

A Corpus-Based Analysis of Frequency Effects in English Pluralization

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Abstract:

When it comes to how the human mind processes linguistic information, frequency effects have been considered as supporting evidence for the dual mechanism approach. This approach proposes that only irregulars are stored in the associative memory, while regulars rely on rule-based processing. Accordingly, followers of this approach predict that irregular forms may exhibit responsiveness to frequency due to their storage nature, whereas regular forms may show a lack of sensitivity to frequency. The study aims to explore the influence of frequency on regulars and irregulars in the English language, with a specific focus on the noun domain. We investigate whether irregular nouns are more frequent than regular nouns and whether frequency effects differ between the two frequency-based groups. The study depends on data from the Corpus of Contemporary American English. The top regular and irregular nouns, as well as their low-frequency counterparts, were selected for analysis. The study then compares the word frequency distributions of these nouns, both in singular and plural forms, and employs descriptive and statistical analyses to assess the significance of variation in frequency effects between regulars and irregulars. Contrary to the predictions of the dual mechanism approach, the findings indicate that regular nouns generally occur more frequently than irregular nouns in Contemporary English, both in singular and plural forms, challenging the dual mechanism's expectations. These findings have significant implications and consequences for our understanding of language processing mechanisms and indicate the requirement for more elaborate models.

Keywords: word frequency, associative memory, the dual mechanism approach, Contemporary American English

تحليل قائم على المتون لتأثير التكرار على طيغ الجمع باللغة الإبخليزية

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المستخلص:

عندما يتعلق الأمر بكيفية معالجة العقل البشري للمعلومات اللغوية، تعد آثار التكرار دليلاً داعماً للنهج لنظرية الآلية المزدوجة. تقترح هذه النظرية أن الكلمات الشاذة تُخزن فقط في الذاكرة الرباطية، بينما يعتمد الكلمات العادية على المعالجة المبنية على القواعد. وبناءً على ذلك، يتوقع اتباع هذه النظرية أن تظهر الأشكال الشاذة استجابةً للتكرار بسبب طبيعة تخزينها، في حين قد تظهر الأشكال العادية عدم حساسية للتكرار. تهدف هذه الدراسة إلى استكشاف تأثير التكرار على الكلمات العادية والشاذة في اللغة الإنجليزية، مع التركيز الخاص على مجال الأسماء. نحن نبحث فيما إذا كانت الأسماء الشاذة أكثر تكراراً من الأسماء العادية، وما إذا كانت آثار التكرار تختلف بين المجموعتين المعتمدة على التكرار. تعتمد الدراسة على بيانات من مستودع اللغة الإنجليزية الأمريكية المعاصرة. للتحليل تم اختيار أعلى الأسماء العادية والشاذة، وكذلك نظرائها ذات التكرار المنخفض. تقوم الدراسة بمقارنة توزيعات تكرار الكلمات هذه، سواء في الأشكال المفردة أو الجمع، وتستخدم تحليلات وصفية وإحصائية لتقييم مدى أهمية تباين آثار التكرار بين العاديات والشواذ. على عكس توقعات نظرية الآلية المزدوجة، تشير النتائج إلى أن الأسماء العادية عموماً تحدث بتكرار أكبر من الأسماء الشاذة في الإنجليزية الأمريكية المعاصرة، سواء في الأشكال المفردة أو الجمع، مما يشكل تحدياً لتوقعات نظرية الآلية المزدوجة. تلك النتائج لها آثار وعواقب مهمة على فهمنا لآليات معالجة اللغة وتشير إلى ضرورة وجود نماذج أكثر تفصيلاً.

الكلمات الدالة: تكرار الكلمات، الذاكرة الرباطية، نظرية الآلية المزدوجة، الإنجليزية الأمريكية المعاصرة

1. Introduction

With a focus on understanding the inner mechanisms of language processing, generative grammar proposes that the human language faculty consists of a finite list of lexical items and a computational component. This component combines these lexical items using combinatorial rules to generate an unlimited range of complicated phrases and sentences [1],[2],[3],[4],[5],[6],[7]. For instance, take the English past tense, a regular verb is generated by a rule that adds the suffix "-ed" to a verb stem, as in "play-played." Within this rule-based framework, all linguistic expressions emerge via the application of rules. As a result, these expressions are not anticipated to be influenced by their frequency.

After an extended period dominated by generative grammar, which serves as a prototype for rule-based models of language processing, connectionism has emerged to offer a different understanding of this processing. These connectionist approaches propose certain assumptions, asserting that all linguistic knowledge is acquired and stored in an associative memory. In these approaches, the frequency of occurrence plays a

crucial role in establishing connections between words [8],[9],[10]. This distinct viewpoint has ignited ongoing debates concerning the acquisition of morphology in particular, and more broadly, how language is mentally represented [6],[8],[10],[11],[12],[13],[14],[15],[16],[17],[18],[19],[20],[21],[22]. Followers of the dual mechanism approach integrate the fundamental characteristics of both generative grammar and connectionism. They utilize rules while also integrating the associative component for language processing. In accordance with this approach, regular patterns are created using rules, whereas irregular ones are stored within the associative memory [15],[19],[23],[24],[25],[26]. Consequently, the followers of the dual mechanism approach predict that there is a correlation between word frequency and (ir)regularity. According to this perspective, irregulars are expected to exhibit frequency effects as they are fully stored in the associative memory and hence, they should be frequency-sensitive. In contrast, regular words are supposed to be generated by a rule that is insensitive to frequency; thus, they are expected to be rule-derived. Therefore, words that are more frequent are more likely to be irregular in this dual mechanism framework.

[26:p223] is one of the followers of the dual mechanism approach who emphasizes on regulars and irregulars as a means to display that those words and rules are the "ingredients" of language. He affirms that are processed by different mechanisms: regulars are formed by rules, while irregular verb forms are stored in the mental lexicon. Likewise, [28:p456] emphasize in a similar manner that:

The regular-irregular distinction is an epiphenomenon of the design of the human language faculty, in particular, the distinction between lexicon and grammar made in most traditional theories of language.

They establish the lexicon as a segment of memory encompassing all arbitrary combinations of sounds and meanings that represent the morphemes and simple words within a language. Meanwhile, grammar constitutes a generative mechanism responsible for organizing complex words, phrases, and sentences from these morphemes and basic words. They also propose that irregular forms, much like other words, are acquired and stored, but with a grammatical feature like [PAST] merged into their lexical entries. In contrast, regular forms have a productive nature, allowing them to be produced using a rule, much like phrases and sentences. The presence of a memorized inflected form of an irregular form may block the application of the rule to that specific form. In cases where no stored irregular inflected form exists for a particular stem, the default affix of a regular form is attached to that stem. This default affix is applicable to any unspecialized item, as illustrated in the diagram below.

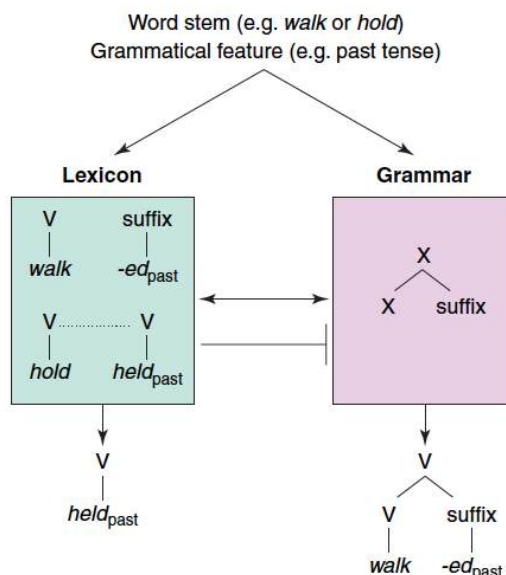


Figure 1: A simplified depiction of the Words-and-Rules theory [Adapted from 19:p 457]

Consequently, when a word undergoes inflection, it simultaneously accesses both the lexicon and the grammar. If a verb's inflected form is located within the mental lexicon (as seen with irregular verbs like "*held*"), successful retrieval occurs. This correspondence stops the operation of the grammatical suffixation process, thus preventing the generation of a form such as "*holded*". If no matching inflected form is identified, the grammatical system searches for a suitable affix to attach to the stem and produces a regular form. In this circumstance, the default rule comes into play, resulting in forms like "*walk-walked*."

Turning attention to how forms react to frequency, let us contrast the behavior of regular verbs with irregular ones. Since regular verbs are formed through the application of a rule, it is assumed that their inflections are frequency-insensitive. [25] underscores this proposition by pointing out that regular forms turn out to have a high type of frequency. [25] further exemplifies that the regular past tense inflection using *-ed* is applied to 86% of the top 1000 most commonly used verbs. However, the situation is different with irregulars that are memorized as lexical items in the mental lexicon. Thus, irregular inflection should be sensitive to frequency. In order to store irregulars as wholes in memory, these forms should be frequent enough in language use to warrant such storage. Yet, the scenario contrasts when it comes to irregular forms, which are memorized as lexical items in the mental lexicon. As a result, irregular inflection is anticipated to respond to be influenced by frequency. In order to store irregulars as wholes in memory, they need to occur frequently enough in language usage.

In this context, [25:p83] presents two hypotheses: Firstly, irregulars with high word frequencies are retrieved faster than those with low frequencies. Only words that have high word frequency can maintain their irregularity without being replaced by the regular rule. Consequently, irregulars tend to exhibit high frequencies, and words with high frequencies are often inclined to be irregular. Secondly, [25:p86] proposes that there is no noteworthy difference in retrieval speed between high-frequency and low-frequency

regulars. Several empirical findings lend support to these predictions. The top ten frequent verbs in English, namely *be*, *have*, *do*, *go*, *say*, *can*, *will*, *see*, *take*, and *get* - are all irregular [25],[27]. Likewise, [28] exhibit that the most frequently used English verbs are irregular, while less frequently used verbs adhere to regular patterns. They assert that among the top 30 most frequent English verbs in the past tense, 22 are irregular. Further empirical evidence arises from diachronic changes in language: irregular verbs that become less frequent over time, for various reasons, often undergo regular inflections. For instance, verbs like "*chide*," "*glide*," and "*gripe*" have transitioned to regular forms throughout history [25:p69].

In this present research, we will examine the predictions of the dual mechanism within Contemporary American English. The main purpose is to explore the possible connection between (ir)regularity and word frequency within the noun system. With this goal in mind, we plan to conduct a corpus analysis utilizing internet-sourced data. The objective of this investigation is to assess the extent to which contemporary usage of regular and irregular nouns can offer support for the dual mechanism approach. Specifically, the study will address the following research questions:

- Do irregular nouns currently tend to appear more frequently than regular ones?
- Do irregular nouns exhibit higher frequencies than regular ones in both their singular and plural forms within Contemporary American English?

The next section of this research will provide a detailed overview of the methodology deployed to carry out this investigation. By using robust research methods, our intention is to provide valuable perspectives into the dual mechanism theory's applicability in explaining noun processing within contemporary American English. This research may enhance our understanding of how language evolves and is processed in the era of digital communication.

2. Method

The aim of this research is to detect and compare the influence of frequency on regulars and irregulars, specifically on the noun domain. Frequency effects are taken as a piece of evidence for supporting the notion of storage. If frequency effects are noticed only for irregulars and not for regulars, this may propose that irregulars and regulars are processed by different mechanisms, with irregulars depending on storage mechanisms and regulars depending on rules. Yet, if frequency effects are observed (or not) for both irregulars and regulars, it may suggest that both types of verbs are processed using similar mechanisms, either storage or rules. To explore these expectations, we will compare nouns with the highest word frequency and those with the lowest word frequency. The data of this study was sourced from the Corpus of Contemporary American English (COCA), containing billion words (www.wordfrequency.info). COCA is unique in its modernity, and genre diversity, containing a wide range of different genres like fiction, popular magazines, newspapers, academic texts, TV and Movies subtitles. This study was accomplished by adhering to the four sketched steps:

1. By using the word frequency data available on the COCA corpus website, we extracted a subset of singular nouns from a wordlist containing the top 5,000 most commonly used words. The aim was to cover all the top possible nouns used in the corpus. This step

involved using the part-of-speech tag [POS] in COCA. As a result, a compilation of 2,500 nouns was obtained. Table 1 below displayed the initial 30 words from the 5,000 list while Table 2 exhibited the top 30 nouns with their word frequencies from the 2,500 list (See Appendix 1 for the complete list).

Table 1: The top 25 words with their word frequencies from a wordlist containing the top 5,000 most commonly used words in COCA

rank	words	PoS	rank	words	PoS	rank	words	PoS	rank	words	PoS
1	the	a	26	say	v	51	just	r	76	our	a
2	be	v	27	at	i	52	up	r	77	into	i
3	and	c	28	what	d	53	think	v	78	here	r
4	a	a	29	his	a	54	time	n	79	then	r
5	of	i	30	from	i	55	there	e	80	than	c
6	to	t	31	go	v	56	see	v	81	look	v
7	in	i	32	or	c	57	her	a	82	way	n
8	i	p	33	by	i	58	as	i	83	more	r
9	you	p	34	get	v	59	out	r	84	these	d
10	it	p	35	she	p	60	one	m	85	no	a
11	have	v	36	my	a	61	come	v	86	thing	n
12	to	i	37	can	v	62	people	n	87	well	r
13	that	c	38	as	c	63	take	v	88	because	c
14	for	i	39	know	v	64	year	n	89	also	r
15	do	v	40	if	c	65	him	p	90	two	m
16	he	p	41	me	p	66	them	p	91	use	v
17	with	i	42	your	a	67	some	d	92	tell	v
18	on	i	43	all	d	68	want	v	93	good	j
19	this	d	44	who	p	69	how	r	94	first	m
20	n't	x	45	about	i	70	when	c	95	man	n
21	we	p	46	their	a	71	which	d	96	day	n
22	that	d	47	will	v	72	now	r	97	find	v
23	not	x	48	so	r	73	like	i	98	give	v
24	but	c	49	would	v	74	other	j	99	more	d
25	they	p	50	make	v	75	could	v	100	new	j

Table 2: The top 30 nouns in the singular form with their word frequencies from a wordlist containing the top 2,500 most commonly used nouns in COCA

N.	noun	word freq.	noun	word freq.	noun	word freq.	noun	word freq.	noun	word freq.
1	time	2018725	day	1068902	state	638012	place	508803	group	470971
2	people	1800205	life	852257	family	544520	problem	504175	guy	464082
3	year	1729962	woman	759817	President	538319	country	499369	case	458383
4	way	1260011	child	732511	house	537037	week	484834	question	457301
5	thing	1202004	world	685426	student	530196	point	484094	work	456169
6	man	1091176	school	660191	part	517693	hand	481332	night	452094

2. Afterward, we chose the top ten regulars and the top ten irregulars versus the bottom ten regulars and the bottom ten irregulars from the list of 2,500 nouns (See Table 3 for the selected regulars and irregulars based on frequency factor and for further information, see Appendix 1). This selection was made based on the comparison between the top nouns with the highest word frequencies and the nouns with the lowest word frequencies in our sample. To deepen the analysis of the noun system,

for each of the chosen nouns, word frequencies in the plural forms were gathered and compared from the COCA corpus.

Table 3: The selected regulars and irregulars based on a frequency factor from a wordlist containing the top 2,500 most commonly used nouns in COCA

N.	freq. level	regular nouns	word freq.	irregular nouns	word freq.
1-	high	time	2018725	man	1091176
2-		people	1800205	life	852257
3-		year	1729962	woman	759817
4-		way	1260011	child	732511
5-		thing	1202004	foot	209334
6-		day	1068902	wife	197306
7-		world	685426	analysis	128029
8-		school	660191	crisis	73691
9-		state	638012	half	55207
10-		family	544520	tooth	46405
11-	low	reform	70010	self	46225
12-		gold	69903	leaf	43674
13-		planet	69822	knife	35408
14-		location	69669	wolf	29042
15-		bird	69662	mouse	28329
16-		principle	69403	phenomenon	28258
17-		search	69392	shelf	21854
18-		possibility	69316	hypothesis	20698
19-		sky	69285	sheep	14430
20-		horse	68883	thief	14374
Totals			12303303		4428025

3.Next, word frequencies and average frequencies of the chosen regular and irregular nouns split by frequency (high versus low) are computed and displayed in tables and various types of graphs to facilitate comparison and description. Subsequently, statistical models will be employed to assess the significance of the variation in frequency effects between regulars versus irregulars. By comparing the obtained results with the predictions of dual mechanism models, the most appropriate model that aligns well with the data will be recognized, ultimately leading to a conclusion.

2.2. Results and Discussion

As mentioned earlier, the dual mechanism approach predicts that irregulars and word frequency are related because they require additional memory effort for successful retrieval while regulars are generated through a rule and do not need to be fully retrieved from associative memory. To investigate this forecast in Present-day English, our aim is

to explore the possible link between (ir)regularity and word frequency within the noun system by conducting a corpus study. Accordingly, this investigation raises the following inquiries:

- Do irregular nouns generally occur more frequently than regular ones in Contemporary American English?
- In singular and plural forms, are irregular nouns more frequent than regular ones in Contemporary American English?

The first phase of this research involves conducting an initial inquiry with the purpose of investigating the claims put forth by [25]. These claims propose that irregulars tend to have a high frequency and conversely, high-frequency words are more likely to be irregular. It is also suggested that high-frequent irregulars are retrieved faster compared to their low-frequency counterparts. However, no significant difference in retrieval rates between the high and low-frequency regulars. Empirical evidence supporting these predictions includes the fact that the top ten frequent verbs in English, *be*, *have*, *do*, *go*, *say*, *can*, *will*, *see*, *take*, and *get*, are all irregular [25]. Similarly, [28] demonstrate that the most frequent verbs of English are all irregular, whereas verbs with lower frequencies tend to be all regular. Specifically, of the top 30 most frequent English verbs in the past form, 22 of them are irregular. To explore this inquiry, let's begin by examining the top ten singular verbs with the highest frequency found in our corpus. Remarkably, all the top ten verbs in the corpus display irregular forms, namely *be*, *have*, *do*, *say*, *go*, *get*, *can*, *know*, *will*, and *make*. This discovery concerning the verb system aligns with the predictions proposed by [25] and [28] concerning the top ten most common verbs in English. Table 4 and Figure 2 display the word frequency distributions of these verbs.

Table 4: The top ten singular verbs with the highest frequency found in the corpus of the study

verb	irregular	Word freq.	%
1	be	32394756	44.6
2	have	10514314	14.5
3	do	8186412	11.3
4	say	4096416	5.6
5	go	3546732	4.9
6	get	3347615	4.6
7	can	3091046	4.3
8	know	2761628	3.8
9	will	2372215	3.3
10	make	2290830	3.2
Total		72601964	100

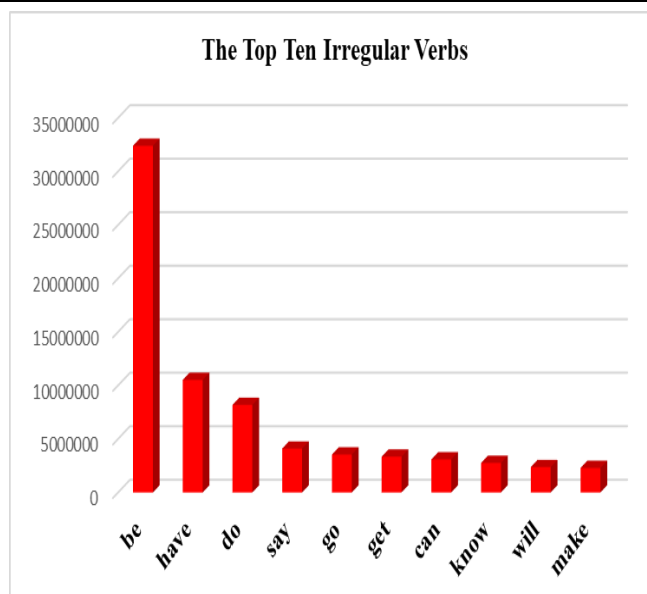
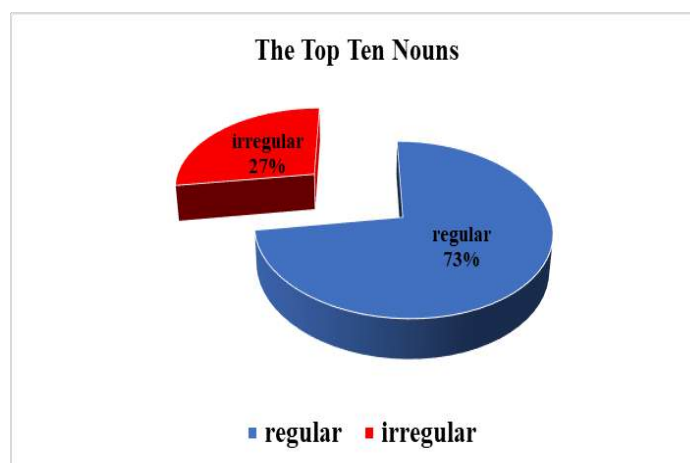
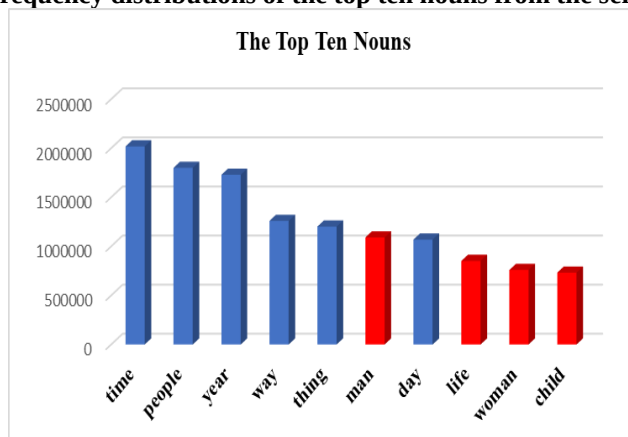


Figure 2: The top ten singular verbs with the highest frequency found in the corpus of the study

Shifting to the noun system and checking the same investigation, we notice that the top ten singular nouns with the highest frequency found in the corpus are *time*, *people*, *year*, *way*, *thing*, *man*, *day*, *life*, *woman*, and *child*. Among these top ten nouns, six are regulars, accounting for approximately 72.5% of the total word frequencies (See Table 5 and Figure 3). However, only four are irregulars, making up only about 27.3 % of the total word frequencies. Notably, the top five nouns are all regulars (See Figure 4). Clearly, these outcomes from our sample do not support the observations made by [25] and [28] who suggest that irregulars represent the most commonly used forms in the English language. From the perspective of the dual mechanism approach, irregulars reveal sensitivity to frequency to confirm successful storage and retrieval from associative memory. We may reasonably infer that this outcome can be logical, grounded on the fact that the English language naturally comprises a greater number of nouns compared to verbs. During 2017, the predictable count of nouns in the Oxford English Corpus was around 600,000, while the number of verbs was approximately 15,000 (The Oxford English Corpus. Sketch Engine: <https://www.sketchengine.eu/oxford-english-corpus/>). It is essential to remember that the English language is in a continual state of evolution, with constantly new words being added over time. Therefore, the real count of nouns and verbs in the English language could potentially be higher.

Table 5: Frequency distributions of the top ten nouns from the selected sample

	nouns	word frequency	average
1	time	2,018,725	16.1
2	people	1,800,205	14.4
3	year	1,729,962	13.8
4	way	1,260,011	10.1
5	thing	1,202,004	9.6
6	man	1,091,176	8.5
7	day	1,068,902	8.5
8	life	852,257	6.8
9	woman	759,817	6.1
10	child	732,511	5.9
Total	irregular		27.3
	regular		72.5
	both	12515570	100

**Figure 3: Frequency distributions of the top ten nouns from the selected sample****Figure 4: The top ten nouns from the selected sample**

To further delve into the investigation of the noun system, my next step will involve comparing the ten nouns with the highest word frequencies to the ten nouns with the lowest word frequencies in our sample. This comparison will be directed at both the singular and plural forms of the nouns. By expanding the scope to include more data points with two different types (singular and plural), the aim is to investigate whether irregulars display significantly higher frequencies than regulars and whether irregular nouns in both singular and plural forms are currently more frequent in English compared to regular nouns. To accomplish this aim, we show an overview of word frequency distributions for the chosen nouns, categorized by their type (regular versus irregular), form (singular versus plural), and frequency (high versus low) (See Table 5 below).

Table 6: Word frequencies of the verbs by type, form, and frequency in the selected sample

	freq. level	regular	singular word freq.	plural word freq.	irregular	singular word freq.	irregular plural forms	plural word freq.
1.		time	2018725	354135	man	1091176	men	348687
2.		people	1800205	1783263	life	852257	lives	171538
3.		year	1729962	1032451	woman	759817	women	443323
4.		way	1260011	1032451	child	732511	children	442355
5.		thing	1202004	1032451	foot	209334	feet	150072
6.	high	day	1068902	1032451	wife	197306	wives	14851
7.		world	685426	17735	analysis	128029	analyses	20511
8.		school	660191	134420	crisis	73691	crises	6474
9.		state	638012	396711	half	55207	halves	3114
10.		family	544520	104385	tooth	46405	teeth	38072
11.		nest	12951	2679	self	46225	selves	3583
12.		goat	12944	4600	leaf	43674	leaves	65174
13.		equivalent	12941	1239	knife	35408	knives	6179
14.		banker	12931	7599	wolf	29042	wolves	9496
15.	low	interval	12928	6755	mouse	28329	mice	12750
16.		gasoline	12925	39	phenomenon	28258	phenomena	8342
17.		bucket	12920	3107	shelf	21854	shelves	9713
18.		theft	12907	1079	hypothesis	20698	hypotheses	5202
19.		laundry	12903	269	sheep	14430	sheep	14375
20.		constraint	12902	10272	thief	14374	thieves	6003
Totals		high	11607958	6920453	high	4145733	high	1638997
		low	129252	37638	low	282292	low	140817
		both	11737210	6958091	both	4428025	both	1779814

As summarized in Table 7, out of the total word frequency of the selected nouns (24,903,140), the word frequency of regular nouns (18,695,301) exceeds that of irregular

nouns (6,207,839). For the frequent group, regular nouns have higher word frequencies in both singular (11,737,210) and plural forms (6,958,091) compared to irregular nouns (4,428,025 for singular and 1,779,814 for plural). Yet, in the infrequent group, the situation is reversed. Irregular nouns have higher word frequencies (282,292 for singular and 140,817 for plural) than regular nouns (129,252 for singular and 37,638 for plural) in the singular and plural forms. Charts 5 and 6 visually illustrate these obtained findings. The increased word frequencies of regular nouns in the frequent domain and their decreased word frequencies in the infrequent domain contradict the dual mechanism approach's prediction that irregulars with high frequencies typically show higher frequencies than regulars.

Table 7: Word frequencies of the nouns by type, form, and frequency in the selected sample

	word frequencies		Total
	high	low	
regulars/ singular	11607958	129252	11737210
irregulars/ singular	4145733	282292	4428025
regulars/plural	6920453	37638	6958091
irregulars/plural	1638997	140817	1779814
Total	regulars		18695301
	irregulars		6207839
	both		24903140

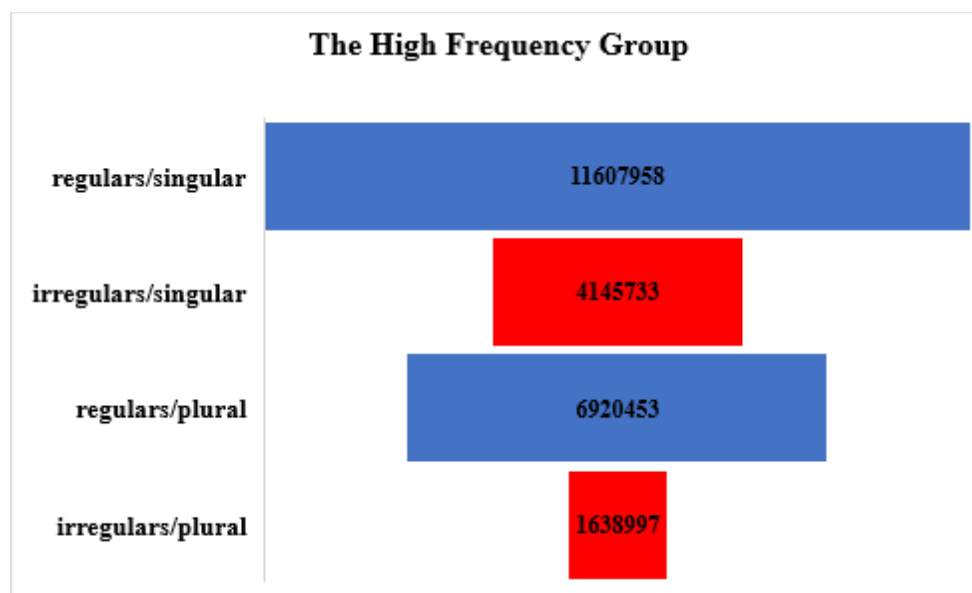


Figure 5: The high-frequency group of nouns in the selected sample

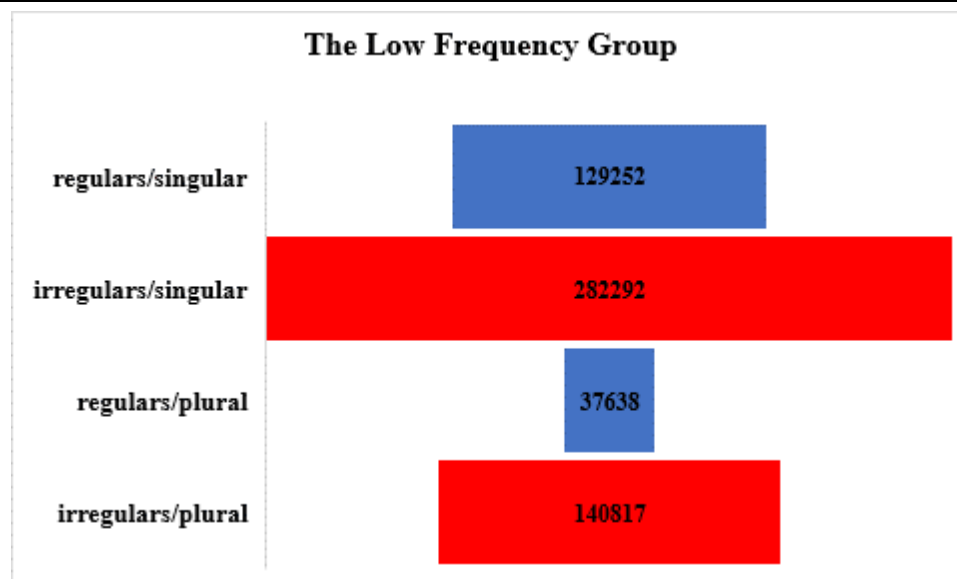


Figure 6: The low-frequency group of nouns in the selected sample

We conducted a statistical model to explore how type, form, and frequency affect the word frequency of nouns in the sample of this study. A linear model was adopted, considering word frequency as a dependent variable and treating type (regular and irregular), form (singular and plural), and frequency (high and low) as fixed factors. The outcomes of the linear model display that the main effects of type ($\beta = 0.54$, $t = 2.38$, $p = 0.07$), form ($\beta = -0.75$, $t = -2.63$, $p = 0.0004$), and frequency ($\beta = -4.23$, $t = -21.95$, $p < 2e-15$) are all statistically significant. Moreover, the effects of the interactions between type and frequency ($\beta = -2.04$, $t = -8.44$, $p < 2e-13$), form and frequency ($\beta = 1.04$, $t = 3.23$, $p = 0.002$), and type, form, and frequency ($\beta = 1.55$, $t = 2.44$, $p = 0.0005$) are also found to be significant. Nevertheless, the interaction between type and form ($\beta = 0.07$, $t = 0.25$, $p = 0.688$) is not significant. These findings provide strong evidence that the differences in frequency distributions of nouns categorized by type, form, and frequency are statistically significant. However, the differences in frequency distributions between regular and irregular nouns in their singular and plural forms are not significant. This supports the idea that regular nouns tend to occur more frequently than irregular nouns in Contemporary English. In other words, regular nouns are generally more frequent than irregular nouns in Contemporary English. The increased word frequencies of regular nouns in the high-frequency area and their decreased word frequencies in the low-frequency area compared to irregular ones challenge the prediction of the dual mechanism approach, which proposes that irregulars with high frequencies typically show higher frequencies than regulars.

Conclusion:

This corpus-based study focused on understanding how the human mind processes linguistic information, specifically in relation to the frequency effects of regulars and irregulars in Contemporary American English. The study is framed within the context of the dual mechanism approach, which suggests that irregulars are stored in

memory while regulars are generated by rules, indicating potential distinct processing mechanisms. The focus was on the noun category to explore whether irregular nouns are more prevalent than regular ones in both singular and plural forms using data from the Corpus of Contemporary American English.

The outcomes of this investigation challenge the predictions of the dual mechanism approach, which proposes that irregular words, being stored in memory, should manifest higher word frequencies compared to regulars. Contrary to this expectation, the results reveal that among the ten most frequently occurring singular nouns, a majority of six are regulars, dominating total word frequencies. This pattern extends to a comparison of the ten nouns with the highest and lowest frequencies, revealing that regular nouns show higher frequencies in common usage and lower frequencies in less common usage, contrary to the dual mechanism's assumptions.

This conclusion disrupts existing notions about the link between (ir)regularity, word frequency, and processing mechanisms, suggesting a more intricate relationship than previously assumed. The discrepancies observed between the predictions and the actual frequency patterns highlight the need for a deeper investigation into the cognitive processes involved in the storage and retrieval of irregulars and regulars. This could potentially pave the way for more refined language processing models.

CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

There are no conflicts of interest

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Appendix 1: The top 2,500 most commonly used nouns in COCA

N.	noun	word freq.	noun	word freq.	noun	word freq.	noun	word freq.
1	time	2018725	Christmas	68542	origin	31342	lemon	19153
2	people	1800205	strength	68537	teen	31336	bankruptcy	19151
3	year	1729962	move	68522	coat	31266	invasion	19112
4	way	1260011	Monday	68488	tower	31252	replacement	19102
5	thing	1202004	mean	68411	license	31242	consensus	19057
6	man	1091176	beach	68303	twitter	31238	kiss	19047
7	day	1068902	survey	68301	curriculum	31171	french	19041
8	life	852257	writing	68200	mail	31141	hardware	19041
9	woman	759817	master	68182	estimate	31122	rail	19039
10	child	732511	scale	68139	insight	31094	cold	19037
11	world	685426	resident	68096	investigator	31082	mate	19036
12	school	660191	football	68073	virus	31075	cabin	19019
13	state	638012	failure	67885	hurricane	31072	dining	19017
14	family	544520	reporter	67831	provision	31059	liberal	19015
15	president	538319	fight	67767	strike	31051	snake	18993
16	house	537037	one	67755	cross	31025	tobacco	18992
17	student	530196	vision	67714	jacket	30995	orientation	18984
18	part	517693	function	67710	green	30968	input	18921
19	place	508803	human	67605	pay	30935	competitor	18893
20	problem	504175	will	67581	implication	30921	freshman	18878
21	country	499369	connection	67550	fiction	30883	donation	18869
22	week	484834	camp	67510	protest	30878	donor	18858
23	point	484094	stone	67456	mama	30857	toilet	18844
24	hand	481332	hundred	67455	twin	30810	ideology	18802
25	group	470971	key	67404	pant	30810	glory	18788
26	guy	464082	truck	67403	shock	30746	organ	18750
27	case	458383	afternoon	67378	criteria	30727	starting	18738
28	question	457301	secretary	67325	toy	30678	brick	18730
29	work	456169	conflict	67061	assault	30609	gut	18712
30	night	452094	learning	66879	peak	30595	reservation	18704
31	game	445149	share	66642	anger	30587	rebel	18704
32	number	444412	newspaper	66598	boot	30566	oak	18691
33	money	437583	foundation	66578	peer	30537	instructor	18675
34	lot	437545	variety	66555	math	30465	racism	18651
35	book	435387	perspective	66540	favor	30405	pension	18644
36	system	435303	document	66467	dust	30376	diabetes	18635
37	government	434971	presence	66412	aunt	30364	cluster	18617
38	city	433843	lesson	66252	prospect	30358	marijuana	18607
39	company	432469	crowd	65965	mood	30344	combat	18595
40	story	432184	apartment	65884	settlement	30250	costume	18568
41	job	430995	guest	65818	depth	30176	inspiration	18543
42	friend	423755	soul	65749	juice	30156	orange	18542
43	word	402216	protection	65690	gallery	30109	cooking	18528
44	fact	399574	intelligence	65687	tension	30082	conspiracy	18508
45	right	389906	border	65422	throat	30071	trait	18502
46	month	381833	reading	65417	draft	30062	van	18497
47	program	375708	leadership	65396	reputation	29988	garlic	18473
48	business	373744	chief	65311	index	29987	drinking	18467
49	home	370758	attitude	65288	mess	29961	crystal	18456
50	kind	367584	start	65218	joy	29949	stretch	18453
51	study	364915	website	64875	steel	29886	pro	18444
52	issue	362137	distance	64404	motor	29863	associate	18443
53	name	361916	climate	64223	enterprise	29857	helicopter	18430
54	idea	358006	relation	64199	salary	29856	counsel	18429
55	room	357682	flight	64148	cousin	29840	equation	18417
56	percent	357515	boat	64026	dozen	29771	timing	18399
57	law	354958	aspect	63967	evolution	29760	pope	18398
58	power	351483	january	63714	fishing	29682	opera	18377
59	kid	351451	volume	63626	anxiety	29659	mount	18361
60	war	350575	theater	63549	professional	29639	indication	18351
61	head	348664	speed	63502	carbon	29639	motive	18345
62	mother	348470	identity	63440	essay	29637	porch	18345

63	team	348063	demand	63402	drama	29588	gaze	18339
64	eye	347153	guard	63290	stranger	29572	lap	18314
65	side	342841	tuesday	63179	belt	29548	starter	18292
66	water	342574	facility	63117	formula	29504	colonel	18262
67	service	332313	farm	62942	potato	29496	beef	18253
68	area	331866	fun	62839	monster	29491	thanksgiving	18234
69	person	330987	august	62821	smoke	29483	intensity	18229
70	end	328699	link	62629	telephone	29482	cave	18219
71	hour	323999	shoe	62523	rape	29477	basement	18210
72	line	319492	institute	62451	palm	29472	illustration	18179
73	girl	319120	living	62299	jet	29468	essence	18172
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81	reason	295577	division	60892	desert	29353	documentary	18071
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83	community	290489	reaction	60811	bullet	29277	flood	18059
84	news	289175	injury	60769	awareness	29265	guilt	18057
85	body	287817	it	60763	sequence	29257	inside	18050
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94	result	259961	storm	60280	clock	29112	dragon	17915
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96	parent	258181	bowl	60234	stomach	29089	shore	17908
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98	research	255123	captain	60187	statistics	29070	cliff	17891
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103	policy	240181	minister	59752	impression	28975	stimulus	17842
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105	care	237259	software	59696	narrative	28928	powder	17830
106	process	235304	finding	59632	sake	28905	chaos	17809
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109	death	233153	temperature	59493	diversity	28848	psychologist	17738
110	experience	232376	cut	59434	string	28844	servant	17732
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119	class	219160	clothes	58660	trick	28621	effectiveness	17583
120	police	219041	affair	58553	fantasy	28620	strain	17571
121	use	218006	contact	58518	absence	28618	garbage	17560
122	effect	217999	category	58470	symbol	28609	venture	17532
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124	tax	217131	victory	58342	tablespoon	28554	aide	17521
125	heart	216345	map	58218	arrest	28504	rod	17510
126	son	216216	egg	58198	approval	28499	t-shirt	17501
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129	air	210307	session	58108	rose	28398	loser	17479
130	force	210010	competition	58102	ghost	28365	franchise	17479
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143	decision	196426	surprise	56116	grandmother	28091	trading	17380
144	value	195639	assessment	55956	missile	28086	acceptance	17373
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147	event	194748	pound	55670	crop	27946	collaboration	17360
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156	record	187057	bone	54911	emphasis	27699	ranch	17219
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159	development	185238	award	54712	pace	27613	translation	17186
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163	effort	181751	lunch	54300	barrier	27530	contractor	17156
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170	position	176578	moon	54069	routine	27266	exit	17065
171	million	175586	address	54018	presentation	27265	hook	17057
172	film	175442	december	53957	gear	27243	pit	17033
173	need	175440	chicken	53916	stadium	27233	cholesterol	17011
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175	town	173905	abuse	53777	sheriff	27193	bombing	16988
176	article	173819	construction	53745	clinic	27190	encounter	16987
177	road	173413	wednesday	53706	coalition	27166	expertise	16978
178	form	173161	intervention	53351	mix	27117	creator	16976
179	chance	172820	visit	53262	menu	27113	tablet	16958
180	drug	172756	coast	53114	advertising	27069	blow	16948
181	situation	171026	cover	53057	muslim	26994	ruling	16930
182	practice	170654	cop	52982	arrangement	26976	launch	16908
183	science	170488	baseball	52864	storage	26941	warming	16906
184	brother	167417	email	52826	framework	26926	equity	16905
185	matter	167351	accident	52784	utility	26839	classic	16902
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187	star	167036	duty	52673	terror	26792	surgeon	16865
188	cost	166775	revenue	52579	worth	26778	tennis	16863
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191	picture	165703	breath	52280	empire	26692	literacy	16828
192	piece	165538	inch	52275	corn	26609	treasury	16827
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200	evidence	162050	importance	51419	chamber	26416	excitement	16728
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205	look	160145	train	50975	expansion	26265	gravity	16674
206	term	160014	plate	50934	unemployment	26248	palace	16669
207	color	160011	equipment	50894	pet	26240	cotton	16664
208	choice	159277	studio	50758	laboratory	26198	rescue	16660
209	source	158588	secret	50730	administrator	26195	lawmaker	16643
210	mom	158511	engine	50724	quarterback	26181	determination	16633
211	director	158028	luck	50589	rocket	26167	dynamics	16623
212	rule	157468	panel	50544	preparation	26152	shell	16622
213	campaign	157373	hero	50520	relative	26146	hint	16621
214	ground	156706	circle	50510	quote	26087	rush	16589
215	election	156532	critic	50462	publisher	26079	christianity	16585
216	page	154863	episode	50354	innovation	26039	ban	16560
217	test	154189	check	50298	nut	26017	statute	16524
218	patient	154125	requirement	50272	fighter	26014	biology	16518
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540	spirit	79123	passenger	34335	radiation	20383	molecule	13548
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542	run	78645	graduate	34285	discourse	20342	inventory	13538
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544	lack	78587	atmosphere	34247	soccer	20295	ranking	13487
545	journal	78364	passage	34197	complex	20289	gram	13479
546	ice	78316	pepper	34195	mandate	20285	puzzle	13476
547	collection	78281	cable	34164	monitor	20280	envelope	13474
548	soldier	78276	square	34163	nightmare	20245	cure	13442
549	governor	78194	recipe	34098	barrel	20229	discount	13415
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554	claim	77050	total	33836	receiver	20165	businessman	13380
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563	magazine	75615	rice	33676	remark	19951	ignorance	13323
564	status	75577	engineering	33630	fabric	19948	chemistry	13323
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567	screen	74705	flag	33516	collapse	19925	fraction	13308
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597	prison	71871	mine	32473	toe	19559	reliability	13090
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603	increase	71248	designer	32303	rope	19405	vampire	13030
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623	advantage	68866	wonder	31463	cry	19190	theft	12907
624	basis	68758	participation	31395	guidance	19172	laundry	12903
625	context	68668	stream	31393	pen	19160	constraint	12902