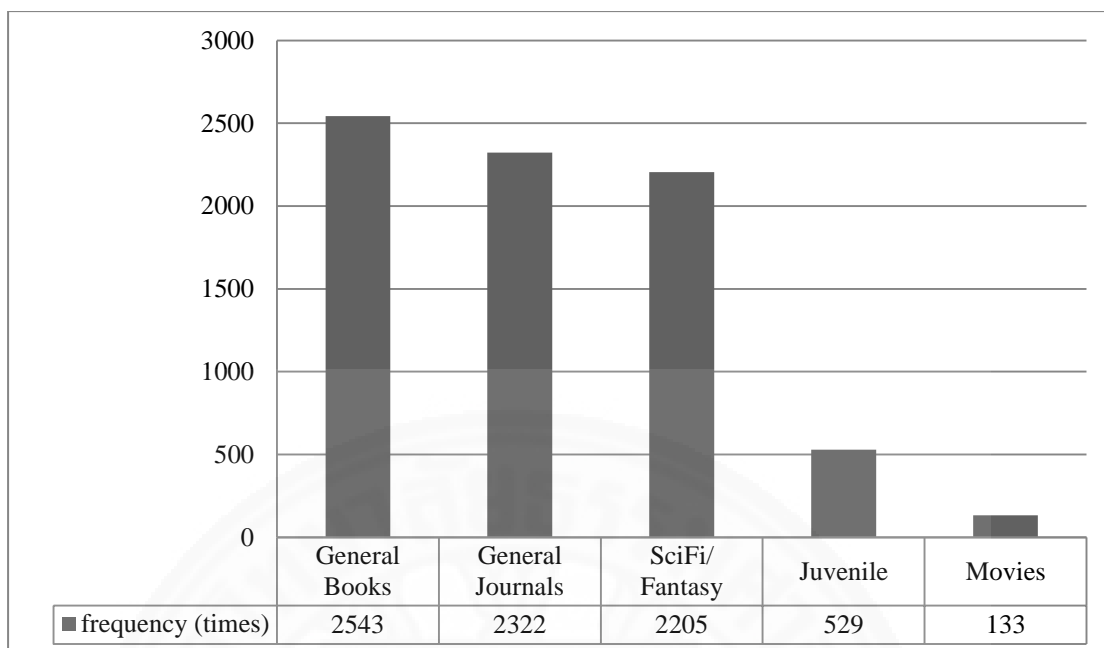


Figure 4.4. Types of Fictions with the Occurrence of Grabbed (*grab*) During 1990 – 2015; Data Conducted from COCA.

4.3.3 Grasped (*grasp*) (v.)

According to Table 4.11 and Figure 4.5, *grasped* (*grasp*) appeared in the COCA 2,274 times during 1990 – 2015. In more than a half of its occurrences, *grasped* (*grasp*) was used within fiction (1,307 times); in contrast, it rarely occurred within academic texts (46 times). An example of *grasped* (*grasp*) found in a fiction context is “...this type of gymnastics approach has never fully been *grasped* by enough teachers to see it widely implemented in school physical education programs (retrieved from an academic text in 1991 namely *Physical Educator*).”

Table 4.11. Actual Uses of *Grasped* (*grasp*) in Different Genres from COCA.

Genres	<i>Grasped</i>
	Frequency (times)
Spoken	46
Fiction	1,307
Magazines	353
Newspapers	169
Academic texts	399
Total	2,274

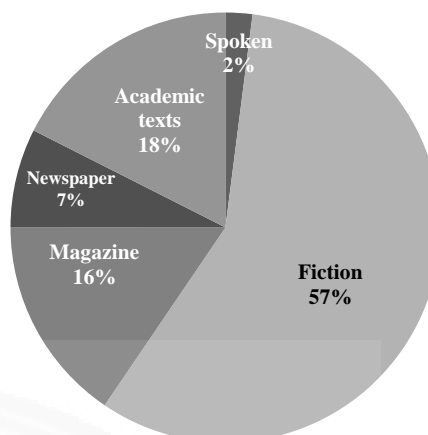


Figure 4.5. Percentages of the actual uses of *grasped* (*grasp*) in different genres from COCA.

Moreover, considering the occurrence of *grasped* (*grasp*) in different types of fiction during 1990 – 2015, it was discovered that *grasped* (*grasp*) more frequently occurred in general journals than other types of fiction resources (general journals 389 times; general books 345 times; sci-fi/fantasy 319 times; juvenile fiction 42 times; and movies 11 times). See details in Figure 4.6.

An example of *grasped* (*grasp*) found in a general journal is “Dr. DuBois turned the PA off and *grasped* her seat (retrieved from a general journal in 2012 namely *Odyssey*; text entitled *Day of the Sun*).”

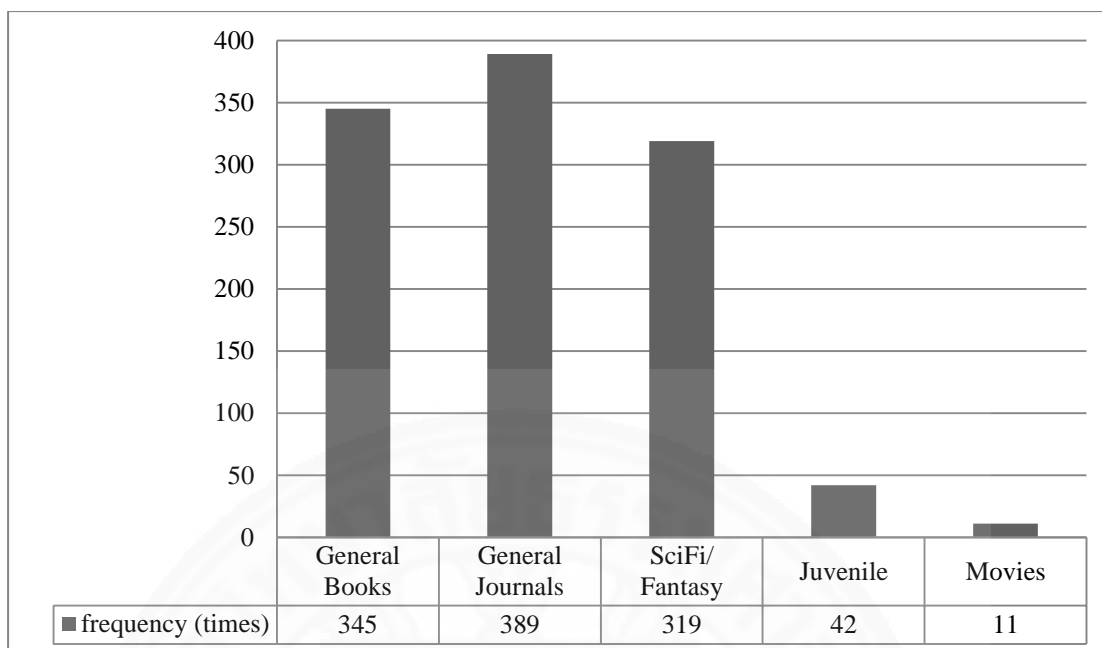


Figure 4.6. Types of fiction with the occurrence of *grasped* (*grasped*) during 1990 – 2015; data conducted from COCA.

4.3.4 Discussion

The results showed that *caught* (*catch*) was discovered at a higher level of frequency than *grabbed* (*grab*) and *grasped* (*grasp*) within the lexical resources during 1990 - 2015. These three synonymous verbs tended to be used in less formal contexts since they more frequently occurred in fiction than the other lexical resources (*caught*: 20,530 times; *grabbed*: 9,310 times; and *grasped* 1,307 times). In addition, *caught* (*catch*) and *grabbed* (*grab*) were rarely found in academic texts; thus, this may highlight that these two synonyms are suitable to be used with a low degree of formality. However, the results revealed a slight difference with respect to *grasped* (*grasp*) since it was rarely used in spoken contexts but there was a significant level of usage in academic texts. This may indicate that *grasped* (*grasp*) can be used properly in highly formal contexts at the present time. See the comparisons of the degree of formality among the three synonyms and other details in Figure 4.7.

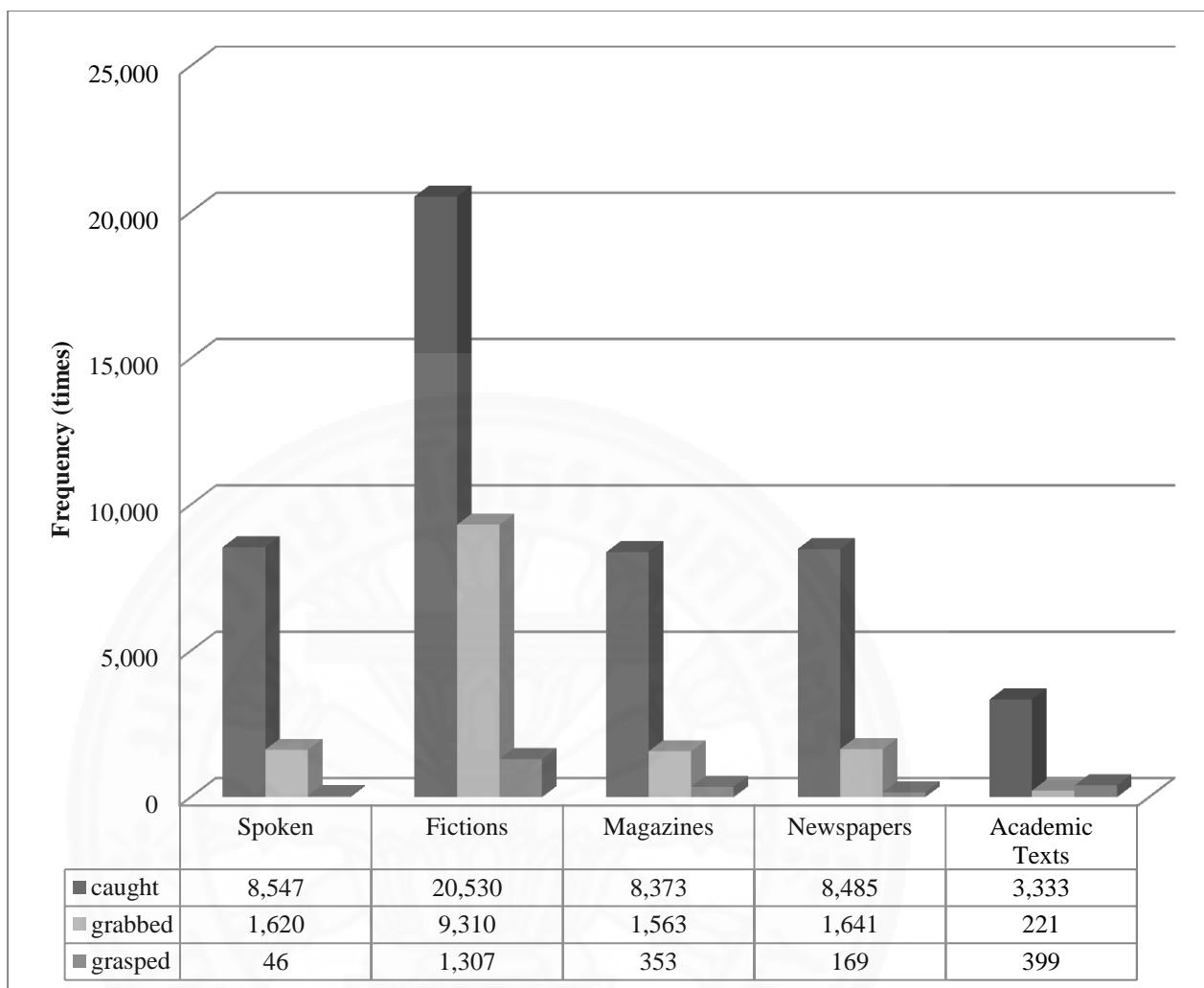


Figure 4.7. The Actual uses during 1990-2015 of caught (catch), grabbed (grab), and grasped (grasp) in different genres from COCA.

CHAPTER 5

CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

This chapter presents (5.1) a summary of the study, (5.2) a summary of the findings, (5.3) a discussion of the similarities and differences of the three synonymous verbs: *catch*, *grab*, and *grasp*, (5.4) the conclusion, and (5.5) recommendations for further research.

5.1 Summary of the study

The objectives of the study, database, and procedures are summarized in this section.

5.1.1 Objectives of the study

The study aimed to investigate three synonymous verbs, namely *catch*, *grab*, and *grasp*, in terms of their lexical information, collocation information, and degree of formality.

5.1.2 Databases and procedures

The MacMillan Dictionary Online (2016) and the Corpus of Contemporary American English (COCA) containing context data during 1990 - 2015 were used as the databases for this study.

Considering the procedures of the study, the MacMillan Dictionary Online (2016) was used to explore the lexical information, which were definitions, types of finite verbs (transitive or intransitive verb), and examples of word use of the three synonymous verbs. Meanwhile, the Corpus of Contemporary American English (COCA) was used to examine the collocation information focusing on the top-twenty ranked noun collocates of *catch*, *grab*, and *grasp*. For the purposes of this research, only the past simple tense and past participle tense forms were investigated, which are *caught*, *grabbed*, and *grasped*.

The Corpus of Contemporary American English (COCA) was also used to investigate the degree of formality of the three synonyms by determining the frequency of their occurrences from five genres: (1) spoken, (2) fiction, (3) popular

magazines, (4) newspapers, and (5) academic texts. The level of formality was ranked (1) to (5) ranging from low to high formality.

5.2 Summary of the findings

The results of the study are summarized as below.

5.2.1 Lexical information of the three synonyms

It can be seen that each synonym, namely *catch*, *grab*, and *grasp*, contained more than one definition. After categorizing and comparing their definitions, the results showed that the three synonyms had three different relationships. Firstly, all of them had a shared meaning of “to hold something/someone.” Examples are as follows.

She tossed the packet of crisps to Kate, who caught it with one hand.

He grabbed the knife before I could get to it.

She grasped his hand and pulled him towards her.

Secondly, couples of them have overlapping meanings such as the examples below.

(1) *catch* and *grab* can be defined as “to take someone attention.” The following sentences are examples.

- Suddenly my attention was caught by a lorry parked a short distance ahead.
- It's often the bad characters in a story who grab our attention.

(2) *grab* and *grasp* can be defined as “to take advantage/opportunities.” The following sentences are examples.

- I grabbed the chance to escape for a few minutes.
- We must grasp every opportunity if we are going to succeed.

Lastly, they contained different meanings in which they do not relate to each other. See examples below.

(1) *Catch* can be also defined as “to get disease or illness.” For example;

- He caught the flu and had to stay in bed.

(2) *Grab* can be also defined as “to eat quickly or sleep for a short.” For example;

- I'll grab a sandwich back at the hotel.

(3) *Grasp* can be also defined as “to get the meaning and understanding something.” For example;

- He was finding it difficult to grasp the rules of the game.

5.2.2 Collocation information of the three synonyms

There were a variety of noun collocates that frequently occurred with *catch*, *grab*, and *grasp*. The results showed that the noun collocates mostly related to humans, for instance, the top-ranking noun collocates of the synonyms were concerned with the organs of humans: *caught*: eye; *grabbed*: arm; and *grasped*: hand.

When considering the general characteristics of the noun collocates of the three synonyms, they may be divided into two categories: abstract and concrete nouns, in which *grabbed* frequently occurred with concrete nouns such as *bag*, *arm*, and *phone*, whereas *caught* (*caught*) and *grasped* (*grasp*) were equally used with both abstract and concrete nouns.

However, if extensively investigating the sub-categories of the abstract and concrete nouns in can be seen that: (1) the noun collocates of abstract nouns may be separated into the sub-categories of (1.1) human actions; (1.2) sport actions; (1.3) abstracts; and (1.4) others, whereas (2) the noun collocates of concrete nouns may be separated into the sub-categories of (2.1) human organs; (2.2) things; and (2.3) animals.

The results showed that *caught* (*catch*) was mostly used with the noun collocates relating to (1.1) human actions such as *attention*, *glimpse* and *sight* as well as (2.2) the things such as *camera*, *tape* and *trap*. In contrast, *grabbed* (*grab*) and *grasped* (*grasp*) frequently occurred with noun collocates relating to (2.1) human organs, for example, *throat*, *hand*, and *wrist*. However, (2.2) things such as *bag*, *purse* and *phone* were often used with *grabbed* (*grab*) also.

5.2.3 Degree of formality of the three synonyms

The three synonyms tended to be used in less formal contexts since the results showed that they occurred in fiction more often than the other lexical resources (*caught*: 20,530 times; *grabbed*: 9,310 times; and *grasped* 1,307 times); in addition, *caught* (*catch*) and *grabbed* (*grab*) were rarely found in the academic texts. However, the study also revealed further information on *grasped* (*grasp*), as it tended to be used in academic texts at a significant level; consequently, *grasped* (*grasp*) can also be used properly within highly formal contexts at the present time.

5.3 Discussion

The results of this corpus-based study may benefit linguists since the study discloses further information about English synonyms, namely *catch*, *grab*, and *grasp*, focusing on the similarities and differences of terms of lexical information, collocation information, and degree of formality. The findings relating to these terms may be discussed as follows.

5.3.1 Variety of definitions of the three synonyms

Leech (1981, p. 94) defines a synonymy as “more than one form having the same meaning”. This corresponds with the results of this study using the MacMillan Dictionary Online 2016 since a set of synonyms, namely *catch*, *grab*, and *grasp*, appearing in different text forms, contained a core meaning referring to an action of “holding something/someone.” Consequently, these synonyms may be replaceable in some contexts, for example, I *catch/grab/grasp* her arm.

However, the investigation using the MacMillan Dictionary Online 2016 showed that these synonymous words also contained different definitions: *catch* showed 20 definitions, *grab* showed four definitions, and *grasp* showed three definitions; thus, they may not be substituted in some contexts. This relates to Partington (1998, p. 46), who stated that each lexical item contains its own information that may be distinct from others. Bloomfield (1984, p. 145) also determined that synonymous words like “quick, fast, swift, rapid, speedy” may be used differently in some situations.

5.3.2 Actual occurrences of the three synonyms

By using the Corpus of Contemporary American English (COCA), the study discovered that during 1990 – 2015, *caught* (*catch*) occurred 49,268 times, whereas *grabbed* (*grab*) occurred with less than half the frequency of *caught* (*catch*) at only 14,355 times; meanwhile, *grasped* (*grasp*) occurred only 2,274 times. This result may be due to the fact that there are a large number of definitions of these synonyms, with *catch* having a large number of definitions compared to the other two synonymous words.

Since the study was limited to investigating the three synonyms in the form of the past simple and past participle shown as *caught*, *grabbed*, and *grasped* only, the results revealed that these three synonyms were frequently used in the past simple tense, especially in the form of the active voice (s.+v.2) at the highest level (*caught*: 122 times, *grabbed*: 177 times, *grasped*: 153 times (data conducted from the first 200 concordance lines in COCA)). Meanwhile, the general information from Oxford Learner Dictionary Online (2016) showed that *catch*, *grab*, and *grasp* can be used in four forms of (1) present simple, (2) past simple, (3) past participle, and (4) –ing form.

5.3.3 Frequency of noun collocates which co-occurred with the three synonyms

The study was designed to explore the noun collocates of the three synonyms, and the results showed that each synonym had more than one noun collocate or a noun that frequently co-occurred with the synonyms. In addition, a couple of synonyms may have the same noun collocates, such as *wrist* is a noun collocate of *grab* and *grasp*. This relates to the study on similarities and differences of the two near-synonyms, namely *quick* and *fast* by Aroonmanakun (2015), since it was found that some collocates can be used with these two near-synonyms depending on the situation.

Additionally, the corpus-based study by Nordlund (2010) regarding the extensive meanings of the English verb *grasp* found its collocates to be related to further information of the physical, non-physical, and mental usage of *grasp*. This served as a guideline for the present research study regarding the analysis of the

extensive data of noun collocates of the three synonyms, with the results showing that they may be categorized into abstract and concrete categories.

5.3.4 Similarities of degree of formality in actual uses of the three synonyms

Measuring the scale of formality is one criterion that can be used to investigate the similarities and differences of synonyms according to Phoocharoensil (2010). Considering the results of the study, it is interesting to see that all of the three synonyms were frequently used in less formal contexts since they mostly appeared within fiction and the spoken resources. In contrast, *grasp* surprisingly also occurred frequently within academic texts, which is a resource with high formality as well.

5.4 Conclusion

This corpus-based study revealed both similarities and differences with regard to the three synonymous verbs, namely *catch*, *grab*, and *grasp*, focusing on the actual uses of the English language in terms of their lexical information, collocation information, and the degree of formality. The findings will allow English-language learners and linguists to discover that these three verbs have the following relationships with each other as detailed below.

5.4.1 Similarities of the three synonymous verbs

Regarding the area of similarities, *catch*, *grab*, and *grasp* contain the shared meaning of “holding something.” They also have some similar noun collocates, such as *hand*, which was discovered to be a noun collocate of *grabbed* (*grab*) and *grasped* (*grasp*). Moreover, all of them were frequently used within less formal contexts such as fiction and spoken sources.

5.4.2 Differences of the three synonymous verbs

However, the study also showed differences with respect to the three synonyms, which related to multiple definitions, a variety of noun collocates, as well as different actual uses.

In conclusion, these three synonyms may be substitutable only within some contexts, so they may not be referred to as absolute synonyms. Carefully using the synonyms in actual situations by considering the context is necessary and a linguistic tool like corpus can be used for finding the actual and useful usages.

5.5 Recommendations for further research

Due to time limitations, this corpus-based research study concentrated on the similarities and differences of *catch*, *grab*, and *grasp* in verb form regarding only the three aspects: lexical information, collocation information and degree of formality. In order to discover the extensive results according the subcategories or the similarities and difference of these three synonymous verbs, other aspects such as dialects, grammatical patterns and stylistics concerns are suggested to be examined in future research studies. Furthermore, the scope of this study was limited to the three verb synonyms shown only in the past simple tense and past participle tense forms, which are *caught*, *grabbed*, and *grasped*. The collocation information was also limited to only the top-twenty ranked noun collocates of these synonyms. In light of this, other studies may expand or adjust the scope so that new findings may be discovered. Moreover, considering the data collection on the degree of formality, this study focused on only measuring the formality level of the actual use of these three synonyms; however, further research studies may use the capabilities of COCA to obtain additional findings such as the formality level of these synonyms compared at different periods of time.

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APPENDICES

APPENDIX A

DEFINITIONS AND EXAMPLES OF USE OF *CATCH* IN VERB FORM TAKEN FROM THE MACMILLAN DICTIONARY ONLINE (2016)

No.	Types of finite verb	Definitions	Examples of use
1.	Intransitive/ Transitive	To stop and hold something that is moving through the air, especially an object that someone throws.	- She tossed the packet of crisps to Kate, who <u>caught</u> it with one hand. - ‘Can I borrow your pen?’ ‘Here, <u>catch</u> !’
1.a.	Transitive	To stop and keep hold of someone who is falling.	- Anne stayed close enough to <u>catch</u> the child if he fell.
1.b.	Transitive	(Catch or Catch out) BRITISH To end a cricketer’s period of play by stopping and keeping hold of a ball they have hit before it touches the ground.	-
1.c.	Intransitive	To be the catcher in baseball.	-
1.d.	Transitive	If a container catches liquid or small objects or pieces, they fall into it when it is below them.	- Put a bucket over there to <u>catch</u> the drips as they fall.
2.	Transitive	To get hold of and stop someone you have been chasing so that they cannot escape.	- She raced to <u>catch</u> the toddler before he could make it out of the front gate. - ‘Can’t <u>catch</u> me,’ here brother shouted as her ran up the stairs.
2.a.	-	To take hold of someone or a part of their body with your hands.	- Jack <u>caught</u> her as she made for the door.
-	-	Catch someone by the wrist/ elbow/	- With one swift movement, he

		sleeve etc.	<u>caught</u> her by the wrist.
-	-	Catch hold of someone/ something.	- She <u>caught</u> hold of his arm and pulled him back.
3.	Transitive	If the police catch someone, they find them and arrest them.	- The police say they are doing all they can to <u>catch</u> the culprits.
4.	Transitive	To get on a train, bus, plane, or boat that is travelling somewhere.	- I <u>caught</u> the next train back to London.
4.a.	-	To arrive in time to get on a train, bus, plane, or boat that is travelling somewhere.	- If we want to <u>catch</u> that bus we'll have to leave right now.
-	-	Have a train/bus/plane etc to catch.	- I have a train to <u>catch</u> , so we have to finish by 4.30.
5.	Transitive	To stop an animal, bird, or insect and prevent it from escaping, especially using a trap.	- A device used for <u>catching</u> flies. - We rescued a rabbit <u>caught</u> in a trap.
5.a.	-	To hunt and stop an animal in order to kill and eat it.	- Wolves hunt in packs, using careful strategies to <u>catch</u> their prey.
5.b.	-	To get a fish from a river, lake, or sea, using a fishing net or rod.	- Drift nets are used mainly for <u>catching</u> tuna.
-	-	Freshly/ locally caught.	- Freshly <u>caught</u> trout.
6.	Transitive	To find someone doing something that they do not expect you to see, especially something wrong or illegal.	-
-	-	Catch someone doing something.	- Several times she'd <u>caught</u> him staring at her.
-	-	Catch someone red-handed (=find someone doing something wrong or illegal).	- Diana was <u>caught</u> red-handed taking money from her mother's purse.

-	-	Catch someone in the act (of doing something).	- Burglars who are <u>caught</u> in the act have little chance of escaping punishment.
-	-	Catch someone at it.	- They've been trying to <u>catch</u> her at it, but she's too clever.
7.	Transitive	To find someone in a situation that they are not expecting or prepared for.	- The railway companies had all been <u>caught</u> completely unprepared by the sudden snowfalls.
-	-	Catch someone at a bad moment/time.	- I've obviously <u>caught</u> you at a bad moment. I'll come back later.
8.	Transitive	To see or smell something for a very short time.	-
-	-	Catch a glimpse of someone/something.	- People lined the streets outside the theatre to <u>catch</u> a glimpse of her.
-	-	Catch sight of someone/something.	- As she went out, she <u>caught</u> sight of herself in the mirror
-	-	Catch a whiff of something (=smell something).	- Adam <u>caught</u> a whiff of expensive perfume as she passed by.
9.	Transitive	To have a sudden effect on something such as someone's attention or imagination.	- Suddenly my attention was <u>caught</u> by a lorry parked a short distance ahead. - His campaign seems to have <u>caught</u> the imagination of many other Germans.
10.	Transitive	To get a disease or illness.	- He <u>caught</u> the flu and had to stay in bed.
-	-	Catch something from someone/something.	- Brian <u>caught</u> chickenpox from his nephew.

-	-	Catch your death (of cold) (=get a bad cold).	- Get out of those wet clothes or you'll <u>catch</u> your death of cold.
11.	Transitive (Usually in negatives or questions)	To hear something that someone says.	- The music was so loud I didn't <u>catch</u> what he said. - I'm sorry, I didn't <u>catch</u> your name.
12.	Transitive	To find someone available to talk by going to or telephoning them at the place where they are.	- Call me at the office. You can usually <u>catch</u> me there after 8.30. - Margaret <u>caught</u> me just as I was leaving.
13.	Transitive	To discover a problem or medical condition and stop it from becoming worse.	- Doctors assured her that her symptoms had been <u>caught</u> early enough to treat.
14.	Transitive (Informal)	To see, watch, or listen to something.	- Want to <u>catch</u> a film tonight?
15.	Transitive	To become stuck on something, or to make something do this.	- As she ran, her foot <u>caught</u> on something and she fell. - I must have <u>caught</u> my shirt on a nail when I was moving that wood.
16.	Transitive	If light catches something, or if something catches the light, the light shines on it and makes it look bright and shiny.	- A fish in the river <u>catches</u> the light one second and swims off into a dark pool the next.
17.	Transitive	If the wind or a wave catches something, it gets behind or under it and suddenly blows or pushes it hard.	- The balloon was <u>caught</u> by the wind and carried away.
18.	Transitive	To hit someone on a part of their body.	- He <u>caught</u> his opponent with a right cross to the chin.

18.a.	-	To hit part of your body on something by accident.	- Sue slipped in the yard and <u>caught</u> her head on the gate post.
19.	Transitive	To show or represent something in a way that people can easily recognize.	- It wasn't a very radical or intellectual newspaper, but it <u>caught</u> a mood of dissent in mid-1950s America.
20.	Transitive	To start to burn.	- The dry twigs soon <u>caught</u> fire.



APPENDIX B

DEFINITIONS AND EXAMPLES OF USE OF *GRAB* IN VERB FORM

TAKEN FROM THE MACMILLAN DICTIONARY ONLINE (2016)

No.	Types of finite verb	Definitions	Examples of use
1.	Transitive	To take hold of something in a rough or rude way.	- He <u>grabbed</u> the knife before I could get to it. - One of the men was <u>grabbed</u> and bundled into a car.
-	-	Grab hold of.	- I <u>grabbed</u> hold of his hair.
-	-	Grab someone by something.	- Ben <u>grabbed</u> Maro by the arm.
2.	Transitive	To succeed in getting something, especially by being quick or by being the best at something.	- We got there early and <u>grabbed</u> seats at the front. - The brand now <u>grabs</u> 26 percent of sales in the US.
-	-	Grab someone's attention.	- It's often the bad characters in a story who <u>grab</u> our attention.
-	-	Grab an opportunity/ chance.	- I <u>grabbed</u> the chance to escape for a few minutes.
3.	Transitive (Informal)	To interest someone, or to make them feel enthusiastic.	- The idea didn't really <u>grab</u> me.
4.	Transitive (Informal)	If you grab food or sleep, you eat quickly or sleep for a short time.	- I'll <u>grab</u> a sandwich back at the hotel.

APPENDIX C
DEFINITIONS AND EXAMPLES OF USE OF *GRASPED* IN VERB
FORM TAKEN FROM THE MACMILLAN DICTIONARY ONLINE
(2016)

No.	Types of finite verb	Definitions	Examples of use
1.	Transitive	To take and hold something or someone very tightly.	- She <u>grasped</u> his hand and pulled him towards her.
-	-	Grasp someone by the shoulders/ arm/ wrist etc.	- He <u>grasped</u> her firmly by the shoulders.
2.	Transitive	To understand something.	- He was finding it difficult to <u>grasp</u> the rules of the game.
-	-	Grasp the meaning/ significance of something.	- You should try to <u>grasp</u> the meaning of whole sentences.
-	-	Grasp a concept/ principle/ point.	- Charlie <u>grasped</u> the point at once.
3.	Transitive	To take advantage of an opportunity when it happens.	- We must <u>grasp</u> every opportunity if we are going to succeed. - He had failed to <u>grasp</u> his one chance of happiness.

APPENDIX D

THE 200 CONCORDANCE LINES OF *CATCH* SHOWN IN PRESENT SIMPLE TENSE AND PAST PARTICIPLE FORM (*CAUGHT*) WITHIN COCA

1	2008	NEWS	Chicago	A	B	C	yards and 14 touchdowns for a 10-1 team . He also	caught	22 passes for 386 yards and four TDs and averaged 38 yards
2	2005	NEWS	USAToday	A	B	C	five pro starts and 29 catches . Bobby Wade , who	caught	40 passes but zero touchdowns in 2004 , is in the mix
3	2012	NEWS	Houston	A	B	C	has been in two years . # Sam Rayburn , which	caught	5 feet of water in the past month , is just a
4	2011	SPOK	CBS_Early	A	B	C	THE EARLY SHOW on CBS . (ANNOUNCEMENTS) ERICA-HILL: If you	caught	60 MINUTES last night and you saw the piece on Angelina Jolie
5	2000	NEWS	Denver	A	B	C	shared waterways and efforts involving predator species . #	Caught	a big one ? Bird dog run away from home ? Got
6	1990	FIC	SouthernRev	A	B	C	who had fought in a war before she was born and	caught	a bullet in his chest and many years later left a note
7	2009	NEWS	SanFranChron	A	B	C	track coach . Asomugha , raised in an L.A. suburb ,	caught	a bus at the Berkeley campus and rode to West Oakland to
8	2000	FIC	Analog	A	B	C	, and well , maintained streets for several blocks , then	caught	a commuter booth for the south of town . " Darcy 's
9	2008	NEWS	Houston	A	B	C	? // Darwinian Houston // In June , O. and J.	caught	a direct flight out of Asheville , a place I consider the
10	2005	MAG	FieldStream	A	B	C	, one of which would usually catch fish . After we	caught	a few more , I suggested we try the shallows hile the
11	2000	FIC	Bk:Tripwire	A	B	C	. Fishing equipment , Reacher guessed , although he had never	caught	a fish in his life . Or sailed a boat . Overlaying
12	1992	FIC	Mov:PublicEye	A	B	C	BERNZY # You see what I 'm saying ? You ever	caught	a fish on vacation ? Pointer nods . # BERNZY # You
13	1998	NEWS	NYTimes	A	B	C	to feel the type of exhilaration he did when he once	caught	a foul ball off a Nolan Ryan fastball . Chad and Kevin
14	1993	FIC	RunnersWorld	A	B	C	on the final turn , he came off the bump and	caught	a full second of solid air-time : He hitch-kicked once , arms
15	1996	MAG	BoysLife	A	B	C	he took more salmon eggs from the bait box , he	caught	a glimpse of a great bird . An osprey leaped from its
16	2004	FIC	MassachRev	A	B	C	and tails and evening gowns . Across the crowded room I	caught	a glimpse of my father , only he was a boy ,
17	1990	FIC	Bk:BurnMarks	A	B	C	. " As he shook his head , bewildered , I	caught	a glimpse of a hearing aid in his left ear . I
18	1993	FIC	BkSF:YoungSoul	A	B	C	, take the key , and they would vanish before she	caught	a glimpse of this strange place somewhere beyond the Cygnet 's

19	2008	FIC	FantasySciFi	A	B	C	couch across from me . As she crossed her legs I	caught	a glimpse of white panties . Not the ghost but the real
20	2010	FIC	Bk:HereBurnsMyCandle	A	B	C	amid a sea of freckles . By the fires glow Marjory	caught	a glimpse of herself in the silvery looking glass by her side
21	2012	FIC	Bk:Firelight	A	B	C	# The conveyance came flush with the shop window . Miranda	caught	a glimpse of the black top hat and cloak of a coachman
22	2012	FIC	AntiochRev	A	B	C	stood up . The father checked on the baby and Margo	caught	a glimpse of the child 's sleeping face as he adjusted a
23	2010	SPOK	ABC_20/20	A	B	C	. JUJU-CHANG-1-ABC-# (Off-camera) So it's almost like you	caught	a glimpse of the monster who killed these people ?
24	1994	MAG	Atlantic	A	B	C	a tow , he charged thirty-five dollars . Once , he	caught	a glint in the roadside alders that turned out to be a
25	2005	SPOK	NPR_TalkNation	A	B	C	subject to be killed . Mr-MURPHY : Well , I only	caught	a little bit of his interview , and while he 's right
26	1996	MAG	NatlParks	A	B	C	and fauna of the national parks . # WHEN AN ANGLER	caught	a mature lake trout in Yellowstone Lake on July 30 , 1994
27	2004	FIC	AntiochRev	A	B	C	'd had our only luck the winter before when we 'd	caught	a mess of hybrid splake through the ice in a stocked spring-fed
28	1993	FIC	CreativeWoman	A	B	C	the TV in another room . Once in a while she	caught	a phrase , " solid piece of work , " " plenty
29	1994	FIC	Mov:ForrestGump	A	B	C	PRESLEY (sings) " Well , you ai n't never	caught	a rabbit , and you ai n't no friend of mine .
30	2009	FIC	Bk:TemptedByHisKiss	A	B	C	the door . Turning his head toward the sound , he	caught	a shimmer of gray as a woman came into view . She
31	2007	MAG	ScienceNews	A	B	C	But in 1908 , a U.S. research vessel in the Philippines	caught	a single shrimp that belonged to this group . This living fossil
32	1999	FIC	VirginiaQRev	A	B	C	rod from the cottage and mussel meat as bait , I	caught	a small flounder on the island 's seaside . The slippery fish
33	2006	MAG	SportsIll	A	B	C	career shot there , " he said . " But it	caught	a soft bounce , and the ball came all the way back
34	2011	FIC	Bk:ChildrenStreet	A	B	C	on a communal TV . # Here and there , Dawson	caught	a whiff of marijuana , or " wee , " as it
35	1998	FIC	Mov:HardRain	A	B	C	Henry enters . # HENRY # Jesus , Doreen , you	caught	a whole gang . EXT . RESIDENTIAL STREET Jim and Mr. Mehlor
36	2004	FIC	Bk:BadBoy	A	B	C	He knew all too well what it felt like to be	caught	after doing something he should n't have . " I admire your
37	2001	FIC	KnowYourWorld	A	B	C	8048 His sister made sure Cameron got	caught	after sneaking out . Now he can pay her back . .
38	2010	NEWS	Atlanta	A	B	C	grown as a coach . " # Certainly , Smith has	caught	all shades of grief from Woodson , the Bobby Knight disciple. #
39	1998	NEWS	USAToday	A	B	C	shelves and their slopes . More than 80% of fish are	caught	along the continental shelves , and a little more than half of
40	2003	FIC	Mov:BigFish	A	B	C	born ? # # WILL # A thousand times . He	caught	an uncatchable fish . # DR . BENNETT Not that one .
41	2008	MAG	Ms	A	B	C	accused rapist . He went on the lam , but was	caught	and accused of murder . In testimony at the July congressional

42	2011	FIC	Framework	A	B	C	will keep it ! He trains the grey Gyr he has	caught	and goes out hunting with it ... even though his mind is
43	2007	FIC	FantasySciFi	A	B	C	at her . He nodded and turned away . The outboard	caught	and roared . The Zodiac 's nose lifted as they headed back
44	2000	MAG	MilitaryHist	A	B	C	very successful estimated at \$6,547,000 . After she was finally	caught	and sunk off Cherbourg by the sloop USS Kearsarge on June 19,1864
45	2003	SPOK	NPR_Daybreak	A	B	C	along these lines because , number one , he 's never	caught	and , number two , he never develops any sense of remorse
46	2005	NEWS	Denver	A	B	C	Chiefs . # Although UNC was 2-9 last season , Jackson	caught	another 80 passes while working toward a degree in business . #
47	1996	NEWS	Houston	A	B	C	, including a 29-incher . Bill Fiala , another newcomer ,	caught	approximately 100 fish topped by a 28-incher . George Boykin ,
48	2006	NEWS	AssocPress	A	B	C	# Drummond Island : Good numbers of yellow perch have been	caught	around the island . Those fishing at the Yacht Haven Pier were
49	2009	NEWS	Houston	A	B	C	older than 40 since the Dodgers Ed Kirkpatrick (19)	caught	Art Fowler (41) in 1964 . # Eventual Hall of
50	2009	FIC	FantasySciFi	A	B	C	Clyde had a hunch that she intended to kill Pet and	caught	at her arm ; but she was already moving toward Pet .
51	2009	FIC	Bk:PalaceCircle	A	B	C	she had ever known and suddenly the prospect of leaving it	caught	at her throat . Sans Souci meant , in French , "
52	1992	FIC	BkSF:DragonToken	A	B	C	cheek , he murmured , " Forgive me . " Sioned	caught	at his arm with both hands . " I 'm fright-ened --
53	2012	SPOK	NBC_RockCenter	A	B	C	man was sentenced to 10 years in prison after he was	caught	at the airport with seven rhino horns . The DNA was a
54	2010	MAG	FieldStream	A	B	C	I remind myself that some of Kieper 's biggest muskies were	caught	at this point in the retrieve , including this morning 's 53-inch
55	2006	FIC	NewEnglandRev	A	B	C	and he does n't see how he 's gon na get	caught	because if the manager notices that the register 's short , the
56	2002	FIC	Bk:DarkGuardian	A	B	C	the rookie himself . " Let 's go . " He	caught	Benton under the arms , tried to stay low and behind cover
57	1990	SPOK	CNN_NewsSat	A	B	C	talking about the situation of Palestinians in Israel . The king	caught	between all the varying pressure here . Where does any of this
58	1990	NEWS	USAToday	A	B	C	he says . " Greatly . " # - Executives are	caught	between cities . Fred Fernandez , 41 , has a new job
59	1994	FIC	Mov:Cobb	A	B	C	drive any faster ? ! Move it ! # Stump is	caught	between fear and rage . ## STUMP # Fuck you !
60	2011	FIC	Bk:TimeHeal	A	B	C	. Hannah hid her smile while she watched Daniel , tongue	caught	between his teeth , worry over a problem . When he held
61	1993	FIC	Bk:InMyFathers	A	B	C	much ? It was the same with Amy . He felt	caught	between impossible desires . When he 'd lusted after her , he
62	2003	FIC	NativeCalif	A	B	C	, reduced to # remnants in the 1840 's . #	Caught	between the missions , smallpox , slave-raiders , # squeezed
63	2004	ACAD	IntlAffairs	A	B	C	, what has been termed a " trapped minority , "	caught	between the territorial lines of the state and the boundaries of

64	2006	ACAD	AfricanHist	A	B	C	tax collection fell mainly to them . The chiefs felt themselves	caught	between their obligations under the Agreement to be
65	2007	NEWS	NYTimes	A	B	C	imagines seeing it in the mirror . Everyone else may be	caught	between wonder and suspicion -- just whose American soul are we
66	2008	SPOK	ABC Primetime	A	B	C	(Voiceover) But it was Shaq 's supersize bed that really	caught	Brenden 's eye . SHAQUILLE-O'NEAL -# I wanted it to be the
67	2008	FIC	Analog	A	B	C	a cloud of smoke that hovered a moment , then was	caught	by an ocean gust . " She takes after her mother ,
68	2004	FIC	LiteraryRev	A	B	C	faint smile appeared on his face . Then his attention was	caught	by an oil painting . The oil painting was quite large ,
69	1992	NEWS	Houston	A	B	C	the ball hard , but his line drive to left was	caught	by Bonds , ending the Braves ' threat and leaving the Pirates
70	2001	MAG	Bicycling	A	B	C	the stage -- he 's too drained to fight back when	caught	by Dutchman Eric Breukink with a few kilometers to go . But
71	2010	NEWS	NYTimes	A	B	C	Goldblatt in South Africa ; a Hindu processional sculpture	caught	by Rosalind Solomon in Calcutta ; and the presidential
72	2006	NEWS	AssocPress	A	B	C	towns , in the shadow of rain-making Mount Tamalpais , were	caught	by surprise by overflowing creeks and cascading mud . The recent
73	2010	SPOK	Fox Journal	A	B	C	: And I would say to James , he really got	caught	by surprise by what happened in the financial crisis . And in
74	1991	ACAD	ArabStudies	A	B	C	Sabah family . Shortly thereafter , however , the world was	caught	by surprise when Saddam Hussein announced the annexation of
75	2003	FIC	Ploughshares	A	B	C	, the mother too hungry herself to feed them , or	caught	by the dogs . We had a big old plastic purse with
76	1997	FIC	Bk:AbsolutelyPositively	A	B	C	. Molly sat somewhat primly on the sofa , her attention	caught	by the lights of the Pike Place Market down below and the
77	2007	MAG	Smithsonian	A	B	C	Long before you see the martyred saint , your eye is	caught	by two gravediggers , one of whom has his back turned toward
78	1995	FIC	Bk:HarmonyFleshBlack	A	B	C	this game to let anything slip in conversation . Fred had	caught	Clay in his room , by phone , forehand , and told
79	1994	SPOK	CBS Sixty	A	B	C	you . (Footage-of-Stahl-a) STAHL : (Voiceover) But we had	caught	Courter by surprise . Cong-COURTER : I do n't want to pass
80	1992	FIC	BkSF:ChildElvish	A	B	C	left the Elf-King 's daughter all alone ? " The question	caught	Dail by surprise , and it hit him like a blow or
81	2011	FIC	Bk:UnsaidNovel	A	B	C	car closed in . # A panicked hoof shot out and	caught	David on the cheek , carving a deep gash that immediately drew
82	1996	FIC	ArkansasRev	A	B	C	the giant marlins leaping in waters off Flores , yellowfin tuna	caught	day after day on the troll on the passage from Maui to
83	2004	FIC	Bk:GoodBeBad	A	B	C	the brokerage and scathing looks from women who would n't be	caught	dead in anything less than designer labels . The saving grace was
84	2011	FIC	SouthernRev	A	B	C	said , " Well , I would n't want to be	caught	dead in this shirt . " # Which was n't exactly true
85	2012	MAG	OutdoorLife	A	B	C	problem fishing docks , while most muskie guys would n't be	caught	dead near them . But docks attract forage , and that attracts

86	1994	NEWS	Houston	A	B	C	the state to participate in the evaluation . # Before it	caught	diamond fever , Texas Star was a company used to accumulating
87	2007	SPOK	Fox_Gibson	A	B	C	enough . Find out what admitted pedophile , Jack McClellan was	caught	doing in the state that is watching him may like hawk .
88	2009	NEWS	NYTimes	A	B	C	Mrs. Weis said . '' A lot of them are	caught	doing stuff , and they kind of get away with things .
89	2000	NEWS	AssocPress	A	B	C	Herald to establish that 70,000 people in south Florida had been	caught	driving with suspended licenses . # The justices ' decision
90	1994	MAG	OutdoorLife	A	B	C	hundred fishermen in the tournament , a few fish were actually	caught	during the week , 10 or so large enough to win prizes
91	1999	NEWS	Houston	A	B	C	look like geniuses for signing receiver Rocket Ismail , who	caught	eight passes for 149 yards , including the 76-yard game-winner
92	1994	NEWS	Denver	A	B	C	was complicated in recent years by unseasonal ice storms that	caught	elderly trees unaware and accelerated their decline . O'Connor
93	2012	SPOK	CBS_ThisMorning	A	B	C	Goodness gracious . After a little while , if you get	caught	enough times , it 's not going to be very funny to
94	2004	SPOK	NBC_Today	A	B	C	or no oversight of your company . And if you 're	caught	even asking about a comp -- your company over the phone ,
95	1992	SPOK	CNN_Moneyline	A	B	C	. Well , since then , the Super Bowl indicator has	caught	fancy of a lot of market watchers and writers and I 've
96	2009	MAG	SportsIll	A	B	C	strokes of virtuosity for nearly 20 years , since he first	caught	fans ' fancy with his grip-it-and-rip-it style . Phil Mickelson
97	1995	MAG	FieldStream	A	B	C	many people talked up the pleasures of being there when they	caught	few fish or shot few birds , but took all the fish
98	2000	MAG	MilitaryHist	A	B	C	fleet at Lissa in 1866 , and one , Palestro ,	caught	fire and blew up . Most of the broadside ironclads in the
99	1993	NEWS	Houston	A	B	C	made it out safely . # A piece of clothing that	caught	fire next to a heater unit caused the blaze , an Amarillo
100	2002	MAG	Forbes	A	B	C	nationally on the backs of franchisees , Wilson 's idea	caught	fire with the public ; travelers always knew what to expect .
101	2000	FIC	Mov:AlmostFamous	A	B	C	, hangs up quickly , as if the phone has just	caught	fire . # ESTRELLA # I think I just messed up !
102	2009	FIC	Read	A	B	C	of Petittown watched from their porch swings as the children	caught	fireflies . All the town was peaceful but for one Petittown
103	2010	SPOK	CNN_News	A	B	C	it 's really the area where the oil needs to be	caught	first . This is where commerce takes place for people to fish
104	1997	ACAD	IntlAffairs	A	B	C	of flooding to fish for home consumption , and 10.55 percent	caught	fish for sale . There is no government program to provide
105	2011	MAG	BoysLife	A	B	C	The Scouts begin dinner preparations by cleaning their freshly	caught	fish . # Myles Bolton 's day is about to get a
106	1996	NEWS	Houston	A	B	C	to get your arm through that sleeve , it will get	caught	five out of 10 times , at least , " Williams says
107	2003	NEWS	Houston	A	B	C	a threat hooking up with with receiver L.A. Reed , who	caught	five passes for 77 yards and a touchdown . # The War

108	2011	FIC	Bk:ItsAlwaysBeenYou	A	B	C	opening , a break in the crowd . # His eyes	caught	for a moment , moved on , then blinked as something clicked
109	1991	FIC	Mov:Thelma&Louise	A	B	C	do n't think it 's the place I wan na get	caught	for doin ' something like ... if you blow a guy 's
110	2004	NEWS	Houston	A	B	C	he had been director of communications since age 24 . He	caught	former Enron CEO Jeff Skilling 's attention , and by 1999 he
111	2007	NEWS	Chicago	A	B	C	for quarterback Matt Hasselbeck , slot receiver Bobby Engram	caught	four passes for a team-high 88 yards in the wild-card victory
112	2000	FIC	Esquire	A	B	C	the armies of pests aggressively occupying the building . Neil	caught	fourteen mice , and scores of others escaped with missing limbs
113	1998	FIC	Mov:DeepRising	A	B	C	. He never gets the punch off . His arm is	caught	from behind . He looks over his shoulder to Finnegan . Gripping
114	1995	ACAD	MarineFish	A	B	C	in the 1960 CPFV fishery they contributed 85% of the fish	caught	from central and northern California (Miller and Gotshall ,
115	1990	FIC	Atlantic	A	B	C	side and fallen over . She was on her side ,	caught	half in , half out of the chair . What he could
116	1995	FIC	ParisRev	A	B	C	in handy packets of adages . Extremely important , the fit	caught	having a go with their reason , the inventors of paid thought
117	1992	FIC	BkSF:NightParade	A	B	C	changing her after all . Suddenly a glint of green fire	caught	her attention . She stopped and found herself captivated by a
118	2007	FIC	FantasySciFi	A	B	C	voices , holding out tiny bright boxes of gum . She	caught	her balance , pushing her palms out to ward them off ,
119	1994	FIC	Triquarterly	A	B	C	instant watch the gesture in the midst of which she had	caught	her body , to which in a palpable sense she was returning
120	2010	SPOK	NPR_FreshAir	A	B	C	left in my order , she suddenly wrinkled her nose ,	caught	her breath , turned slightly and sneezed ferociously , sending a
121	2008	FIC	Bk:YellowMoon	A	B	C	swing into a more urgent , insistent rhythm . // Marie	caught	her breath . // " You all right , Marie ? "
122	1992	FIC	Omni	A	B	C	? " # She started to flounce off , but he	caught	her by the arm . # " If you give it a
123	1998	FIC	KenyonRev	A	B	C	do n't know . " Then , looking up , I	caught	her eye and without meaning to , I smiled , and the
124	2010	FIC	Bk:BeautifulMaría	A	B	C	cab , Sixto did n't mind at all . What most	caught	her eye were the racks of dresses over which hung a sign
125	2001	FIC	FantasySciFi	A	B	C	. It responded with a cascade of hits , but one	caught	her eye - a private folder named " Sage . " Curious
126	1999	FIC	Analog	A	B	C	wet , " and gave him a hearty splash . He	caught	her hand . " Ah , but nothing is so beautiful as
127	2011	FIC	Raritan	A	B	C	I said , and laughed , feeling confident that I had	caught	her meaning and disposed of her reservations . But she forged on
128	1992	FIC	BkSF:DanceDead	A	B	C	Dumont had decided to change clothes for the performance and had	caught	her spying on him ? What might he have done ? And
129	1996	FIC	Bk:DarkRoom	A	B	C	, do you think ? " he asked mildly . He	caught	her unawares and she stared at him in shock . " My
130	2006	FIC	MichiganQRev	A	B	C	and started to go back indoors , but this time Carlisle	caught	her wrist and held it , held her , gently . #

131	2005	FIC	VirginiaQRev	A	B	C	Helen lunged after her coat . Her ankle gave and she	caught	herself as she fell . A deacon , Jerry Timlinson , clambered
132	2011	FIC	FantasySciFi	A	B	C	Now and again she glanced at him , now and then	caught	him glancing at her . AGAIN in the coffee shop , this
133	2003	FIC	FilmComment	A	B	C	night , his father looked into the room , and Amos	caught	him in the door frame . " Pet niggers , " said
134	2001	SPOK	NPR_Morning	A	B	C	that gave the FBI a reason to arrest him . They	caught	him last night and my guess , Bob , is that this
135	1999	FIC	LiteraryRev	A	B	C	hairs on my body stand up and salute . When I	caught	him looking , he quickly shifted his gaze . He was alternatively
136	2001	FIC	Analog	A	B	C	bloody-mindedness . The egalitarian quality of modern society	caught	him on the hop , as discomposing as kicking a huge weight
137	1996	MAG	SportsIll	A	B	C	his spots , scoring points with flawless execution . Pitt	caught	him with a solid right to the jaw , but Taylor walked
138	1994	SPOK	Ind_Limbaugh	A	B	C	did n't fall this time because Clinton was standing there and	caught	him , but , oh , I love that open . That
139	1999	FIC	FantasySciFi	A	B	C	you 're scared ? " " Scared ! " # He	caught	himself before answering , before launching into an
140	2008	FIC	FantasySciFi	A	B	C	says . But it only works in groups . " Ken	caught	himself waving his fork around with a piece of steak still
141	1997	FIC	FantasySciFi	A	B	C	made the nomophylax 's rage bum hotter . # Then he	caught	himself wishing he had not turned his back quite so soon .
142	2003	FIC	FantasySciFi	A	B	C	. " I just got done telling you - " He	caught	himself , caught his own lie . " When I feel ready
143	2005	FIC	Analog	A	B	C	she 's dead . " " Maybe not . " Derek	caught	his arm . " We brought the oxygen gear. We can go after
144	2004	FIC	Bk:JerichoSanction	A	B	C	of a UN plane . But that was n't what had	caught	his attention . Mitch Vecchio knew for certain that the "
145	1994	FIC	Mov:Highlander3	A	B	C	my coat . The Salesman looks behind Kilvara -- something has	caught	his attention . Kilvara turns around following his stare .
146	1995	SPOK	CBS_EyeToEye	A	B	C	that now he 's finally saying something ; that I 've	caught	his attention . Mr-WALSH : After the G -- what comes after
147	1994	FIC	FantasySciFi	A	B	C	compensation before he found anything . # Another ad	caught	his attention : Stevedore . There was no job description , just
148	2002	ACAD	Archaeology	A	B	C	, east of the Mississippi ! " # When Waison	caught	his breath he called archaeologist David Overstreet at
149	1993	FIC	Commentary	A	B	C	to achieve illumination and fulfill his sacred dream . You	caught	his desire for self-affliction and prevailed on him to come here
150	1992	NEWS	NYTimes	A	B	C	his Phillie teammates hit . # Suddenly , a high-pitched voice	caught	his ear , a sound emanating from the area behind the cage
151	1997	NEWS	Houston	A	B	C	boxing here , " he says . # Williams in particular	caught	his eye . With a body that appeared to be patterned after
152	1997	FIC	FantasySciFi	A	B	C	. # A few minutes passed . # A sudden movement	caught	his eye . The leader of the creatures stood on the counter

153	2000	SPOK	CNN Politics	A	B	C	here ? FAILING : A day care at this YMCA has	caught	his eye . He finds a room full of pre-school kids ,
154	2010	FIC	Bk:DeadlyPursuit	A	B	C	it on principle , but ... did that mean she 'd	caught	his eye ? " Where 's Judy ? " Katie wondered ,
155	2009	FIC	Bk:HusbandsWicked	A	B	C	's , " he agreed . A gust of March wind	caught	his hat , and he grabbed it swiftly . He glanced rather
156	2009	NEWS	Denver	A	B	C	tailoring his study at Lamar Community College to a field that	caught	his interest during 20 years as a volunteer firefighter , he
157	1994	FIC	Bk:Legacy	A	B	C	already been swollen and cut from all the times he 'd	caught	his own flesh in the clippers while shearing sheep . " Ten
158	2000	FIC	VirginiaQRev	A	B	C	rooted , as if fascinated by a snake . The priest	caught	his wrist , spun him around , and pushed him against the
159	1991	FIC	BkSF:FireSea	A	B	C	. Sitting astride the plunging , frantic beast , the prince	caught	hold of the curved part of the sharp horn located just behind
160	2005	SPOK	CNN Zahn	A	B	C	? Twelve-year-old cancer patient , Katie Wernecke , who is	caught	in a battle over whether she actually needs radiation therapy
161	2000	FIC	SouthwestRev	A	B	C	ringing up a trill . Her keys were shooting like Mafiosi	caught	in a drug raid . " Would you believe it ! She
162	1991	MAG	Newsweek	A	B	C	conservatives ' last stand . The country would no longer be	caught	in a face-off between he reformers and the old guard . In
163	2011	MAG	NationalGeographic	A	B	C	any place at any time , as anyone who has been	caught	in a flash thunderstorm in a bone-dry Utah canyon (not
164	2002	MAG	AmericanCraft	A	B	C	work from our unconscious-apart that is out of our control ,	caught	in a fog of conflicting emotions and fears-in the end , we
165	1999	NEWS	AssocPress	A	B	C	to portray the wronged man as a Jimmy Stewart-like good guy	caught	in a Hitchcock-like web of coincidence . # In real life the
166	1990	SPOK	ABC 20/20	A	B	C	Stone Phillips has our report . A man and his family	caught	in a maelstrom of fear , fingerpointing and public humiliation .
167	1993	ACAD	Ethnology	A	B	C	be emptied every few minutes and hundreds of 5-8 centimeter fish	caught	in a matter of hours . Fish can also be found by
168	1991	FIC	BkSF:FireSea	A	B	C	at the stone , his brain running around like a mouse	caught	in a maze , darting down this passage and that , sniffing
169	2010	FIC	Analog	A	B	C	"ll pull your contract fester than you can get your tie	caught	in a paper shredder . Do you understand ? " Larch took
170	2009	FIC	AntiochRev	A	B	C	forth in mixed up directions . Birds float in the air	caught	in a pocket of a hold in the wind . I feel
171	1998	FIC	Esquire	A	B	C	sprawled in his underpants on the ground , his walking stick	caught	in a pricker bush . They decided that this did not look
172	2007	ACAD	MiddleEastQ	A	B	C	are fighting for control of Iraq , then the U.S. is	caught	in a sectarian civil war . This would require a paradigm shift
173	1995	ACAD	Symposium	A	B	C	even basic dishonesty -- of the narrator , a marginal individual	caught	in a web of uncomfortable circumstances . Rather , the story
174	2008	MAG	Entertainment	A	B	C	the tale of two happy , seemingly harmless potheads who get	caught	in a world of murderous crime . Dale Denton (Rogen)

175	1999	SPOK	NBC Dateline	A	B	C	's future still hangs in the balance -- one little girl	caught	in an ugly and cruel scheme , one little girl who so
176	2007	SPOK	NPR TalkNation	A	B	C	because they wanted to make sure that we did n't get	caught	in any crossfire . There were lots and lots of police from
177	2003	SPOK	Fox HC	A	B	C	the Democratic Party . It would be as if Republicans were	caught	in bed with Hitler . COLMES : I ask you , is
178	1998	NEWS	USAToday	A	B	C	only way he 'd ever be convicted was if he was	caught	in bed " with a dead woman or a live boy .
179	1993	MAG	Essence	A	B	C	-- from teenagers killed in gang-related drive-bys to children	caught	in cross fire on their way home front school . But there
180	1991	ACAD	MarineFish	A	B	C	. The Gulf license is required in order to land shrimp	caught	in Gulf of Mexico waters . Both the inshore and offshore
181	1993	FIC	Ms	A	B	C	... or Xhosa ? " # Or ... # She was	caught	in her own trap . Had n't she some long time ago
182	2008	FIC	Esquire	A	B	C	Point Paper . I was using the push broom , which	caught	in its broad mustache crumpled receipts , dead pens , a green
183	1990	FIC	Mov:Tremors	A	B	C	slams shut on the fence . Like a spider sensing something	caught	in its web , the monster knows it 's on to something
184	1993	ACAD	MarineFish	A	B	C	due to fewer reported trips . However , this species is	caught	in large numbers by noncommercial fishermen (Everson15 ; Hamm
185	1996	FIC	HarpersMag	A	B	C	those few seconds before I realized my mistake my breath had	caught	in my chest and tears had gushed to my eyes and I
186	2002	MAG	Jet	A	B	C	. Most artists who sell 4 million records would n't be	caught	in some of these spots , but not me . I'm
187	1997	SPOK	NBC Today	A	B	C	, senators , they always use that excuse when they get	caught	in something . They 'll say , Oh , it was an
188	2008	NEWS	CSMonitor	A	B	C	harvests of Alaska 's five species of salmon , which are	caught	in state waters and managed under a separate state system ; they
189	2008	MAG	NaturalHist	A	B	C	But hunters and women who work with skins note that seals	caught	in summer sometimes appear still to be molting . With earlier
190	1991	MAG	Conservation	A	B	C	True Bass and People # Fish that move through and are	caught	in territorial waters of more than one state or nation are often
191	2001	MAG	NatlReview	A	B	C	, fabricating evidence to prove a pet conservative point , were	caught	in the act . If the purpose of historical scholarship is to
192	2001	ACAD	Style	A	B	C	long as you only take one " (15) .	Caught	in the act of breaking into the children 's nursery , the
193	2004	FIC	Analog	A	B	C	tried to pull her into the soyuzoid , but Khalida was	caught	in the airlock , and- " He buried his face in his
194	2011	ACAD	ScholasticScope	A	B	C	. Some distance away , two other climbers had also been	caught	in the avalanche . One was hurt . The other disappeared into
195	1997	ACAD	AfricaToday	A	B	C	Hutu refugees back to Rwanda , thus protecting them from getting	caught	in the cross fire between Banyamulenge Tutsi rebels and Zairian
196	1994	NEWS	WashPost	A	B	C	are considering taking the British government to court . #	Caught	in the cross-fire is the sculpture , a delicate work in white
197	1993	NEWS	WashPost	A	B	C	" of 350 , although he acknowledged that many were civilians	caught	in the crossfire . # Lt. Col. Danny McKnight , who commanded

198	2007	FIC	Mosaic	A	B	C	It hung so low she could see the flecks and bits	caught	in the hems of her spirit 's skirts . She picked them
199	1996	SPOK	CNN_KingWknd	A	B	C	the reason entered into myself , is that my hands got	caught	in the horse 's bridle and it came off with me .
200	2000	NEWS	AssocPress	A	B	C	to occupied territory . But many who return say they get	caught	in the middle of fierce battles . AP Photos NAZ190-191 . #



APPENDIX E

**THE 200 CONCORDANCE LINES OF *GRAB* SHOWN IN PRESENT SIMPLE TENSE AND PAST PARTICIPLE
FORM (*GRABBED*) WITHIN COCA**

1	1998	MAG	Entertainment	A	B	C	grown at nearly the same pace as Fox (it 's	grabbed	63 percent more households since launching) , total viewership
2	2006	SPOK	Ind Oprah	A	B	C	And I would like to know -- I think that he	grabbed	9/11 when it happened and he went with it . And I
3	2001	FIC	AfricanAmerRev	A	B	C	weekends . I sneaked downstairs , drank some water , and	grabbed	a apple . The whole house was quiet . Selma gone out
4	1999	NEWS	Chicago	A	B	C	fans seldom see . Such as the time recently when he	Grabbed	a bat during a loss and took his frustration out on the
5	2007	SPOK	CBS 48Hours	A	B	C	The disarray continued inside . Shocked EMTs carelessly	grabbed	a blanket from the house to cover Christa 's body . Soon
6	2012	FIC	Analog	A	B	C	crumbs . Others mopped up sticky blobs of casserole . One	grabbed	a broom , made perhaps from a child 's toothbrush , and
7	1999	FIC	FantasySciFi	A	B	C	It 's your turn and you know it . " Mamma	grabbed	a broom , but I snuck out the back door and did
8	1999	NEWS	NYTimes	A	B	C	Others goofed off when vacuum cleaners broke , but Ms. Crawford	grabbed	a broom . By August , the supervisor had promoted her onto
9	1997	NEWS	Atlanta	A	B	C	. The group loaded into a mini-van with their interpreter ,	grabbed	a bucket of fried chicken to go and rode 45 minutes to
10	2003	NEWS	NYTimes	A	B	C	surf . Another lifeguard in the tower , Steve Kreitzer ,	grabbed	a bullhorn but realized the batteries were dead . # " God
11	1994	MAG	Smithsonian	A	B	C	her Illinois farm one June afternoon in 1990 , Mary Hurley	grabbed	a camera . # PHOTOS : She recorded a terrifying spectacle as
12	2009	MAG	Smithsonian	A	B	C	a beat she reached into a basket on the counter and	grabbed	a card of hairpins , " Victory Bobbies , " vintage World
13	2005	SPOK	CBS 48Hours	A	B	C	belittle me , and then he would just leave . I	grabbed	a chair , and I put the chair under the doorknob .
14	1995	SPOK	ABC Breaking	A	B	C	her other friends . He went to another table . He	grabbed	a chair . Now , the chair was facing in an opposite
15	2008	FIC	Bk:AfterHoursAtAlmost	A	B	C	She smacked an empty cardboard box out of her way and	grabbed	a cluster of ciders . This was what happened when you worked
16	2001	FIC	Ploughshares	A	B	C	and all over him . She was so light . He	grabbed	a couple of towels off the rack and wrapped them around the
17	2012	FIC	Bk:DecadentWayDie	A	B	C	shelves . # When he found what he wanted , he	grabbed	a couple of plastic bags from beneath the cash register and began
18	1998	SPOK	NPR Morning	A	B	C	heard Monica Lewinsky 's voice , and so we 've just	grabbed	a couple of tape cuts to play for you . In this

19	2010	SPOK	Fox_Watch	A	B	C	up best on MSNBC when he said , " Gibbs just	grabbed	a couple of beers and went down the emergency chute that day
20	1992	SPOK	ABC_Special	A	B	C	voter discontent over the economy , Governor Bill Clinton has	grabbed	a decisive early lead over President Bush , along with the vast
21	1999	FIC	Bk:EveningNews	A	B	C	She shut the refrigerator door , then opened it again and	grabbed	a Dos Equis she 'd bought at the store earlier in the
22	2005	FIC	GoodHousekeeping	A	B	C	Dad dropped a couple of pecans on the floor when he	grabbed	a fistful . " I'll vacuum , " he offered sheepishly
23	1997	ACAD	AmerScholar	A	B	C	arm and marched out of the room , a resourceful person	grabbed	a folding chair and suggested that Donald take a seat under a
24	2012	FIC	Analog	A	B	C	! I do n't need another fucking shrink ! " She	grabbed	a half-full glass of water from the coffee table and threw it
25	2000	FIC	FantasySciFi	A	B	C	" The rumble drowned out her voice . Without thinking she	grabbed	a handful of gravel and threw it . The stones clattered against
26	1994	ACAD	Mercury	A	B	C	# Out in the garden shed observatory that morning , I	grabbed	a handle and gave a shove . Slowly the big roof started
27	2007	FIC	Analog	A	B	C	down , not up toward the palace . Frowning , she	grabbed	a handy rope to steady herself and turned to go back the
28	1999	SPOK	NBC_Dateline	A	B	C	: I immediately started pushing him away and his hand had	grabbed	a hold of my shirt and as I went down on the
29	2004	SPOK	CBS_48Hours	A	B	C	R-GARIBALDI : There were a couple of times where he just	grabbed	a hold of me , threw me to the ground , put
30	1991	FIC	Bk:WishYouWere	A	B	C	" Mrs. H. was unusually terse this morning . " He	grabbed	a huge handful of mail , most of it for the law
31	2011	FIC	ScholScope	A	B	C	# A happy reunion . I could only hope . I	grabbed	a leash and headed down the street . # The park was
32	1997	FIC	Ploughshares	A	B	C	. One manager told me about the two women who each	grabbed	a leg and would n't let go . They ended up ripping
33	2002	SPOK	CBS_SixtyII	A	B	C	he spun to see the attack on TV . Then he	grabbed	a legal pad and quickly wrote his first words to the nation
34	1999	MAG	SportsIll	A	B	C	n't want to do that . It was like I 'd	grabbed	a lifeline and pulled myself out of the water " Photograph Board
35	1998	FIC	SouthwestRev	A	B	C	" she shouted . Then she went to the shed ,	grabbed	a machete and began waving it around as she admonished the crowd
36	2000	FIC	Bk:TravelingLight	A	B	C	the shock of my stiff , injured ankle bearing weight and	grabbed	a mahogany bedpost to keep from crumpling . I cursed and held
37	2010	NEWS	WashPost	A	B	C	4:50 p.m . Sept. 18 . A man on a bike	grabbed	a male juvenile , knocked him to the ground and robbed him
38	1997	NEWS	Atlanta	A	B	C	Apartments . # 5800 block of Buford Highway . A gunman	grabbed	a man by the throat inside the Sushi Restaurant about 5:40 a.m
39	2003	FIC	CampusLife	A	B	C	. # " Great job , Dev . " # He	grabbed	a marker , and I watched as he carefully wrote his name
40	1994	SPOK	Ind_Limbaugh	A	B	C	lawyers . ' I just -- you know , I just	grabbed	a name out of the top -- you know , about myself
41	2002	NEWS	NYTimes	A	B	C	. A guide dived into the water from a rowboat ,	grabbed	a nearby conch , quickly chopped its meat with his sheath knife

42	1999	FIC	RangerRick	A	B	C	your noses !" she added . She leaped up and	grabbed	a nearby vine . Then , holding tight , she swung through
43	2008	FIC	Analog	A	B	C	An acronym ? Somebody 's initials ? A nickname ? I	grabbed	a notepad from the writing desk and headed for the elevator .
44	1998	NEWS	NYTimes	A	B	C	and other cutting-edge technologies . # Mr. Clinton	grabbed	a pad , furiously took notes , and promised relief , one
45	2009	FIC	Bk:EnduringJustice	A	B	C	in the kitchen did n't produce any tissues . So she	grabbed	a paper towel from the counter . " What brings you in
46	2006	FIC	Analog	A	B	C	of the CIA and FBI . " He switched seats and	grabbed	a phone . " This is Harrison . Get me McNab .
47	1999	FIC	Bk:PayItForward	A	B	C	Sidney got a leg over the back of the seat ,	grabbed	a piece of the kid 's jacket with his left , trailing
48	1994	FIC	Bk:Serendipity	A	B	C	one of the candles in his hand for light . He	grabbed	a pile of towels from the shelf next to the tub .
49	2009	MAG	OutdoorLife	A	B	C	. Gerrit , who was kneeling next to the tracker ,	grabbed	a pinch of dirt and gave it a light toss to check
50	2003	FIC	Daedalus	A	B	C	and told him she was going to be sick . He	grabbed	a plastic waste-basket and held it in front of her . It
51	2008	SPOK	ABC 20/20	A	B	C	Lavennia told Skyler they were going for a ride . They	grabbed	a Quarter Pounder and a Big Mac at a nearby McDonald 's
52	2009	FIC	Bk:MortalCoils	A	B	C	" Wear this . " Mike reached under the counter ,	grabbed	a Ringo 's T-shirt , and threw it to her . It
53	2009	FIC	Bk:TrustMe	A	B	C	the afghan slide off her shoulder onto the floor . She	grabbed	a robe off a hanger and slipped it on , tying the
54	2005	FIC	Faces	A	B	C	centipede crawled along the edge of the rock wall . Meehni	grabbed	a rock as big as an emu egg and threw it at
55	1998	FIC	Triquarterly	A	B	C	I 'd caught a hint of some foul scent . Sang	grabbed	a rock from the pile of stones we 'd excavated from the
56	2010	SPOK	ABC 20/20	A	B	C	Jespersion gave grisly details ... KEITH-JESPERSON-1#	Grabbed	a rope and tied it around her neck . REPORTER-1MALE2-#
57	2005	FIC	Atlantic	A	B	C	outside anyway . He fetched his rifle from the porch and	grabbed	a scarf to protect his neck from the wind . Oris had
58	2002	NEWS	Denver	A	B	C	care for the 69 head of cattle that remain , Laurie	grabbed	a scrap two-by-four and pounded the ice that covered one bull 's
59	2008	FIC	Analog	A	B	C	cordial but clearly had other things on their minds . Bing	grabbed	a sheet of printout from the desk and thrust it into Colin
60	2009	NEWS	CSMonitor	A	B	C	one bed and one bathroom . A couple came out ,	grabbed	a shoebox and began to fill it with hand guns . Then
61	2004	FIC	Bk:InFullBloom	A	B	C	was fifty-nine , but she was in great shape . I	grabbed	a shopping bag , and with my arm swiped everything on the
62	2003	NEWS	CSMonitor	A	B	C	day when , behatted , sun-creamed , and mosquito-protected , I	grabbed	a sketchy trail map and stepped out on my adventure . For
63	1998	FIC	Atlantic	A	B	C	, as if the telephone were a microphone and he had	grabbed	a stage opportunity . " Ole buttermilk sky , ca n't you
64	2000	NEWS	USAToday	A	B	C	singing , " his mother said . " They said he	grabbed	a teammate , kissed him and said , ' I love you
65	1999	SPOK	ABC 20/20	A	B	C	John Ramsey came back into the living room . And he	grabbed	a throw that was on the back of a chair . And

66	1996	FIC	FantasySciFi	A	B	C	would . Shrugging , he went on into the kitchen ,	grabbed	a wad of paper towels , and padded back to the backspacer
67	1998	MAG	Smithsonian	A	B	C	, that is , to converts like Tom Rose , who	grabbed	a \$650 platter for his wife . And Rob Hazelgrove , who
68	1996	SPOK	ABC_20/20	A	B	C	anger over an insult to a dead pal ADRIAN I had	grabbed	a .9-millimeter with four clips . I shot him one time in
69	2011	MAG	Cosmopolitan	A	B	C	off the deck , slammed herself on a metal grate ,	grabbed	an actor , and dragged him back to the raft . Then
70	1997	NEWS	Atlanta	A	B	C	intended for Jamal Anderson . A few plays later , he	grabbed	an interception on a Tommy Maddox pass tipped twice by teammates
71	1998	MAG	SportsIll	A	B	C	and pummeling him . In the struggle Frederick reached out and	grabbed	an undetermined sharp object from the ground and stabbed
72	1999	FIC	LiteraryRev	A	B	C	Alan in the face and ran off , only to be	grabbed	and held by Mike and Rich while Alan and Duane punched and
73	1996	FIC	Bk:Valentine	A	B	C	. Suddenly , out of the crowd , my hand was	grabbed	and I was pulled toward the front door . He was escaping
74	1999	FIC	Analog	A	B	C	over the abyss , and began to fall Only to be	grabbed	and pulled back onto the ledge . " Do n't go near
75	1996	NEWS	Atlanta	A	B	C	occupied entirely by National Guardsmen . Rather , the Tar Heels	grabbed	another shooting guard . # In his room , Dion has socked
76	2000	FIC	WorldHibernia	A	B	C	have gone to that mountain of coal beside the canal and	grabbed	as much as we could carry in paper bags , but she
77	1994	NEWS	Houston	A	B	C	Review 53381 # AUSTIN -- Graphic images of a woman being	grabbed	at gunpoint in a parking garage and a police draping a sheet
78	2007	FIC	Bk:LooksToDie	A	B	C	. Reese tried to step back , but two blood-caked hands	grabbed	at his ankles . " Let go ! " Reese hollered ,
79	2002	FIC	Bk:FullHouse	A	B	C	reached for her , trying to break the fall . She	grabbed	at his shoulders , twisting slightly in mid-air , and fell
80	2002	FIC	FantasySciFi	A	B	C	milk . Stinker was not so good at insults . He	grabbed	at Maggot 's foot like a fish going for a fingernail .
81	1991	FIC	Bk:ColdFire	A	B	C	it had driven over a pothole in the sky . He	grabbed	at the back of a seat to steady himself . But this
82	1998	NEWS	Chicago	A	B	C	# This Czech-born artist (now living in Canada) first	grabbed	attention by making a dress using flank steak . There will be
83	2011	MAG	HarpersBazaar	A	B	C	covers , illustrations , like those by Marcel Verts , still	grabbed	attention . This page , clockwise from top left : Verts ,
84	2005	FIC	BkSF:SophiesFirstDance?	A	B	C	" We have to go , " Anne-Stuart said . She	grabbed	B.J. 's hand , pulling her from the chair , and cocked
85	2012	FIC	Bk:TeenyBitTrouble	A	B	C	. Not with those long , stringy legs . # He	grabbed	Barb 's neck and they veered into a table . A pottery
86	2003	NEWS	WashPost	A	B	C	in a moment of weakness at the farmers market , you	grabbed	beautiful bouquets of fragrant herbs that are now spread out all
87	1992	FIC	BkSF:GoblinMirror	A	B	C	knocked into something , that , thank the god , he	grabbed	before it fell . A lamp , he thought , steadying it
88	2004	NEWS	WashPost	A	B	C	also extinguish the fire . Some of the 17 other residents	grabbed	blankets to help . But Jones , who had dementia , was

89	1990	MAG	SatEvenPost	A	B	C	smiling , as Phil Leeds jumped out from behind him and	grabbed	Bobby and shoved hard . # I heard Phil laughing and I
90	2002	MAG	People	A	B	C	and tried to break off its fin . Two others allegedly	grabbed	Browning and pummeled him , leaving him with a broken nose .
91	2010	NEWS	WashPost	A	B	C	parent reported to security that his or her child had been	grabbed	by a female teacher who " jacked him up and threw him
92	2004	NEWS	USAToday	A	B	C	were hung in the attic . # " They were just	grabbed	by it , almost immediately , " their mom says . "
93	1993	NEWS	Houston	A	B	C	to breaking the tie but Greg Olson 's line drive was	grabbed	by second baseman Craig Biggio . Then the sparkling play was made
94	2000	MAG	Atlantic	A	B	C	, six were arrested outside Bosnia , and seventeen were	grabbed	by SFOR . The British contingent has carried out ten arrest
95	2002	SPOK	CNN_LiveToday	A	B	C	it simply is not a solution . It has to be	grabbed	by someone . If the Israelis oppose it , as they 're
96	1997	FIC	Mov:Assignment	A	B	C	then seemingly from out of nowhere , he is tackled ,	grabbed	by the Arabs and dragged to a dark alley between two stores
97	1996	FIC	MassachRev	A	B	C	's befuddled expression the previous summer , he felt himself	grabbed	by the shoulder , then spinning . With a smile , his
98	1994	MAG	OutdoorLife	A	B	C	in the true dark ages of male jingoism . Equality Gloria	grabbed	by the , ahem , ears and made it hers . Over
99	2005	FIC	Triquarterly	A	B	C	OK , " Marcus said . " Ready . " He	grabbed	Capone 's left leg . Alfonzo grabbed the right . # Chuey
100	2003	NEWS	Atlanta	A	B	C	they quickly adapted to the strange life during wartime . They	grabbed	catnaps ; read ragged paperbacks ; ate their MREs (Meals Read
101	2011	SPOK	CNN_Grace	A	B	C	saw George Anthony holding Caylee in his arm . She immediately	grabbed	Caylee and began to cry . And shortly thereafter , George began
102	2010	FIC	Bk:KillingEdge	A	B	C	rushing onto the property . Someone took Brad ; someone else	grabbed	Chloe , and she opened her mouth to scream . " It
103	1998	NEWS	SanFranChron	A	B	C	junk-bond financing from Wall Street tycoon Michael Milken ,	grabbed	control of the company . To repay his huge debts , Hurwitz
104	2006	MAG	Backpacker	A	B	C	pick held securely during self-arrest practice sessions , yet	grabbed	controllably , without yanking the tool from our tester 's hands
105	1990	FIC	MassachRev	A	B	C	on the dog 's head when the dog stopped . I	grabbed	Dugliss at the wrist . # " They 've murdered my boy
106	2005	FIC	Bk:FlyingCrows	A	B	C	door of the squad car . Randy and the other officer	grabbed	each side of Birdie to ease him into the rear seat .
107	1990	MAG	USNWR	A	B	C	. He ran into the landing zone under heavy fire ,	grabbed	Edwards at the helicopter door and " yelled at him to run
108	1996	FIC	AntiochRev	A	B	C	, Mr. Chiu caught sight of a tea stand . He	grabbed	Fenjin ' s arm and walked over to the old woman at
109	2008	FIC	Bk:SilverShipSea	A	B	C	like a live thing , and Tom and Nava and Paloma	grabbed	for each other . Then the quake was gone . We laughed
110	1997	NEWS	AssocPress	A	B	C	arms in the desert , his right leg throbbing . He	grabbed	for his foot and got a bloody handful of splintered bone and
111	1990	SPOK	ABC_Special	A	B	C	right after her . LOLLY NIETO , Bartender : He just	grabbed	for his gun like that and aimed it and started shooting .

112	1994	FIC	Bk:TrappersMoon	A	B	C	the others that Jocko was irritated . They watched as Jocko	grabbed	for Morgan and came back with empty hands . Morgan gained
113	1997	FIC	SouthwestRev	A	B	C	our feet struck the snowy sidewalk , I skidded . I	grabbed	for Rose 's arm , then stopped . # " You can
114	2003	FIC	SouthernRev	A	B	C	You got yourself any plans , girl ? " # I	grabbed	for the Apple Jack , too . # " She 's hitting
115	2003	FIC	FantasySciFi	A	B	C	turntable on the slow-motion journey he called baggage time . He	grabbed	for the bulging case stuffed with a few shirts , a pair
116	1998	FIC	Analog	A	B	C	think that way ; he flailed his arms for balance and	grabbed	for the first thing he could reach . That happened to be
117	2004	FIC	Analog	A	B	C	Cayce slammed the pilot 's face into the control panel and	grabbed	for the gun . Cayce jammed his own helmet on and barked
118	1998	NEWS	Atlanta	A	B	C	, classic weapon retention : the student on the right has	grabbed	for the other student 's weapon ; that student is applying
119	1993	FIC	BkSF:SplitHeirs	A	B	C	had not yet acquired the concept of resisting temptation ; he	grabbed	for the waving line of gray fur , little fingers clamping on
120	1994	NEWS	Atlanta	A	B	C	Snell started in place of Sam and scored two points and	grabbed	four rebounds . Teague used the rotation of Snell , Shaunger
121	1995	FIC	Bk:WalkingMidnight	A	B	C	Summer shot forward like a rabbit flushed by a hound and	grabbed	Frankenstein 's arm . " What 's the matter with you now
122	1998	MAG	USNWR	A	B	C	about is 7-year-old Melissa Ackerman . The little girl was	grabbed	from her bicycle , sodomized , and left in an irrigation ditch
123	1990	FIC	Mov:HardtoKill	A	B	C	?## BIG MAN # (re : what he	grabbed	from the table) I got a shitload of 'em .
124	1990	FIC	BkSF:Earth	A	B	C	than the individual parts . " " But ? " Alex	grabbed	George 's lapels . " Do n't you see ? We fed
125	2012	FIC	Bk:RecipeDesire	A	B	C	bump into patrons , and cause quite the scene before she	grabbed	Greta 's shoulder . # " Oh , shit , Marie ,
126	1992	FIC	BkSF:Legacy	A	B	C	immediately -- Regis took a prudent step back ? then Drizzt	grabbed	Guenhwyvar by a jowl and gave a playful shake . " Some
127	2012	MAG	MotherJones	A	B	C	congressmen in the Fellowship , three of whom had just	grabbed	headlines in an adultery scandal dubbed " C Street , " after
128	2007	NEWS	Atlanta	A	B	C	, 2005) 65963 # Tucson , Ariz. -- The cases	grabbed	headlines : Ten police officers indicted on charges ranging
129	1998	FIC	Atlantic	A	B	C	. The airplane passenger with the dandruff-covered shoulders	grabbed	her and cackled sour syllables into her mouth . She felt a
130	1994	NEWS	Houston	A	B	C	walked across the room . Seay jumped to his feet ,	grabbed	her and covered her body with his as the bullets hit him
131	2003	NEWS	Atlanta	A	B	C	climb on the car . She turned toward me and I	grabbed	her and put her back in the back seat , crawled up
132	2002	FIC	Analog	A	B	C	New York by herself on business . A gang of klongos	grabbed	her and the driver of the cab she was in . They
133	1992	FIC	VirginiaQRev	A	B	C	stiff with hurt , and Cookie smiled to herself . Momma	grabbed	her arm and pinched her . " Stop it ! " she
134	2010	FIC	Bk:LastDragonStanding	A	B	C	me . This is a complete injustice ! " Two guards	grabbed	her arms and pulled her out of the room . " You
135	1992	FIC	BkSF:NightParade	A	B	C	it over her head and decapitate the last man . Myrmeen	grabbed	her arms , restraining her , and Varina slashed the

								last archer
136	2006	NEWS	CSMonitor	A	B	C	- a so-called " buddy carry " - Swartz squatted ,	grabbed her around the legs and ran her in circles around the gym
137	2012	SPOK	NBC_Dateline	A	B	C	in her stilettos. (Photos-of-Sladowsk Mr-KLYM: And I just	grabbed her around the waist and the forearm like , ' Come on
138	2012	FIC	Bk:ScrapbookSecrets	A	B	C	" she said , and a laugh escaped . Then she	grabbed her belly and howled in a fit of laughter . # Vera
139	1994	FIC	ParisRev	A	B	C	but my mother crushed me into her arms , and I	grabbed her braids , thinking they were black snakes . # " That
140	2001	FIC	Bk:ThirdOption	A	B	C	the visitor stepped out of the helicopter . Dr. Irene Kennedy	grabbed her briefcase and headed for the truck . Her shoulder-length
141	2010	SPOK	Fox_Susteren	A	B	C	affected me so much , that I took her -- I	grabbed her by the neck with both hands , and I strangled her
142	1994	SPOK	Ind_Geraldo	A	B	C	as soon as it had done that ... RIVERA : It	grabbed her by the throat ? Mrs-GOVIS : Yeah . She 's got
143	2008	FIC	Bk:DelicateChaos	A	B	C	from his holster and thrust it into her hand , then	grabbed her by the shoulder and pushed her to the floor . He
144	2011	SPOK	NBC_Dateline	A	B	C	I 'm over the moon . HANSEN: (Voiceover) Immediately , she	grabbed her cell phone to call her mom 's twin sister , Ruby
145	2007	FIC	Analog	A	B	C	" Sophia asked . Then she rushed over to us and	grabbed her daughter off the shelf and hugged her . I managed to
146	1991	NEWS	AssocPress	A	B	C	contended that Farah was part of the demonstration and that he	grabbed her first . # Farah said he did n't press charges earlier
147	1995	FIC	FantasySciFi	A	B	C	. The note must be for a former occupant . She	grabbed her gradebook and dashed upstairs . # She had wanted to be
148	2002	NEWS	Houston	A	B	C	to give it up . " The other said he had	grabbed her hair and said , " He was going to have to
149	2005	FIC	Bk:LockedDoors	A	B	C	be found and by whom and in what condition . He	grabbed her hair into a ball with one hand and lifted her face
150	2001	SPOK	CBS_48Hours	A	B	C	of marriage , Tori says she changed her mind when Joe	grabbed her in a rage and injured her arm . !
151	2011	FIC	Bk:GeorgiaBottoms	A	B	C	, but she had to make Eugene notice her . She	grabbed her large jingly purse and plowed the other way , toward the
152	2000	FIC	Analog	A	B	C	. Amber herself felt such a flare of pain that she	grabbed her midriff and doubled over . " Whatever you 're doing to
153	2001	FIC	Triquarterly	A	B	C	in a while ? Was she really stuck-up ? # Linda	grabbed her mother 's empty paper plate , stuffed it in the garbage
154	1994	FIC	NewMoon	A	B	C	Lily . " Inasha 's voice was shaking . # Mashi	grabbed her mother 's arm . " What does it mean ? Is
155	2007	FIC	Bk:Entitled	A	B	C	and even before Alcazar came up behind the woman , and	grabbed her roughly and slammed the door shut with his foot-almost as
156	1992	FIC	BkSF:NightParade	A	B	C	" I am Erin Shandower , " the man who 'd	grabbed her said . " I am human , like you . "
157	2009	FIC	Bk:Caryatids	A	B	C	, in a bold gust of crusading passion , she had	grabbed her sensor kit and charged headlong down into this mine to tackle
158	2001	FIC	USKids	A	B	C	jumped out of bed . She stepped into her slippers and	grabbed her shawl . Then she made her way out of the dark

159	2000	NEWS	SanFranChron	A	B	C	saw her . # " He lunged over the seat ,	grabbed	her shoulder and tried to pull her back onto the plane ,
160	2012	FIC	Bk:RunFromFear	A	B	C	somewhere in the house . " Come on ! " She	grabbed	her sister by the arm and dragged her into the bathroom ,
161	2009	FIC	Read	A	B	C	Ina asked . " Let 's find out . " Nan	grabbed	her sister 's hand , and they tiptoed across the dry crabgrass
162	1997	FIC	ChristCentury	A	B	C	I spoke in English , but she stood up . I	grabbed	her son 's cold and lifeless hand , my own heart filled
163	1997	FIC	AntiochRev	A	B	C	. # She blushed again , pocketed the gum and then	grabbed	her two full bags in both arms . # Need help ?
164	2010	FIC	Bk:SummerInSonoma	A	B	C	pulled away from his mouth , laughing nervously again , he	grabbed	her upper arms in his strong grip . " Cassie , "
165	2004	FIC	SouthwestRev	A	B	C	said . But she refused , and I guess he just	grabbed	her waist pretty hard and pulled her pants down , and her
166	2005	SPOK	CBS_48Hours	A	B	C	, he lost control . ! LONGO : I	grabbed	her with both hands , and I continued to squeeze . And
167	2001	FIC	Bk:HerWayHome	A	B	C	the corner , and then to the wash basin . Frieda	grabbed	her worn hightops . " Where you off to , Fried '
168	2006	FIC	BkJuv:Constellations	A	B	C	, now ! " Without waiting for a response , she	grabbed	her worn satchel and hurried from the room . Leaving Kirk and
169	1991	MAG	Smithsonian	A	B	C	Mange ? Perhaps it had been clawed . Had a hawk	grabbed	her ? If so , by what miracle had she escaped its
170	2009	NEWS	Chicago	A	B	C	to Troy Wagner out of the run formation , but they	grabbed	him and covered him . It 's all or nothing down there
171	2003	FIC	NewEnglandRev	A	B	C	" over and over . My mother got to him and	grabbed	him and he fell , pulling her down on top of him
172	2010	FIC	Bk:PaullsUndeadBritish	A	B	C	of Larry 's ear , dropped him on the floor ,	grabbed	him by his wrist , picked him up , twirled him over
173	2010	FIC	FantasySciFi	A	B	C	? " Wang gasped . " Not poss - " Sprachmaus	grabbed	him by the collar and jerked him halfway across the lab .
174	1991	FIC	KansasQ	A	B	C	Shen-si lowered the papers and shook his head . A guard	grabbed	him by the collar and kicked him in the shin . He
175	1999	FIC	Ploughshares	A	B	C	in his bespectacled face that the sound had moved him ,	grabbed	him deep inside and changed him . Like I knew at that
176	2010	FIC	Bk:ThirdRail	A	B	C	. The manager made it , maybe , halfway . Robles	grabbed	him under the chin and stretched his neck . The cut was
177	2007	FIC	FantasySciFi	A	B	C	, wondering if there was n't some way we could have	grabbed	him without her gettin " knocked down . " " Well ,
178	2007	MAG	Newsweek	A	B	C	approval to immigrate to the United States when kidnappers	grabbed	him , then her , this past May . A message appeared
179	1999	SPOK	CBS_Sixty	A	B	C	anything like that , so I backed away . And they	grabbed	him , took him to the back of the truck . And
180	1998	FIC	Analog	A	B	C	when the pilot reached out with his powerful middle-arms and	grabbed	him . He was hoisted up into the night and laid flat
181	2009	FIC	FantasySciFi	A	B	C	already walking toward the door . " Wait ! " Philip	grabbed	him . " Let 's get you some proper clothes , okay
182	1990	SPOK	CNN_King	A	B	C	, but when- when you did that , just as you	grabbed	him- Mr. MALKIN : Yes ANDERSON -what did he say ? Mr.

183	1995	FIC	Bk:DeadMansDance	A	B	C	water getting colder with every stroke between them . A hand	grabbed	his ankle and pulled him under for an instant . " Race
184	1995	FIC	Bk:UnderBeetlesCellar	A	B	C	, send a message . " He turned , but Walter	grabbed	his arm and held up the inhaler to show him again .
185	1997	FIC	FantasySciFi	A	B	C	" I 'll miss her , though . " # She	grabbed	his arm tightly . Strand felt her breath chilling the tear
186	1994	FIC	SouthernRev	A	B	C	, she sprang from the curb into his path . Max	grabbed	his arm , but by that time he 'd already braked violently
187	2006	FIC	Bk:DaysSummer	A	B	C	into his hands . " Oh , God ! " Rachel	grabbed	his arm . " Look out ! " A white station wagon
188	2011	FIC	Analog	A	B	C	his part to clear a path , then twitched as someone	grabbed	his arm . Savvy . # " Those bastards trained with us
189	1996	SPOK	CBS_Sixty	A	B	C	I went to the passenger side of the car . I	grabbed	his arm . Cocaine or drugs fell from his hand to the
190	2005	FIC	ChildLife	A	B	C	was slinking out of the rink , one of his teammates	grabbed	his arm . " Things were bad enough before . Now you
191	2005	NEWS	Houston	A	B	C	over his morning paper . The Houston Chronicle story that	grabbed	his attention featured University of Houston optometrist Bill
192	1996	FIC	Bk:TellMeTale	A	B	C	few loose items , but it was the two portraits that	grabbed	his attention . In the South , it just did n't happen
193	1993	FIC	Ploughshares	A	B	C	hugging her , but that 's not what happened . She	grabbed	his beard and tugged at it forcefully , yanked it back and
194	2006	FIC	Highlights	A	B	C	. " While his parents unloaded the beach gear , Marcos	grabbed	his board and headed toward the waves . But when he reached
195	2010	FIC	Bk:PlayDead	A	B	C	smeared toothpaste over his teeth with an index finger , then	grabbed	his boots and leather jacket . He tiptoed through the trailer ,
196	1992	SPOK	Ind_Geraldo	A	B	C	gifts , brought two of his snobby friends with him ,	grabbed	his Christmas gifts . It took him about 10 minutes and took
197	2004	NEWS	CSMonitor	A	B	C	when he got spooked . Zohr jumped off the table ,	grabbed	his clothes , and bee-lined for the airport , trying to take
198	1993	MAG	RollingStone	A	B	C	for Mr. Happy , ' he said and giggled as he	grabbed	his crotch and finished off the second shooter . There 's a
199	1994	FIC	Bk:LordRavensPeak	A	B	C	top of her , driving the breath from her . She	grabbed	his ears and held him there , kissing his throat , p166
200	1995	FIC	BkJuv:CourtyardCat	A	B	C	you got to prove it . " Garth went over and	grabbed	his father 's leg . Dad reached down and hauled him up

APPENDIX F

THE 200 CONCORDANCE LINES OF *GRASP* SHOWN IN PRESENT SIMPLE TENSE AND PAST PARTICIPLE FORM (*GRASPED*) WITHIN COCA

1	2007	MAG	Atlantic	A	B	C	in the negotiations , the president seemed to have belatedly	grasped	a basic truth about congressional relations that Arney summed
2	1992	FIC	Tradeswomen	A	B	C	of files . He stepped over a heap of books and	grasped	a box full of shop drawings , the schematic plans of the
3	2003	ACAD	ArabStudies	A	B	C	And he who rejecteth false deities and believeth in Allah hath	grasped	a firm handhold which will never break . Allah is Hearer ,
4	2005	MAG	USCatholic	A	B	C	trundled off in a hairy huff . At that moment I	grasped	a formidable truth . I realized I understood God 's motives in
5	2004	FIC	Bk:Sacrifice	A	B	C	hair was the color of a blackbird 's wing . She	grasped	a gray hair between her thumb and forefinger and yanked it out
6	2006	FIC	Analog	A	B	C	man , that feels good ! " He reached up and	grasped	a heavy metal conduit overhead , then lifted his feet free of
7	2012	FIC	Analog	A	B	C	easUy over die fence of stones . Baz and another playfully	grasped	a lintel stone , and Jones could hear them speculating about how
8	2007	MAG	NaturalHist	A	B	C	a fairly predictable behavioral sequence . First , they	grasped	a pill bottle with one or more of their arms and explored
9	1991	MAG	Horticulture	A	B	C	a rose from thornlessness . They 'll offer stories about having	grasped	a reputedly thornless rose with confidence , only to come away
10	2003	FIC	Commentary	A	B	C	his short , fleshy nose . With his left hand he	grasped	a shelf cluttered with hat boxes while his right hand drummed
11	2004	NEWS	SanFranChron	A	B	C	P.R. , and at times justifiably so . Still , he	grasped	a truth that the generations since Sunny Jim had ignored : City
12	1999	FIC	Analog	A	B	C	? That is n't even in civilian catalogs . " Reyes	grasped	a vial . " The Kihoa , the aliens Pitt lives with
13	1995	MAG	ScienceNews	A	B	C	they threw too short . # In turning-in-place trials , students	grasped	a waist-high T-bar that rotated at a constant speed in one
14	2007	ACAD	VisualImpair	A	B	C	3 of 16 1-year-old children who were blind (18.8%)	grasped	a well-known musical clock without having first felt it with
15	2005	ACAD	RoepereReview	A	B	C	. Stevens (1983) states that archetypes can not be	grasped	academically , for they have a feeling tone recognized by the
16	1997	MAG	NatIParks	A	B	C	broke out . According to Barger , " The public never	grasped	all the details , but they understood two things : number one

17	2002	FIC	Listen	A	B	C	room , supported by Uncle Andy She was very upset and	grasped	Alyssa 's hand . A doctor and a police officer had come
18	2012	FIC	MichiganQRev	A	B	C	prouder leading thee by thy black hand , than though I	grasped	an Emperor 's ! " # " There go two daft ones
19	1997	FIC	Ploughshares	A	B	C	warm glass of the sealed jar of holy water , and	grasped	and brandished a hand mirror in the air , as a magician
20	2009	FIC	Bk:MortalCoils	A	B	C	out , and spinning slowly in the water , the fingers	grasped	and closed about an unseen object ... then the fingers writhed in
21	2006	ACAD	TheologStud	A	B	C	in human consciousness from the combined influence of evidence	grasped	and consequent judgment of value , but also (b) by
22	1991	ACAD	TheologStud	A	B	C	way of understanding always begins with totalities , obscurely	grasped	and dimly perceived . It proceeds in two ways to clarify this
23	2004	ACAD	Style	A	B	C	, but focuses on the ways in which these events are	grasped	and explained in retrospect " (Wesseling 90) . #
24	2006	FIC	Bk:OxfordBook	A	B	C	unspoken and thus inarguable . From my first days there I	grasped	and gratefully entered the dream but at the same time behaved as
25	2004	ACAD	MechanicalEng	A	B	C	box for positioning its end effectors . After the robot has	grasped	and lifted the box , the operator selects the stack where he
26	1993	SPOK	CNN_Sonya	A	B	C	with a C-section bikini cut , the baby 's head is	grasped	and pulled and twisted . The baby is literally pulled out,
27	2002	FIC	Ms	A	B	C	. Stuck them into her , farther and farther in ,	grasped	and pulled him out , quivering and bloody . Stuck the knives
28	2006	ACAD	ArtBulletin	A	B	C	by giving it a material being -- textures that can be	grasped	and sensorially experienced . Its rich surfaces function as the
29	2009	MAG	SportsIll	A	B	C	projections because the greatness of Mauer is sometimes better	grasped	anecdotally . Last week , on the Pirates ' team flight to
30	1998	ACAD	October	A	B	C	: " Every psychology and every experience , comes from man	grasped	as a mystery . Every mythology is a victory over that mystery
31	1997	ACAD	AnthropolQ	A	B	C	their exchanges . This strategic move allows the gift to be	grasped	as an object " without any past or future " (1977
32	2005	ACAD	ArtBulletin	A	B	C	substituted for another ; classes of artifacts were	grasped	as chains of substitutable replicas stretching out across time
33	1999	NEWS	Chicago	A	B	C	that it had made him rich and influential , but he	grasped	as well that , after a certain point , the fame was
34	1992	MAG	NewRepublic	A	B	C	in the polls . # On October 5 Baker and Bush	grasped	at a straw . Rep resentative Robert Dorman , a right-winger who
35	2007	FIC	Analog	A	B	C	get away . Get away while you can . " Niels	grasped	at an idea . He whistled the first line of The Whiffenpoof
36	2009	NEWS	AssocPress	A	B	C	to claim their jobs . # Then , the two sides	grasped	at compromise calling for workers return at wages capped at \$21
37	2005	FIC	Bk:SixGold	A	B	C	of blood in water . The long shadows of the pursuers	grasped	at his heels . The distorted shape of a helmet sprang up
38	1997	FIC	FantasySciFi	A	B	C	I could barely hold onto the Probability Key anymore . I	grasped	at it with two hands , both of which were becoming numb

39	2001	MAG	Essence	A	B	C	, in a sterile writer 's trance . My fogged brain	grasped	at jumbled thoughts that evaporated with each effort to nail
40	2009	FIC	Triquarterly	A	B	C	their wild love . It has been years since he has	grasped	at Latin. The thought signals his anxiety over the social
41	2011	FIC	Bk:Endurance	A	B	C	, and paced back a few steps to see what had	grasped	at me from the earth . # Nothing , in truth .
42	1995	ACAD	CurrentPsych	A	B	C	. # In some moods the validity of the conclusion is	grasped	at once by almost everybody , but the validity of other valid
43	1995	FIC	LiteraryRev	A	B	C	When the matter came up long after many said they had	grasped	at once that it was Beelzebub himself who was flying in the
44	1991	FIC	Bk:FiremansFair	A	B	C	invalid , or at least vulnerable to later appeal ? He	grasped	at straws , like a good lawyer . She turned around .
45	2001	FIC	Bk:ColorDeath	A	B	C	to him , but none of it was . I simply	grasped	at the most convenient response . (Nor , as you shall
46	1991	SPOK	ABC_Nightline	A	B	C	They 're grasping at anything that comes their way . They	grasped	at the Perez de Cuellar visit , they said Congress will never
47	2008	FIC	Analog	A	B	C	this illusion , she should have seen it , but she	grasped	at the possibility like a swimmer clutching at driftwood in the
48	2011	FIC	Bk:Forbidden	A	B	C	of a few truly pleasurable releases for the new beast that	grasped	at the world from the cage of his chest . # Corban
49	1996	FIC	WorldLitToday	A	B	C	marriage is called ' civil ' . " # The chief	grasped	at this : " And what do you think ? What kind
50	1997	ACAD	PhysicalEduc	A	B	C	directly forward to release from its position when hand first	grasped	ball . # Level 2 = Elbow and humeral flexion . Ball
51	2006	ACAD	Humanist	A	B	C	house of Atreus illustrates two important truths that must be	grasped	before any society can achieve even the beginnings of justice .
52	1998	MAG	Smithsonian	A	B	C	also achieved visual rhythms . It would be years before Pollock	grasped	Benton 's notions more completely than anyone else , including
53	2012	FIC	Bk:SimpleMurder	A	B	C	. As he stumped painfully up the front steps , Oliver	grasped	Bessie 's bridle and drew her up the hill toward the barn
54	2006	MAG	NaturalHist	A	B	C	fur seals never give up without a tight . Even when	grasped	between a white shark 's teeth , a Cape fur seal bites
55	2006	MAG	NaturalHist	A	B	C	each other carefully for signs of alarm . Sidebar Even when	grasped	between a white shark 's teeth , a Cape fur seal bites
56	2004	FIC	SCarolinaRev	A	B	C	foot suspended in front of her face and my big toe	grasped	between her thumb and forefinger as she proceeded to count my
57	2010	FIC	Bk:ThusSpakeAliens	A	B	C	struggling to free herself from his grip . But his hands	grasped	bodi her wrists even tighter as she shouted , " You have
58	1996	FIC	SouthwestRev	A	B	C	he stepped onto the platform to adjust her position . He	grasped	both ankles and gently swung her legs over the left arm of
59	1999	FIC	NewEnglandRev	A	B	C	like a shawl , satchel resting under her feet . She	grasped	both arm rests and twisted her head back luxuriously against the
60	1995	FIC	Bk:WalkingMidnight	A	B	C	arms crossed firmly over her chest . Steve reached down ,	grasped	both her hands with his , and pulled them , not without
61	1995	ACAD	ReVision	A	B	C	the mysteriousness of the universe and of its failure to be	grasped	by contemporary rationality . Scientism excludes

62	2000	ACAD	PerspPolSci	A	B	C	a certain autonomy from theory and that political life must be	grasped	by looking first at the political world . " But he immediately
63	2010	FIC	Bk:NextBestThing	A	B	C	left bread . Bread-baking is a Zenlike art , not fully	grasped	by much of the world , and an art that I've
64	1996	ACAD	MusicEduc	A	B	C	or " big picture " of broad musical concepts is best	grasped	by singing through an entire piece or large section to gain an
65	1994	MAG	America	A	B	C	your world name , the handle by which you could be	grasped	by strangers . To know the spirit name of an enemy was
66	2011	ACAD	ABAJournal	A	B	C	the concepts you struggled to master in law school can be	grasped	by the average 12-year-old . It's the vocabulary training that
67	1993	SPOK	PBS Newshour	A	B	C	for peace since the troubles began , an opportunity which if	grasped	by the IRA could lead to Sinn Fein taking part in exploratory
68	1996	ACAD	RoeperReview	A	B	C	is conceptual . Thus the grammar of a language must be	grasped	by the mind in order to be understood . Furthermore , although
69	2009	FIC	SouthwestRev	A	B	C	no more and no less , and that they are instantaneously	grasped	by the person for whom they are meant . Before you achieve
70	1998	FIC	ParisRev	A	B	C	propped on a low stool . His back and shoulders were	grasped	by the thick leather of his jacket . It was an old
71	2006	MAG	Futurist	A	B	C	interests , for example) ? Is it waiting to be	grasped	by the vigilant and discerning among us , or do we construct
72	2001	FIC	Fantasy & Science Fiction	A	B	C	such palpable solidity that he could lie back against them ,	grasped	by their resilient contours , and needed only to say " Yes
73	2001	ACAD	MusicEduc	A	B	C	that meaning conveyed through the English language can only be	grasped	by those who have been initiated into its particular symbol
74	2003	MAG	Atlantic	A	B	C	gingerly , to the mob . Each white carton would be	grasped	by three or four or five belligerents and pulled in three or
75	1990	NEWS	CSMonitor	A	B	C	so rarefied , in fact , that it is not easily	grasped	by Western audiences unfamiliar with his highly personal form
76	1991	ACAD	SocialStudies	A	B	C	in this article suggest dilemmas and issues that can be	grasped	by young learners . We hope these learning experiences will
77	2004	FIC	Analog	A	B	C	wide . When it closed its hand , the long fingers	grasped	Cameron 's hand and half his forearm . Cameron squeezed gently ,
78	1999	NEWS	NYTimes	A	B	C	with it is horse racing . " # Still , he	grasped	changes that seemed likely to improve racing . One of the first
79	2009	ACAD	ContempFic	A	B	C	order of acquaintance gave Perec 's work a more easily	grasped	coherence in English than it had had in French . The intensely
80	1996	FIC	StudShortFic	A	B	C	means of various specialized mediations (it can no longer be	grasped	directly) naturally finds vision to be the privileged human
81	2011	FIC	Bk:CloudyWithChance	A	B	C	# But no other prim miss he 'd ever met had	grasped	door jambs and leaned into his face as if she 'd like
82	1999	FIC	Analog	A	B	C	guest , please prepare for boarding . " The two men	grasped	each other 's shoulders . Dessus spoke first , switching to the
83	2005	FIC	NativeCalif	A	B	C	was overwhelming . My wife seemed ready to melt but we	grasped	each other , our faith , our friends , and the love

84	1992	FIC	Bk:InMyFathers	A	B	C	home . Just like I had it figured ! " Birch	grasped	Ellis 's left crutch . " Let me go ! " Birch
85	1994	MAG	AmericanCraft	A	B	C	they are transformed into iconic representations that must be	grasped	emotionally , intuitively -- the recognition emerging
86	2001	ACAD	CrossCurrents	A	B	C	that God-language is constructed ; it does not seem to have	grasped	entirely why it is constructed . God as he appears in the
87	1990	FIC	Bk:ThoseWhoHunt	A	B	C	head lolling wildly at the finish . Field bent down ,	grasped	Fielding by both lapels , and yanked him to his unsteady feet
88	2007	FIC	Bk:Lifeblood	A	B	C	n't help reaching for the memory , but even as he	grasped	for it , the picture faded , the dead eyes the last
89	2008	NEWS	AssocPress	A	B	C	of desperation as Georgians crowded around aid vehicles and	grasped	for loaves of bread . // Tropical Storm Fay could hit Florida
90	2004	ACAD	October	A	B	C	" space of the body " ; it can not be	grasped	from a position of contemplative distance characteristic of
91	1997	MAG	America	A	B	C	we did not know the word " iconography , " we	grasped	from that annual pageant that there was great variety in our
92	2003	NEWS	SanFranChron	A	B	C	the chairs and could finally view the majestic labyrinth , they	grasped	hands and began to walk its circles . # Soon after ,
93	2012	NEWS	WashPost	A	B	C	" And also , a better employment . " # They	grasped	hands and bowed heads . " Help her as she searches for
94	1998	NEWS	Denver	A	B	C	had been dumped on the edge of the street . They	grasped	hands as one offered a brief prayer , asking that they and
95	2008	FIC	Bk:ParCourse	A	B	C	My instinct was to grasp for an excuse , and I	grasped	hard . " But I have to be here at the Learning
96	2012	FIC	FantasySciFi	A	B	C	take whatever catches their eye ! Move aside . " He	grasped	her arm and shoved her out of his way . # Gus
97	2010	FIC	Bk:BloodRansom	A	B	C	, mashed potatoes , greenbean casserole , pumpkin pie- Fingers	grasped	her arm from behind . Natalie screamed and struggled to keep her
98	1990	FIC	SouthernRev	A	B	C	herself to be propelled by the taller man , who had	grasped	her arm , down the hall toward the unicorn . She was
99	2006	FIC	LiteraryRev	A	B	C	poems worried him . There was no hope in them .	Grasped	her arm , wanted to hear more . Suggested coffee. Yelled
100	1990	FIC	Bk:PillarLight	A	B	C	a quick nod . Lydia started to protest , but Nathan	grasped	her arm . " We 'll be back . It 's better
101	2008	FIC	FantasySciFi	A	B	C	her arms and legs as much as she could . Something	grasped	her around the waist and turned her over . She got one
102	2000	FIC	Bk:LanguageThreads	A	B	C	Chen Ling had directed . In her other hand , Pei	grasped	her belongings , including the cloth bag Moi had insisted she
103	1993	FIC	BkJuv:ShadowBoxer	A	B	C	and when she turned around , he took her . He	grasped	her by the elbow , bent her toward him in a sort
104	1994	FIC	ContempFic	A	B	C	novice : the door had barely closed behind us when I	grasped	her by the hips , which swelled irresistibly in the black dress
105	2009	FIC	Bk:ForthcomingWizard	A	B	C	thrust her away . " Take her ! " Two knights	grasped	her by the arms and dragged her upright . # # "
106	1992	FIC	BkSF:Meri	A	B	C	heal yourself of wounds like that ? " Owein 's eyes	grasped	her face so hard , it felt as if fingers dug into
107	2009	FIC	Bk:RoseAmpShield	A	B	C	as the others do . " # Rosamund nodded . She	grasped	her father 's arm and walked beside him toward the

									assemblage .
108	1994	FIC	ArkansasRev	A	B	C	, she was caught off guard by her patient , who	grasped	her firmly about the waist and backed into the wheelchair
109	2010	NEWS	WashPost	A	B	C	# Shamsul Huda , a widow about 50 years old ,	grasped	her five children when the waters came . She had no spare
110	2009	FIC	Bk:SkeletonJustice	A	B	C	backward . A hand , gloved despite the balmy night ,	grasped	her forearm . A steel- toed boot kicked the door closed .
111	1992	FIC	Bk:SongWolf	A	B	C	the day I brought Arrow Maker the eagle ! " He	grasped	her hair tighter in his hands , moving himself between her legs
112	2009	FIC	Bk:RingPromise	A	B	C	. " She tried to slip it off , but he	grasped	her hand and held it between his . # " I'm
113	2006	FIC	Bk:TempleDancer	A	B	C	eyes , she looked back . As he swept upward Aldo	grasped	her hand like a tiny bird in his long fingers and gently
114	2010	FIC	Bk:PerfectScandal	A	B	C	. Isabel 's gut clenched tight . Charlotte reached out and	grasped	her hand . " Dear Lord , what will you do if
115	2009	FIC	Bk:DisciplinedInvitation	A	B	C	filled with compassion as he knelt before Yoyin and tenderly	grasped	her hand . " I've spoken with the manager , "
116	1990	FIC	Bk:PlainsPassage	A	B	C	him again , and when she ' sat back ; he	grasped	her hips and helped guide her movements , pushing up and pulling
117	2008	FIC	Bk:EnchantingLady	A	B	C	uncle gets when he 's inconvenienced. " // Lady Gertrude Wortley	grasped	her niece 's hand and towed her down the stairs , the
118	2001	FIC	Bk:ScottishBride	A	B	C	, Meggie , are you all right ? " Alex '	grasped	her niece 's arms and eyed her closely . " You were
119	1998	FIC	ParisRev	A	B	C	. A hand took her waist and dragged . Nils Isaksen	grasped	her other wrist for good measure . His face loomed craggy in
120	2011	FIC	FantasySciFi	A	B	C	on to those who could n't . I had n't fully	grasped	her point of view until she decided I was no use to
121	2000	FIC	Bk:Thunderhead	A	B	C	imperfect , like a beast aping human speech . Vicelike claws	grasped	her roughly around the neck and right arm . " What-
122	1998	FIC	Triquarterly	A	B	C	into her until his hands went up around her back and	grasped	her shoulder blades . And one nameless evening , she opened her
123	2001	FIC	Bk:Unspoken	A	B	C	of a nation that depends upon him . " Her mother	grasped	her shoulders tightly . "Your father has chosen a fine man
124	2001	FIC	FantasySciFi	A	B	C	Mel said . Desperation made her voice strong . # John	grasped	her shoulders . He turned her around as if she was a
125	2008	FIC	Analog	A	B	C	right . " For now . He released her , then	grasped	her upper arm and set off for the trees . She had
126	1992	FIC	Bk:SongWolf	A	B	C	to cut open the skin over his belly , when Tom	grasped	her wrist . " I loved him too , " he told
127	2010	FIC	Bk:PerfectScandal	A	B	C	. " Forgive me . I- " He reached out and	grasped	her wrist . " For old times ' sake then , "
128	2008	FIC	Bk:WorldBeforeHer	A	B	C	. " // " I have no idea . " He	grasped	her wrist . " Maud , tell me ! " // "
129	1990	FIC	Bk:LivesDead	A	B	C	jerked up , like someone struck from the back , and	grasped	her , clinging to her -- small monkey -- plunging his hands
130	1993	FIC	Bk:SF:Xanadu	A	B	C	only fell to her knees and covered her face . Ravire	grasped	her . He lifted her up in the air and flew with
131	2008	FIC	Analog	A	B	C	again , let her strong legs propel her beneath Vicari ,	grasped	him from behind , and rushed him back to the

								surface .
132	2004	MAG	Entertainment	A	B	C	convention . Later , when Nixon thanked Davis , the crooner	grasped him in what was-until Monica greeted Bill on the rope
133	2009	FIC	Bk:Taboo	A	B	C	that savage country ? " his aunt snapped , as she	grasped his arm and almost dragged him back into her parlor . "
134	2011	FIC	Analog	A	B	C	" " Call me Betty , you idiot . " She	grasped his arm tightly . " Was anyone sent back at the same
135	1994	FIC	FantasySciFi	A	B	C	! " # Runar had begun to shout back when Larkin	grasped his arm . " Come here , " she said firmly .
136	1991	FIC	Bk:TreasureSun	A	B	C	leave you now and prepare to return home . " Damian	grasped his arm . " Must you , Mariano ? " " You
137	2007	FIC	Bk:LordJohnHand	A	B	C	to give . " Grey 's fingers touched the hand that	grasped his arm ; Gerald 's fingers were cold . Quarry 's voice
138	1993	MAG	AmHeritage	A	B	C	judging his distance , and poised his bayonet . The lieutenant	grasped his arm-'No ! No ! take 'em back-they 've quit .
139	2007	FIC	Bk:TrueGame	A	B	C	. The movement of a tree branch blowing in the wind	grasped his attention. He turned back to the gray screen door across
140	2007	FIC	Analog	A	B	C	looking out over the small gaggle of blondes , also blindly	grasped his beer and took a sip . " To be fair ,
141	2004	FIC	SouthwestRev	A	B	C	the seat and onto the ground like a board . Peter	grasped his elbow as he moved unsteadily into the brush , parting it
142	2011	FIC	IowaRev	A	B	C	paying tribute . # Will Criss wore his dark suit and	grasped his fancy cane , the one with the silver top . He
143	2002	FIC	Bk:ScandalousSummer	A	B	C	pond . Billy Joe was screaming something , too . He	grasped his father 's arm , but Peewee pushed them both aside and
144	2005	FIC	BkSF:BetweenFather	A	B	C	than before . Jordan snapped to attention when he finally	grasped his father 's presence . He quickly pushed the headphones above
145	1997	FIC	AntiochRev	A	B	C	in the parking lot , she held out her hand and	grasped his for a second . He had a firm grip . #
146	2003	FIC	Power	A	B	C	voice again , " rumbled the merchant marine engineer as he	grasped his friend 's hand in a bone-crunching clasp . " Have n't
147	2004	FIC	SouthwestRev	A	B	C	have a cancer . " # Vincent instinctively reached out and	grasped his friend 's wrist . The workers were all beyond earshot at
148	1995	FIC	AntiochRev	A	B	C	they use to reinforce concrete . I dropped the chair and	grasped his hand and his upper arm . He was wiry and he
149	1998	NEWS	AssocPress	A	B	C	for so long . I ask forgiveness . " # Charlotte	grasped his hand and wept . # The family has viewed the tape
150	1999	FIC	FantasySciFi	A	B	C	" I do n't want you to think . " Jennifer	grasped his hand firmly and tugged . " I just want you to
151	1994	FIC	Commentary	A	B	C	of making a fool of herself . She leaned over and	grasped his hand . # " You wo n't be alone , "
152	1991	FIC	BkSF:AmericanHistory	A	B	C	she understood him . She extended her arms toward him ,	grasped his hands , helped pull him to his feet . They began
153	1992	FIC	Bk:SongWolf	A	B	C	hunger in his own dark eyes . She reached up and	grasped his head , bringing it down to her other breast , arching
154	1991	FIC	AntiochRev	A	B	C	his hands from their work . I bent towards him ,	grasped his heel with my right hand , found his kneecap with my

155	1991	FIC	SouthernRev	A	B	C	the shape of a tiny plum . But the arms that	grasped	his neck were frail , and the folded legs were a tangle
156	1997	MAG	BoysLife	A	B	C	. I could feel the heat from the flames as I	grasped	his shoulders . Groaning , I pulled Tommy away from the rushing
157	1995	FIC	MassachRev	A	B	C	be overthrown by more words . " He stood up and	grasped	his staff . " Right up my alley , hey , Annie
158	1991	FIC	BkSF:InShadowOak	A	B	C	piling to claim the knives . I stepped beside him and	grasped	his wrist as he reached for them , and the crowd quieted
159	2003	FIC	Analog	A	B	C	at his face , when two large hands with spidery fingers	grasped	his wrists and turned him around . Eyes totally black save for
160	1999	ACAD	Style	A	B	C	communism ?) when history was in reach , when one	grasped	history in some unmediated fashion ? Even if Sir Walter Scott
161	2007	FIC	FantasySciFi	A	B	C	iottenness- , he was n't fooled . Limping forward , he	grasped	hold of hei thick neck , crushing her throat before she could
162	1993	SPOK	NPR_ATC	A	B	C	of course I did as anyone would do under the circumstances-	grasped	hold onto denial . ' I 'm Irish , they can do
163	2007	NEWS	Houston	A	B	C	live throughout the world . # " That was when I	grasped	how enormous the Beatles were , " she says . " It
164	2007	MAG	RollingStone	A	B	C	, " says Parker . " I do n't think he	grasped	how rich I really was , and I wanted to show him
165	2002	ACAD	TheologStud	A	B	C	as a given but as a to-be-grasped and it is best	grasped	if viewed as an emerging probability within the historical
166	1992	ACAD	CompIntlDev	A	B	C	most important point about institutional change , which must be	grasped	if we are to begin to get a handle on the subject
167	1990	MAG	NewRepublic	A	B	C	wrote , that there exists one underlying good that can be	grasped	if we understand the nature of man , ' and from which
168	2011	FIC	Bk:Endurance	A	B	C	habit to follow the long path to understanding . Instead I	grasped	lona by the hand and drew her across her own threshold .
169	1994	MAG	AmericanCraft	A	B	C	like most artists , Wagner hopes his pieces will not be	grasped	immediately , that they will leak out discoveries which the
170	2000	FIC	SouthernRev	A	B	C	North Carolina in 1868 , is a set of carved hands	grasped	in friendship . Who is this patriarchal John Lane shaking hands
171	1997	NEWS	SanFranChron	A	B	C	who you feel brought forward an idea that could also be	grasped	in general and intellectual terms ? # A : Bohr really
172	1990	MAG	Newsweek	A	B	C	feet above a new ceremonial highway , two crossed sabers are	grasped	in giant bronze forearms ; they are said to be oversize replicas
173	2004	FIC	VirginiaQRev	A	B	C	. " Kiyoshi glanced at Misako , whose hand was still	grasped	in his mother 's . She was watching his parents with the
174	1991	FIC	LiteraryRev	A	B	C	. There was a moment with brightly colored pieces of wood	grasped	in his two fists , like oversized knife and fork , a
175	1992	NEWS	SanFranChron	A	B	C	bank , an osprey alights on its nest , a snake	grasped	in its talons . # Since I left Redding about 15 miles
176	1993	NEWS	WashPost	A	B	C	face with a member of the opposite sex , sweaty hand	grasped	in sweaty hand , moving stiffly together in a contrived pattern .
177	1990	ACAD	NaturalHist	A	B	C	. The point may sound abstract , but can be easily	grasped	in the diagram . Only lineages 1 , 2 , and 3

178	2005	FIC	SouthwestRev	A	B	C	thing completely fulfilled in the subjunctive , even captured ,	grasped	in the teeth and drooled upon , presented . Anyway , it
179	1991	ACAD	ReVision	A	B	C	experience . At this level , experience can not be fully	grasped	in thought , nor adequately talked about , nor explained away .
180	1990	ACAD	CrossCurrents	A	B	C	" Douglas Steere says , is " a life which has	grasped	intuitively the whole nature of things , and has seen and felt
181	1999	MAG	Esquire	A	B	C	, searching for the authenticity in a role he 's never	grasped	is phony by definition . As guardian of the Tradition , he
182	1999	ACAD	ForeignAffairs	A	B	C	still stood . # What Western military leaders have still not	grasped	is that the uses of force have changed in much of the
183	1991	FIC	Bk:RobinHood	A	B	C	kiss , and continued to hold it out until he belatedly	grasped	it and pressed his lips to her palm , an action that
184	2008	FIC	Bk:TorrentFalls	A	B	C	like knots on an apple tree limb . // The girl	grasped	it and swung herself down . " Mammaw says you need some
185	2009	FIC	Bk:GodCookie	A	B	C	Well " Parrish let the shaker slip into his fist ,	grasped	it as if he 'd just solved the mystery . " Why
186	1990	MAG	NatlReview	A	B	C	criticism of his cowardice and power worship . Had he even	grasped	it by the middle Forties , he could have added an economic
187	1990	MAG	NatlReview	A	B	C	had grasped something of this by the Fifties . Had he	grasped	it clearly by the early Forties , he would surely have modified
188	2003	FIC	Bk:SafelyHome	A	B	C	man reached out one hand to the other two , who	grasped	it firmly , the muscles of their forearms taut . They now
189	2001	FIC	Analog	A	B	C	it , the long , slim arm flexed noticeably as Pancho	grasped	it in both hands and swung like an acrobat up to the
190	2010	FIC	Bk:TemptMeIfYouCan	A	B	C	should stick together. ? He reached for his gun case and	grasped	it like a cane . ? Friendly town you ? ve got
191	2004	NEWS	Denver	A	B	C	is to win , although his players ' performances suggest they	grasped	it long ago , or after their disappointing 27-3 nonleague loss to
192	1992	FIC	BkSF:DanceDead	A	B	C	, used for filling the tub , rested nearby . Lond	grasped	it with his gloved hands . He dipped the bucket into the
193	1992	FIC	Bk:House1000Corpses	A	B	C	want to use both hands , " Sam observed when Tom	grasped	it with only one . " Why ? " Tom started to
194	2011	FIC	Bk:BrightsPassage	A	B	C	until the man put his finger down and the little hand	grasped	it , held it . The two waited there a while .
195	1999	FIC	Bk:WalkThroughFire	A	B	C	came clear . Then I looked at Russ ; he 'd	grasped	it , too . Why had Hy felt compelled to bring it
196	2002	MAG	GoodHousekeeping	A	B	C	, he had a major time-out . And I think he	grasped	it . Of course , my father-in-law bought him the crocodile the
197	2003	FIC	Analog	A	B	C	of wire felt snug in her palm , how her fingers	grasped	it . She imagined the heft and springiness of the tool ,
198	2000	ACAD	ForeignAffairs	A	B	C	to the deterrence doctrine -- the general public probably never	grasped	it . That may be why President Reagan 's proposal for a
199	1994	FIC	Bk:Serendipity	A	B	C	. " Jasper beamed . His hand shot out . Ross	grasped	it . The old man 's bone-crushing shake made Ross 's eyes
200	1995	NEWS	USAToday	A	B	C	n't quite grasp it . I do n't think my mother	grasped	it . We had no idea he was ill , though he

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