

L98: Introduction to Computational Semantics

Pre-Lecture 1 Exercise: SHOWER

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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.

A75 540 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.

ALU 1277 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.

AMB 540 By the end of the day, after more lessons, a cold [shower](#), a cold dinner and two hours of homework, Endill felt exhausted.

AMW 244 The village has 481 rooms with [shower](#) in chalets or two or three storey residences.

AMW 1040 Prices are based on apartments for four with two bedrooms (one double bed, two singles), [shower](#) and kitchenette.

AMD 402 Bedrooms are beautifully furnished featuring a bath, [shower](#) and loo, minibar, fridge, telephone, TV and radio.

AMU 2194 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.

AMW 352 Twin and three bedded rooms are available with bath or [shower](#) and terrace.

ASA 1225 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.

AAH 100 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.

AMO 241 All the rooms sleep two and are very comfortably furnished with TV, air-conditioning and private bath, [shower](#) and WC.

AMD 402 Bedrooms are beautifully furnished featuring a bath, [shower](#) and loo, minibar, fridge, telephone, TV and radio.

AMD 463 All the bedrooms are most attractive and have a private bathroom with a [shower](#) or bath and hairdryer.

AMD 1219 All Enterprise rooms are in the Victoria part of the complex, and all have [shower](#), loo and balcony.

AMW 595 Prices are per person in a room with 2 or 3 beds, bath or [shower](#) and terrace.

ARJ 2766 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](#).

AT3 2113 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.

B0P 167 You can get wetter than if you had been in a winter [shower](#).

B11 1280 After a hot [shower](#), for the Siberian night air was chilly even in summer, we joined groups of pilot officers in the lounge.

BMF 854 An especially strong [shower](#) forced us into motion; we fled, finding shelter under the gable of an apparently derelict croft.

BPA 2347 Then he realised the [shower](#) was on.

B24 101 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](#).

B72 118 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 1 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.

G03 124 “Shower will be fine”.

GOA 316 Drying off after a shower, I stood looking at two framed movie posters on the bathroom wall.

G12 1797 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.

G33 2538 It was night, and as the wind gusted down the iron chimney pipe, a shower of metal flakes spattered on to the wooden floor.

GUK 2213 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.

GUL 232 One evening, a few months after the shower, Karen met Susan in a bar for a drink after work.

H7U 1583 It described the double rooms as having “private bath, shower, W.C. and terrace”

H8F 1139 At least she wouldn't run the risk of bumping into Julius in the shower.

HA7 864 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.

HC4 854 Guests pay £25 per person for bed and breakfast in a double room with bath or shower, TV, tea and coffee facilities and telephone.

HH6 144 Unless the holes in the shower rose are blocked, a weak shower is usually caused by insufficient “head” of water.

HJC 1522 What's this about a shower?

HJC 1605 “Shower,” said the screw.

HTN 1025 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.

H9G 2054 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.

HHV 12345 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?

HNJ 383 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**.

HWC 814 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.

HWY 430 Accommodation for residential programmes comprises 107 study bedrooms, each with its own telephone, clock-radio, tea/coffee making facilities and private wc and **shower**.

H9D 3198 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.

HA3 3418 When he lifted his arm there was the greasy feel and faint **shower** of sparks that betokened a localised magical field.

HA3 3434 When it reached the door the metal exploded into a **shower** of hot droplets.

HGV 82 "Cleaned out again, confound it!" he said aloud, kicking moodily at one of the logs, and sending a **shower** of sparks up the chimney.

HRT 1966 At 6.30 pm I leave for home and a quick **shower** before going to the darts match and a few beers.

JY3 316 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.

JY7 3371 What I want most just now is a long [shower](#) and . . .

JYB 1722 “[Shower](#), I think,” she muttered, and went out into the corridor.

JOW 172 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.

JOW 2397 “Go and have another [shower](#).”

JIM 2309 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.

JXW 829 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.

JYF 1417 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.

K52 671 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.

K52 3935 What a [shower](#)

KCN 7140 Well normal [shower](#).

KDE 1518 Did you want to have a [shower](#) with daddy?

KB7 2273 Erm and instead of the bath in the bathroom he’s just got a [shower](#) up there.

KCE 4518 So why did why didn’t you have a [shower](#)

KCL 599 I in the **shower** in the **shower** for one.

KE6 10639 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

KNR 406 The one in the **shower**.

KC5 1268 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 .

KCN 2367 And ask her about the water heater cos if I can't take a **shower** I will stink!

KDA 7807 I, I, 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

KP0 901 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

KPV 694 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.