L98: Introduction to Computational Semantics
Pre-Lecture 1 Exercise: SHOWER

Simone Teufel and Weiwei Sun

Natural Language and Information Processing Research Group
Department of Computer Science and Technology
University of Cambridge

Lent 2021/22
Exercise: describe word senses of “SHOWER”

- Given: many BNC corpus examples for “shower” as a noun (not part of compound nouns).
- How many different meanings does “shower” have (you will hear in lecture 1 that this kind of meaning is called a word sense)?
- Important: please answer this question without consulting any form of lexicon, only based on your own intuition.
- Sorting through the examples and put them into groups (maybe print out and use scissors...)
- When you are done, try to characterise each group of occurrences.
- Come to the lecture with some notes on your groupings.
For example, if we have raised our body temperature by exercise or effort then cooling ourselves by taking a cold shower, a swim, or a cold drink makes us more comfortable.

In earlier editions of the Dictionary the Sweet Briar warranted comment on its scent and though a wild rose in some parts of England, yet is preserved in most curious gardens for the extreme sweetness of its leaves, which perfumes the circumambient Air in the Spring of the Year, especially after a shower of Rain.

By the end of the day, after more lessons, a cold shower, a cold dinner and two hours of homework, Endill felt exhausted.

The village has 481 rooms with shower in chalets or two or three storey residences.

Prices are based on apartments for four with two bedrooms (one double bed, two singles), shower and kitchenette.

Bedrooms are beautifully furnished featuring a bath, shower and loo, minibar, fridge, telephone, TV and radio.

He went back for the President, lifting him from behind by both elbows and walking him into the shower with his boxer shorts and his sandals on.

Twin and three bedded rooms are available with bath or shower and terrace.

Tom could see this so he gave me the key to his hotel room and told me to have a shower and put on some of his clothes.

In quite outrageously comic and very skilful sequences of movement, mime and clowning, they attempt courtship, and in a shower of champagne that misses more often than it hits the glass, approach the great unknown of the wedding night.

All the rooms sleep two and are very comfortably furnished with TV, air-conditioning and private bath, shower and WC.
Bedrooms are beautifully furnished featuring a bath, shower and loo, minibar, fridge, telephone, TV and radio.

All the bedrooms are most attractive and have a private bathroom with a shower or bath and hairdryer.

All Enterprise rooms are in the Victoria part of the complex, and all have shower, loo and balcony.

Prices are per person in a room with 2 or 3 beds, bath or shower and terrace.

The traditional Elancyl treatment involves the green massage glove containing Elancyl soap with ivy, which you can really enjoy using briskly in the bath or shower.

To throw in the towel would mean the end of misery, a shower, clean sheets, good food and reunion with my family after the months I had spent in training camp.

You can get wetter than if you had been in a winter shower.

After a hot shower, for the Siberian night air was chilly even in summer, we joined groups of pilot officers in the lounge.

An especially strong shower forced us into motion; we fled, finding shelter under the gable of an apparently derelict croft.

Then he realised the shower was on.

For the novice, who had spent a mere two months in training in the city, far from home in Scottish pit village or Norfolk town, the introduction to beat work was like plunging into a cold shower.

Lima, where it rains so seldom that the city’s roofs are not designed to withstand more than a mild shower, the inhabitants are anxiously awaiting the worst.
BMR 1244 If it hadn’t been so hot, if there had been no row the night before, if Dennis hadn’t passed out, if I’d fallen asleep, if any of the others had been there, if Karen had come back later, if she’d gone straight to the pool rather than taken a shower, if any or all of these had been the case, then intercourse would not have occurred.

BNT 127 Young people today, they’re a ruddy shower.

BMR 527 Unless I was awakened by the departure of a bed-fellow who had to work or study, poor girl, my day began at about nine or thereabouts, with a leisurely shower and a small black coffee.

C8A 245 And ensure you have the right tools for the job: a long-handled back-brush or loofah for the bath, or a massage strap in the shower.

CAA 274 Most rooms have en suite shower or bath/wc.

CAL 1555 Everyday concerns such as urinating, taking a shower or having a routine medical examination become nightmares of concealment, lest someone spot his giveaway lack in the foreskin department.

CDX 473 Turning on the shower, I let the water run over me.

CEM 1488 Shower of flowers for sick Liz

CGP 673 If you don’t get the chance to really freshen up with a shower then Femfresh has the answer.

CH0 1669 It’s November the 9th, 1996, only 47 shopping days to Christmas, and this is Lola, inviting you to share a shower.

CJA 152 Here she was, in after a stiff haul back from Chateaubriand, spacelagged and frazzled, needing a shower.

CJA 2932 Take a shower, a couple of drinks, you’ll feel better.
**CLX 1341** For this reason, the poppy has been adopted as the flower of remembrance, and a shower of poppies, representing British and Commonwealth fighting men who have died since 1914, is released at the annual service of remembrance in the Albert Hall, London.

**CEX 2752** Water was running; from the shower, Richard called out something that I couldn’t catch, and Flora laughed, her head turned away from me, her small breasts bouncing.

**CG5 337** Position the shower on the wall at the recommended height at 1.2m (4ft) average height from the bottom of shower to the base of bath or cubicle; the top of the unit should be horizontal.

**CJX 45** I’ll take a shower and be with you in twenty minutes. I trust you’ve had plenty of experience in this sort of thing?

**CDJ 131** Also give yourself a good rub down in the shower or bath with their Body Sea Scrub Bar, £3.95.

**CDN 494** He got up, took a shower, combed his hair with care and put on a new black T-shirt.

**CFT 3996** On deck, teak laid decks and cockpits, Lewmar winches and stainless steel hardware, a wardrobe of sails by North, roller headsail reefing and a transom bathing platform with ladder and shower.

**ED1 674** Rooms all have a WC with bath or shower, telephone, radio, safe and most have a balcony.

**EDG 1260** Despite most of you already having a shower, 80 per cent are planning to install a new shower in the near future.

**EC9 340** Some rooms en suite, some private shower.

**ECF 5072** Bedrooms and suites all have immaculate bathrooms (most with shower not bath), TV and mini-bar.
EV5 1407 Ensure the skin is clean with a bath or shower.
ECL 204 Electric lighting, gas cooking & heating, bathroom with WC & shower.
EDG 1363 If you have a separate shower, the base of the cubicle or enclosure is an acrylic or ceramic shower tray.
FRF 2624 Berdichev shivered but stood straighter, his skin still tingling from the shower.
FYX 1509 A high-energy gamma ray plunging into the atmosphere will create a shower of electron-positron pairs, which initially will be traveling through the atmosphere faster than light can.
FB2 760 These include quite basic facilities such as bath or shower, sink, WC, and hot and cold water supply.
FR9 1442 Not to be outdone, Dave Doyle claimed to have at least 108, but they washed off in the shower.
G2F 1434 Aquamassage brush, £15, BaByliss, can be used in bath or shower for an invigorating massage treatment.
G2F 1831 But you may want to add a second (perhaps en suite) bathroom or to re-arrange the existing layout to squeeze in extra equipment, such as a bidet or separate shower.
GUL 179 Ten minutes later they stopped the shower.
GUL 350 She thought of Mr Bailey’s cold smile and Susan’s screams in the shower.
G17 119 It was already late morning, and the red glare of the sun was evaporating away the moisture left by an earlier shower so that the golden roofs of the principal buildings were wreathed with a mist which eddied and flowed under the influence of the heat which rose off the plain.
“Shower will be fine”.

Drying off after a shower, I stood looking at two framed movie posters on the bathroom wall.

The slight girl with the tumbling hair, he was thinking, would take a shower (bachelor flats had showers), putting her head back and letting the water cascade down between her breasts.

It was night, and as the wind gusted down the iron chimney pipe, a shower of metal flakes spattered on to the wooden floor.

Like at the recent fete on the fifteenth of August, when rockets dashed upwards from the dark field outside the village and the Virgin ascended to heaven as a shower of fiery red sparks.

One evening, a few months after the shower, Karen met Susan in a bar for a drink after work.

It described the double rooms as having “private bath, shower, W.C. and terrace”

At least she wouldn’t run the risk of bumping into Julius in the shower.

Quickly she unpacked, took a brisk shower and dressed carefully in a high-necked dress of watermelon-pink wool, piling up her dark hair at the back so that her neck rose, long and slender, from the draped collar, showing to advantage the chunky silver earrings.

Guests pay £25 per person for bed and breakfast in a double room with bath or shower, TV, tea and coffee facilities and telephone.

Unless the holes in the shower rose are blocked, a weak shower is usually caused by insufficient “head” of water.

What’s this about a shower?

“Shower,” said the screw.
The opening music was greeted by a torrential shower of rain that drummed with deafening force on the stage and put out the fires of Hell.

What a view, the squally shower had cleared and the whole of the dale was shot across with beams of sun from behind a strange thunderous purple cloud.

Does he agree that a proposal that would impose a massive tax burden on 4 million ordinary people could be produced only by a shower such as those who currently comprise the Opposition?

We checked his clothes for bloodstains – there weren’t many but he told me to wash his shirt and handkerchief while he had a shower.

Sometimes, when I have to make precious substances such as toenail cheese or belly-button fluff, I have to go without a shower or bath for days and days; I hate doing this because I soon feel dirty and itchy, and the only bright thing about such abstinence is how good it feels to have a shower at the end of it.

Accommodation for residential programmes comprises 107 study bedrooms, each with its own telephone, clock-radio, tea/coffee making facilities and private wc and shower.

The vigorous shower did not have any of the beneficial effects such things were generally said to have by public-school games-masters of a previous age.

When he lifted his arm there was the greasy feel and faint shower of sparks that betokened a localised magical field.

When it reached the door the metal exploded into a shower of hot droplets.

“Cleaned out again, confound it!” he said aloud, kicking moodily at one of the logs, and sending a shower of sparks up the chimney.

At 6.30 pm I leave for home and a quick shower before going to the darts match and a few beers.
It might not be bedtime by St Lucian standards, but second on her list of essentials, after the long cold drink, was a cool shower, and a long, long lie down.

What I want most just now is a long shower and . . .

“Shower, I think,” she muttered, and went out into the corridor.

Here we had a poor suffering sergeant; he suffered a very great deal every time a new shower like this lot came his way, just on the verge of retirement.

“Go and have another shower.”

And that’s really the scene for this afternoon, with the best of any sunshine being over the Lothians and the south, and still the chance of a shower in the north west.

Emerging from the shower ten minutes later, skin glowing and towelling her damp hair, she was galled to discover that she was no longer tired and, worse, that her stomach was actually rumbling with hunger.

But, still the same, Fabia felt hot by the time she’d made it to her room, so went and took a shower and changed her clothes and supposed, since it had to be lunchtime, that she should set about getting a snack of some sort.

THE Institute’s attractions included a billiard room and a bathroom where a hot or cold shower cost 4d, and quickly proved so popular the building was overwhelmed.

What a shower

Well normal shower.

Did you want to have a shower with daddy?

Erm and instead of the bath in the bathroom he’s just got a shower up there.

So why did why didn’t you have a shower
I in the shower for one.

until about half past nine, when they said right that’s all the dir dirty work done, he said I’m going up to have a shower and he put the carpet, rolled the carpet half back, and picked up a load of mess and we had polythene dust sheets over it.

The one in the shower.

yeah, and I would make him there and then no matter what time of night or morning it was, strip off and go in the shower and, yeah, even in his hair, that’s, that’s how bad it was, I’d put his clothes downstairs in the washing basket not even in the bedroom one.

And ask her about the water heater cos if I can’t take a shower I will stink!

I was lucky in the three ground I went too the worst that ever happened to me was I was put head first into a dustbin, but luckily it had been emptied it was still well mucky, but I just fucking went and had a shower, and I come out of the shower and I’d got pounced upon again and I was there, it must of been a funny site, there’s me right in just a pair of fucking deck chairs that we used to wear for the, the shower block right, fucking shaving, er like the wash kit bag in my right hand and I was holding me fucking towel round, round me waist with me left, I was streaking across the play ground, going as fast as I could

I listen to this, I’m becoming increasingly aware that my landlady's been making sexual passes at me, I didn’t take them seriously until she climbed in the shower with me.

I’ll tell you what, when I have rugby practice, I’ll come and have a shower.

Source: BNC quick search, 3 × 50 occurrences. Duplicates removed. shower in noun compounds or as verb removed.