

## Complexity of Noun Phrase: An Analysis of Noun structure in Corpus of English novel

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### Abstract

*This study aims to analyze the complexity of noun phrases in a novel 'Ice candy man' written by Bapsi Sidhwa. Four aspects of noun phrases were included namely the types of noun, adjectives, determiners and post modifiers (prepositional phrases, relative clauses, and infinitives). This is a qualitative research. 'AntConc' was utilized to identify the features used by Bapsi Sidhwa in the novel. The results revealed that all the four aspects of noun phrases were utilized except the infinitives from the post modifier class. In addition, the complexity of noun phrases is beneficial because it is helpful for adding descriptive details and characterization. However, this complexity of noun phrases may be challenging in terms of comprehension difficulties for some readers who are not proficient in English language. Further research is needed to explore the complexity of noun phrases in terms of the needs target audience, writing style and narratives goals of the author.*

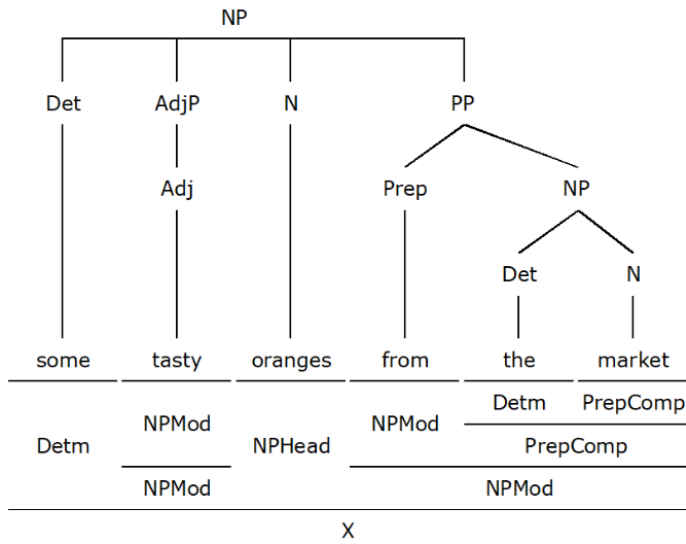
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### Introduction:

According to Oxford dictionary, the well-formed structure of words and phrases in sentences refers to Syntax. Whenever, Syntax is the matter then it's the obligatory subject to deal with structures and grammar is the key for the set rules of the structure. According to Jespersen (1909), complex syntax is a traditional ideology in the field of linguistics. Noun phrases are basically the group of words in which in addition to noun there are adjectives, modifier, article or adverb. The complexity of noun phrases is not measureable but explainable when there are other parts relating to it, then, defining the structure for it is comprehensible. The challenging sentence is the way where noun phrase (NP) is also challenging to understand. NP is creative element of any kind of text for referring or demonstrating something it can be a place, person or thing. The common and proper factor for the noun is also a characterisation of this to attain the specific goal for the perception of creating diversity in the reference.

In the field of language, whenever the communication is about the conveying then we take the language as a matter of choice but when the talk is about the accuracy and format of correctness or incorrectness so here talk come to the syntax and grammar. The manifestation of NP for this purpose to deal or present the complexity is basically the pattern hidden behind the utterance.

The functionality of the NP is in the manifestation of the factor which it plays in sentence. As a chunk, because it is smaller than the clause or sentence but still its importance is recognizable of its own. According to many syntacticians, the NP structure has shown many distinctions in giving the purpose. Here, structure of NP is taken from the source of Grammar of English as shown below:



The focus of this study is to deal with noun phrases complexity in reference to syntax and grammar. This study is also dealing with the explicit and implicit factors of the complexity of NP structure and also a detail analysis of novel ‘Ice-Candy Man’ written by BapsiSidhwa for the representation of NP phrases will be shown.

**Literature review:**

Maestre (1998) investigated noun phrase complexity. The aim was to find out the variation in simple and complex noun phrases. The headlines from the *The Times* newspaper were selected for investigation. Headlines were taken from 1970-1990. Noun complexity in terms of style was investigated using a theoretical framework given by Quirk et al. This framework was given in *A Comprehensive Grammar of the English Language* (1985). Two types of headlines were considered namely verbal and nominal. Significant differences were identified in verbal and nominal headlines, distinctions that highlighted how susceptible this variety of language's complexity is to stylistic and situational elements of the context of the situation.

Gordon et al. (2004) conducted a study regarding the effects of noun type on the complexity of the sentences. In order to found out that how the characteristics of noun phrase (NP) contribute to the difference in understanding subject- and object-extracted relative clauses, a series of self-paced reading time studies were conducted. The study used three different types of corpora including Brown corpus, Switchboard, and Childe. Trained evaluators were hired to code the NPs from the RCs in the sentences. Although corpus analysis showed a strong correlation between these NP classes and the type of relative clause, the structural semantic properties of the NP in the embedded sentence (definite vs. indefinite and definite vs. generic) had no influence on the degree of processing difficulties. When a quantified pronoun got appearance as the NP in the embedded phrase, there was less difference in processing difficulties. These results are in favor of the previous findings.

Johnson et al. (2011) investigated common noun phrases verses unusual noun phrases and how the processing of complex sentences dependent on them. Two experiments were conducted consisting of forty students at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. A method called eye tracking while reading methodology was used by the authors to notice the differences regarding common noun phrases verses unusual noun phrases. Results showed that there was less

processing difficulty in case when head NP was unusual relative to the embedded NP. When both common and unusual NPs were tested, there was no interaction but a strong effect could be seen regarding the effects of commonness. In another case, when there was 1 common and 1 Unusual NP, critical interaction was seen. This study provided evidence to a research well documented regarding memory which showed that differences existed regarding recall pattern of common versus unusual items.

Schilk and Schaub (2016) investigated noun phrases across different varieties. For investigating a comparative study based on different regional varieties, five different regional varieties were taken. These regional varieties were investigated against four types of texts. The data was based on the International Corpus of English. A multinomial regression approach was taken keeping in view the three potential predictors namely syntactic function, variety and text type. The results revealed that there is a need to understand the phenomenon the syntactic contact in the context of different varieties of English. The marked differences regarding the predictive power of the variables were found out. The results also showed the contributions of syntactic function, variety and text type regarding the systemic description variation in noun phrases.

Liu and Li (2018) conducted a corpus based study on the complexity of noun phrase. It was widely said by Biber et al. (2011) that mostly used Subordination-based complexity measures cannot completely reflect the development of syntactic complexity of noun phrases required of advanced student academic writing. The current study employed two types of corpora including MA dissertations by Chinese EFL learners and published research articles in different journals. The study used an artificial syntactic complexity analyzer for investigating the overall noun phrase complexity. This study specifically focuses on one aspect of complexity. i.e. postmodification. The findings revealed considerable underdevelopments in students' texts as compared to the published ones. It also highlights the circumstances in which the difference is meaningful.

In most of the studies, noun phrase complexity was investigated keeping in view few aspects. So, the present study will investigate noun phrase complexity covering many aspects regarding different types of noun, adjectives, determiners, and post modifiers (prepositional phrases, relative clauses and infinitives).

#### **Research Questions:**

1. What type of structures of noun phrases were utilized by Bapsi Sidhwa in novel Ice-Candy Man?
2. How the complexity of noun phrases in Ice Candy Man is beneficial in terms of enhancement of descriptive details and characterization?
3. How the complexity of noun phrases in Ice Candy Man is challenging in terms of comprehension difficulties for some readers?

#### **Methodology:**

This study follows a qualitative research design as sample of Ice Candy Man novel is taken and as an instrument the software Antconc. is used to analyse the data of novel. This novel contains 32 chapters, written by Bapsi Sidhwa in 1988, first with the name of Cracking India, later it published as Ice-Candy Man in 1991. The novel is analyzed in Antconc. Software and manually analysed the common nouns, proper nouns, determiners, adjectives, prepositional phrases, relative clauses, and post-modifiers.

Later, novel was tagged from CLAWS POS tagger and then again analysed common nouns, proper nouns, determiners, adjectives, prepositional phrases, relative clauses, and post-modifiers,

to check the different factors or scenarios of perception of the NP. This study has also involved the quantitative study for the NP structures.

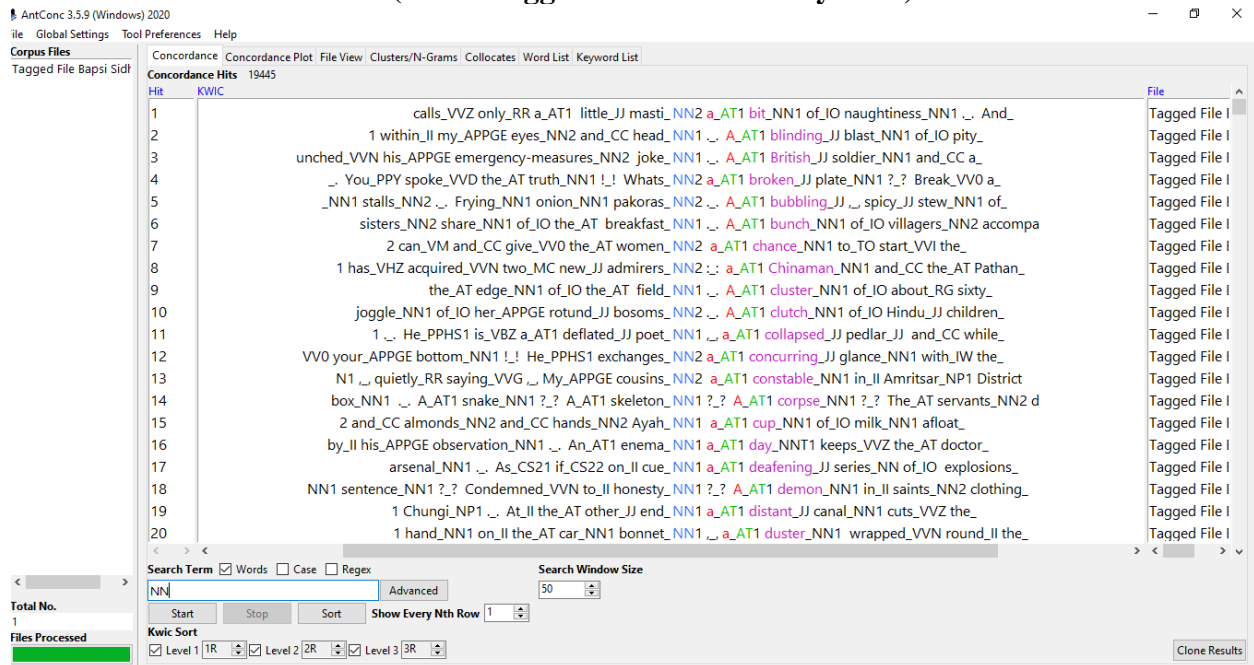
**Analysis**

**Noun phrase**

<b>List:</b>	<b>Words</b>	<b>Counting</b>
<b>Common Nouns tagged</b>	Plural and singular common nouns	19445
<b>Common Nouns Manual</b>	The Man	15
	The Woman	8
	The boy	8
	The girl	3
	The voice	3
	The children	18
	The flowers	3
	The rooms	5
	The village	16
<b>Proper Nouns Manual</b>	The holy-man	7
	The horses	8
	The Almighty	1
	The Muslims	15
	The Indians	9
	The king	13
<b>Determiners tagged</b>	Determiner: capable of pronominal function  DD1                      singular determiner (e.g. this, that, another)  DD2                      plural determiner ( these,those)	570
<b>Determiners manual</b>	Article (a)	1871
	Article (the)	5034
	Article (an)	237
	Demonstratives (that)	22
	Demonstratives (this)	24

<b>Adjectives tagged</b>	General (JJ)	6739
<b>Post modifiers: Preposition phrases to add information about noun/ noun phrase</b>	for (IF)	56
	General preposition (II)	495
	of (IO)	727
	with, without (IW)	71
<b>Post modifiers: Relative clauses to modify noun phrase</b>	Subjective wh-pronoun (PNQS)	69
	Objective wh-pronoun (PNQO)	1
	That (Manually)	202
<b>Post modifier: infinitives</b>	To + base form of verb (TO & VV0)	2

### 1. COMMON NOUNS (From Tagged File of Ice-Candy Man)



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1	calls_VVZ only_RR a_AT1 little_JJ masti_NN2 a_AT1 bit_NN1 of_IO naughtiness_NN1 _.	Tagged File I
2	1 within_II my_APPGE eyes_NN2 and_CC head_NN1 _.	Tagged File I
3	unched_VVN his_APPGE emergency-measures_NN2 joke_NN1 _.	Tagged File I
4	_ You_PPY spoke_VVD the_AT truth_NN1 !.!	Tagged File I
5	_NN1 stalls_NN2 _.	Tagged File I
6	Frying_NN1 onion_NN1 pakoras_NN2 _.	Tagged File I
7	2 can_VM and_CC give_VV0 the_AT women_NN2 a_AT1 chance_NN1 to_TO start_VVI the_	Tagged File I
8	1 has_VHZ acquired_VVN two_MC new_JJ admirers_NN2 _.	Tagged File I
9	the_AT edge_NN1 of_IO the_AT field_NN1 _.	Tagged File I
10	joggle_NN1 of_IO her_APPGE rotund_JJ bosoms_NN2 _.	Tagged File I
11	1 _.	Tagged File I
12	VV0 your_APPGE bottom_NN1 !.	Tagged File I
13	N1 _.	Tagged File I
14	box_NN1 _.	Tagged File I
15	2 and_CC almonds_NN2 and_CC hands_NN2 Ayah_NN1 a_AT1 cup_NN1 of_IO milk_NN1 afloat_	Tagged File I
16	by_II his_APPGE observation_NN1 _.	Tagged File I
17	arsenal_NN1 _.	Tagged File I
18	NN1 sentence_NN1 ?.	Tagged File I
19	1 Chungi_NP1 _.	Tagged File I
20	1 hand_NN1 on_II the_AT car_NN1 bonnet_NN1 _.	Tagged File I

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#### A) Common nouns (Manual Search)

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1	is caricatured, and portrayed as a monster. <b>The man about whom</b> India's poetess Naidu Sarojini	bapsi sidhwa
2	idealism which is of the very essence of <b>the man</b> . Chapter 21 <b>Hari</b> has had his bodhi shaved.	bapsi sidhwa
3	charge you for the medicine.' 'Your fees, sir?' <b>The man fishes out</b> a handful of grubby one-	bapsi sidhwa
4	mud. The cycle looks like a toy beneath <b>the man from the</b> mountains and involuntarily Adi and	bapsi sidhwa
5	his face with a wet rag and as <b>the man, in obvious</b> pain, pushes the rag away,	bapsi sidhwa
6	haciated Banya wearing a white Gandhi cap. <b>The man is knocked</b> down. His lips are drawn	bapsi sidhwa
7	, and define the still figure of a man. <b>The man moves out</b> of the darkness, and as	bapsi sidhwa
8	sive gesture, and turning to us, asks, 'Well?' <b>The man salaams</b> and shepherds his wife out of	bapsi sidhwa
9	im and whispers. 'For a week, doctor sahib,' <b>the man says</b> . His head and neck are wrapped	bapsi sidhwa
10	earlier?' the doctor roars. 'I'm sorry, sir,' <b>the man says</b> . 'She didn't tell me.' 'She	bapsi sidhwa
11	ilk burka whispers to the bearded man, and <b>the man says</b> , 'Sufi Sahib, my wife wants to	bapsi sidhwa
12	know what goes on in your own house?' <b>The man, shivering slightly</b> in a short, scruffy jacket	bapsi sidhwa
13	to Bombay may go.' 'Again Bombay?' says <b>the man sitting at</b> the end of my bench	bapsi sidhwa
14	white singlet. There was a crackling rustle as <b>the man squatted</b> to defecate. Half an hour later	bapsi sidhwa
15	does he throw up?' asks the doctor. Again <b>the man stoops and</b> , relaying his wife's words,	bapsi sidhwa

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1	. I feel Mother's arm twitch. This time <b>the woman addresses</b> the doctor directly, looking at him	bapsi sidhwa
2	assume his soul is in communion with God. <b>The woman in the</b> burka, believing that the holyman	bapsi sidhwa
3	Jinnah's wife,' she says. 'She's Parsee.' <b>The woman in the</b> photograph is astonishingly beautiful. Lar	bapsi sidhwa
4	, Hamida says, 'Your mother knows I was there.' <b>The woman in the</b> jail has stopped wailing. It	bapsi sidhwa
5	. 'I am not frightened of work, brother,' says <b>the woman in thickly</b> accented, village Punjabi. 'I will	bapsi sidhwa
6	operty they have somehow managed to occupy. * * * <b>The woman is pulling</b> a faded kamize that is	bapsi sidhwa
7	notice a protrusion in the lower half of <b>the woman's burka</b> and guess that she is	bapsi sidhwa
8	... Don't let them out of your sight.' <b>The woman swivels on</b> her heels and gazes into	bapsi sidhwa

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1	I twist and slip away and run to the boy and he, pretending to be a steam-	bapsi sidhwa:
2	pains his friend has taken to smarten up the boy. Chotay, ducking out of range of their	bapsi sidhwa:
3	raises his arm threateningly and shouts: 'Scram!' The boy flinches, but returning his eyes to me,	bapsi sidhwa:
4	has noticed the presence of strangers too. After the boy hands us our tea, and we settle	bapsi sidhwa:
5	lean back against his legs and shyly ogle the boy. Masseur gropes for my hand. But I	bapsi sidhwa:
6	the table to indicate he wants another helping. The boy picks up the empty plate and the	bapsi sidhwa:
7	m, oye!' says the wrestler, also lightly spanking the boy's head. 'What're you staring at	bapsi sidhwa:
8	the men and boys I find appealing. 'See the boy with the cute little buck teeth? I	bapsi sidhwa:

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1	that woman,' says Ayah. 'She can't leave the girl alone!' I have made several trips to	bapsi sidhwa:
2	Sidhwa's novel is unique as it establishes the girl-child's point of view.' —R.K.	bapsi sidhwa:
3	your eyes, child. You're safe. Come?' But the girl, normally so responsive, lies absolutely still. S	bapsi sidhwa:

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Hit	KWIC	File
1	y. 'I have something against everybody,' declares the voice, impartial and very hurt. 'Order! Order!' says	bapsi sidhwa
2	, Imam Din, why are you lying?' I recognise the voice. It is Butcher. 'Oye, Baray Mian! Don'	bapsi sidhwa
3	the sake of her divine gifts! She has the voice of an angel and the grace and	bapsi sidhwa

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Hit	KWIC	File
1	g the mouse, sobs, "Mummy, Mummy, do something. The children at school tease me. They sing: 'Freaky	bapsi sidhwa
2	. I prop myself up on my elbows. Even the children awake before you,' says Godmother sternly. 'Shame	bapsi sidhwa
3	thump their foreheads to put them to sleep. The children, conditioned to the numbing jolts, grow groggy	bapsi sidhwa
4	nopolise the garden, depriving it of colour. Even the children, covered in brocades and satins, cannot alleviate	bapsi sidhwa
5	I want you for is the care of the children ... Don't let them out of your	bapsi sidhwa
6	contemplative world of their ablutions, and only the children face the street unabashed, turning their heads	bapsi sidhwa
7	, cry, 'Never mind us ... save the young girls! The children! Hai! Hai!' Ranna's two-toothed old	bapsi sidhwa
8	ludes all extraneous sound ... The shrill voices of the children in the gully, the noise of traffic	bapsi sidhwa
9	! until my heart pounds with the chant and the children on the roof picking it up shout	bapsi sidhwa
10	said, 'Kill us ... Kill us all ... but spare the children.' 'Open at once!' 'I beg you in	bapsi sidhwa
11	rushed so violently from her strong chest that the children quietened at once and leaned and slid	bapsi sidhwa
12	Lenny's physiotherapist yet ... I've to buy the children's clothes for Christmas and New Year.' (	bapsi sidhwa
13	o maltreats her daughter. When Papoo returns from the children's ward of the Ganga Ram Hospital	bapsi sidhwa
14	the priest's wife. Adi and I join the children sitting patiently on a wooden bench – our	bapsi sidhwa
15	the mouse again comes home crying: 'Mummy, Mummy, the children tease me.' 'Lousy mousey with six tails!	bapsi sidhwa
16	end with the baby mouse crying: 'Mummy, Mummy, the children tease me. They sing, 'Freaky mousey with	bapsi sidhwa
17	implements sharpened that they threaten and abuse the children. They must have a lot of wood	bapsi sidhwa
18	met them he will only get angry, and the children will suffer.' 'I don't like your	bapsi sidhwa

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Concordance Hits 3

Hit	KWIC	File
1	frolicking, the bumble-bee came – Strutting among the flowers, strumming love.’ And so, the bumble-bee	bapsi sidhwa:
2	ng croons: ‘The bumble-bee came – Strutting among the flowers, strumming love ...’ And holding the end of	bapsi sidhwa:
3	bloomed in moonlit wildernesses – Heady with sap the flowers swayed – And a rose, bubbling, Dancing in	bapsi sidhwa:

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Concordance Hits 5

Hit	KWIC	File
1	appear agitated. They flutter in and out of the rooms and answer our insistent queries with more	bapsi sidhwa:
2	Dr Selzer. The German doctor does not inhabit the rooms as much as possess them. He lives	bapsi sidhwa:
3	accustomed to the dimness. Carefully he explored the rooms cluttered with smashed clay pots, broken charpoys	bapsi sidhwa:
4	waving signed papers and batons, swarmed through the rooms of ice-candy-man’s Kotha and	bapsi sidhwa:
5	possess them. He lives alone and he padlocks the rooms when he goes out. He has only	bapsi sidhwa:

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Concordance Hits 16

Hit	KWIC	File
1	e looks about him with anxious, questioning eyes. <b>The village chaudhry</b> – sitting by Imam Din and the	bapsi sidhwa:
2	the house gathered about him. An old woman, <b>the village dai</b> , checked his pulse and his breath	bapsi sidhwa:
3	Sikhs' triumphant war cries as they swarmed into <b>the village</b> . <b>He heard</b> the savage banging and kicking	bapsi sidhwa:
4	of expression and movement, trans-posing us to <b>the village</b> . <b>Late in</b> the evening three military lorries	bapsi sidhwa:
5	relatives and hired hands, with no land in <b>the village</b> , left <b>Pir Pindo</b> , not caring one way	bapsi sidhwa:
6	. (Sikhs don't smoke.) In the sated lull <b>the village mullah</b> clears his throat. 'My brothers,' he	bapsi sidhwa:
7	? 'She won't. They have no tailors in <b>the village</b> . <b>No masseurs</b> either ... with their cunning fingers	bapsi sidhwa:
8	t raised by their trampling feet, they approached <b>the village</b> . <b>Ranna</b> flew down the steep steps. He	bapsi sidhwa:
9	much older women. Like the other girls in <b>the village</b> , they affect the mannerisms and tone of	bapsi sidhwa:
10	exchange of shouts as the men realised that <b>the village was empty</b> . They searched all the houses,	bapsi sidhwa:
11	into the lorries. There were no Sikhs about. <b>The village was not</b> under attack. Perhaps the army	bapsi sidhwa:
12	daughters and pressed them fiercely to her body. <b>The village was so</b> quiet it could be the	bapsi sidhwa:
13	to get to their posts. In fifteen minutes <b>the village was swamped</b> by the Sikhs – tall men	bapsi sidhwa:
14	've never thought to ask him before. 'In <b>the village</b> , with her mother.' 'What if she runs	bapsi sidhwa:
15	the Sikhs to be in the mosque with <b>the village women</b> . <b>He</b> could not explain why: except	bapsi sidhwa:
16	practised in the conduct they have absorbed from <b>the village women</b> , the girls try not to smile	bapsi sidhwa:

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## B) Proper nouns (Manual Search)

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Concordance Hits 7

Hit	KWIC	File
1	uming his customary, slouching pose on the grass, <b>the holyman becomes</b> ice-candy-man. The Government House	bapsi sidhwa:
2	God. The woman in the burka, believing that <b>the holyman has interceded</b> successfully on her behalf, bows	bapsi sidhwa:
3	I'd be offended; no matter how mad <b>the holyman!</b> I distance myself from him mentally, and	bapsi sidhwa:
4	iron trident with bells tied near its base, <b>the holyman lopes</b> to-wards us, shouting: 'Ya Allah!'	bapsi sidhwa:
5	silver rupees – bearing King George's image – at <b>the holyman's entranced</b> toes. Holding the holyman's	bapsi sidhwa:
6	image – at the holyman's entranced toes. Holding <b>the holyman's pious</b> finger, feeling privileged, I return	bapsi sidhwa:
7	ends of the copper wire in one hand, <b>the holyman stretches</b> the other skywards. Pointing his long	bapsi sidhwa:

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Concordance Hits 8

Hit	KWIC	File
1	to one side. The tongaman picks himself off the horse cursing; and the Birdwood Barracks' sepoy abandon	bapsi sidhwa:
2	, reverting to the matter in hand: 'What if the horse decides to perform on a grander scale?	bapsi sidhwa:
3	the horse falls. Scarcely out of our gate, the horse falls. Adi and I shoot over the	bapsi sidhwa:
4	horse. Up front we are more secure – unless the horse falls. Scarcely out of our gate, the	bapsi sidhwa:
5	of that.' 'Oh? What will he do? Diaper the horse?' Mini Aunty continues placidly to unwrap her	bapsi sidhwa:
6	as if she is melting. The tongaman removes the horse's feed sack and we pile into	bapsi sidhwa:
7	the harnessed horse to stand upright. Adi pats the horse's rump. The animal swishes his bristly	bapsi sidhwa:
8	of them, standing up in the carriage, whips the horse savagely and the cart, followed by the	bapsi sidhwa:

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Concordance Hits 1

Hit	KWIC	File
1	respectful 'tusi'. I'm sure if I were the Almighty I'd be offended; no matter how	bapsi sidhwa:

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Concordance Hits 15

Hit	KWIC	File
1	have seen goats slaughtered at the end of the Muslim fast on Eid. I've watched them	bapsi sidhwa
2	: 'Allah-o-Akbar!' comes the fragmented roar from the Muslim goondas of Mozang. 'Bole so nehal: Sat	bapsi sidhwa
3	their way! They will have to reckon with the Muslim League and Jinnah. If we quit India	bapsi sidhwa
4	the Hindus connived with the Angrez to ignore the Muslim League, and support a party that didn'	bapsi sidhwa
5	Montgomery, you'd better start fraternising with the Muslim League. If you don't, the Muslims	bapsi sidhwa
6	, Sardarjee, is to arrive at a settlement with the Muslim League,' intervenes Masseur, smoothing the quarre	bapsi sidhwa
7	nature of antic gods. 'They didn't like the Muslim League's victory in the Punjab elections.' '	bapsi sidhwa
8	won't agree on a single issue with the Muslim League? The Cabinet Mission proposed a Federation	bapsi sidhwa
9	th withering and snickering sarcasm. 'They want the Muslim majority provinces: Punjab, Sind, Kashmir, the No	bapsi sidhwa
10	ting on seats and whispering. 'We prospered under the Muslim Moguls didn't we?' scolds Col. Bharucha.'	bapsi sidhwa
11	sure it is Akali propaganda, calculated to scare the Muslim peasants. And even if it does scare	bapsi sidhwa
12	Sikh soldier- saint shouts: 'We will see how the Muslim swine get Pakistan! We will fight to	bapsi sidhwa
13	stoked with fresh tobacco, is being passed among the Muslim villagers. (Sikhs don't smoke.) In the	bapsi sidhwa
14	ing all Muslims. Setting fires, looting, parading the Muslim women naked through the streets - raping and	bapsi sidhwa
15	for each of the breasts they cut off the Muslim women ... The penises!' In the silence that	bapsi sidhwa

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Concordance Hits 9

Hit	KWIC	File
1	steals a hasty draught from the bottle. Again <b>the Indian goes out</b> , and the tommy sneaks another	bapsi sidhwa
2	does not offer any to the soldier. When <b>the Indian leaves the</b> compartment for a moment the	bapsi sidhwa
3	are travelling by the Khyber Mail to Peshawar. <b>The Indian lifts a</b> bottle of Scotch to his	bapsi sidhwa
4	salt. We should only eat salt manufactured from <b>the Indian Ocean!</b> The colonel pauses, dramatically, and my	bapsi sidhwa
5	nod wisely. 'It was a polite message from <b>the Indian Prince, meaning:</b> "No, you are not welcome.	bapsi sidhwa
6	nd industry sweeten the lives of his subjects. ' <b>The Indian Prince thought:</b> what a smart and civilised	bapsi sidhwa
7	confides he took a draw or two from <b>the Indian's bottle</b> of Scotch. 'Since you didn'	bapsi sidhwa
8	-mentioned publisher of this book. For sale in <b>the Indian Subcontinent only</b>	bapsi sidhwa
9	Sidhwa lives in America but travels frequently to <b>the Indian subcontinent.</b> She has published five novels: An	bapsi sidhwa

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the indian Advanced

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Concordance Hits 13

Hit	KWIC	File
1	had no children, says Hamida. Night and day <b>the king and his</b> queen prayed for a son.	bapsi sidhwa
2	royal couple was blessed with a beautiful son. <b>The king and queen</b> rejoiced and diligently distributed foo	bapsi sidhwa
3	the forests and armed guards the palace gates. <b>The king and queen</b> prayed more, fasted oftener, and	bapsi sidhwa
4	the condition of their karmas and earn blessings. <b>The king decreed that</b> all tigers be hunted and	bapsi sidhwa
5	prayers. Godmother has invited four students from <b>the King Edward Medical</b> College dorms to tea. Their	bapsi sidhwa
6	, fasted oftener, and did all manner of penance. <b>The king gave his</b> fine robes to the beggars	bapsi sidhwa
7	and covered the goddesses with gold. One night <b>the king had</b> a dream. In his dream a	bapsi sidhwa
8	son was spared. The year was almost past. <b>The king, in his</b> penitent's sackcloth, was discussing	bapsi sidhwa
9	in the darbar when the prince walked in. <b>The king made room</b> for his son on the	bapsi sidhwa
10	again the wild-haired holy-man appeared in <b>the king's dream.</b> The tiger who will eat	bapsi sidhwa
11	in agony died. In the pandemonium that followed, <b>the king's eyes</b> quickly traced the path of	bapsi sidhwa
12	I rend the story with savage logic. If <b>the king's karma</b> was so lousy how come	bapsi sidhwa
13	older he yearned to hunt: and at last <b>the king was satisfied</b> that it was safe for	bapsi sidhwa

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the king Advanced

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## 2. DETERMINERS (From Tagged File of Ice-Candy Man)

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Corpus Files  
Tagged File Bapsi Sidh

Concordance Concordance Plot File View Clusters/N-Grams Collocates Word List Keyword List

Concordance Hits 570

Hit	KWIC	File
1	a_AT1 snap_JJ ... Just_RR like_II that_DD1 ... A_AT1 new_JJ nation_NN1 is_VBZ born_	Tagged File I
2	2 probably_RR have_VH0 wind_NN1 of_IO some_DD abandoned_JJ house_NN1 that_CST has_VHZ not_	Tagged File I
3	some_JJ Mrs_NNB Bankwalla_NP1 ... said_VVD this_DD1 about_II Patel_NP1 and_CC that_CST about_	Tagged File I
4	: Hai_NP1 ... my_APPGE fate_NN1 !: If_CS that_DD1 accursed_JJ slut_NN1 dies_VVZ on_II me_	Tagged File I
5	late_JJ ... Rannas_NP1 story_NN1 Late_RR that_DD1 afternoon_NNT1 the_AT clamour_NN1 of_IO the_	Tagged File I
6	2 ... If_CS you_PPY ever_RR do_VD0 that_DD1 again_RT ... III_NP1 break_VV0 your_APPGE finge	Tagged File I
7	I_PPS1 can_VM tell_VVI at_II that_DD1 alarming_JJ proximity_NN1 that_CST the_AT muscl	Tagged File I
8	rtier_NN1 poets_NN2 anguish_NN1 ... Is_VBZ that_DD1 all_DB ??: Cousin_NN1 appears_VVZ disappointed_	Tagged File I
9	intensely_RR still_RR ... As_CS21 if_CS22 this_DD1 alone_JJ is_VBZ not_XX enough_RR to_	Tagged File I
10	... that_DD1 is_VBZ tight_RR ... Alter_VV0 this_DD1 ... alter_VV0 that_DD1 ... The_AT tailors_NN2 f	Tagged File I
11	1 said_VVD And_CC Nehru_NP1 said_VVD that_DD1 And_CC oh_UH ... how_RRQ L_PPS1 laughed_	Tagged File I
12	head_NN1 this_DD1 way_NN1 and_CC that_DD1 and_CC rolls_VVZ her_APPGE eyes_NN2 about_	Tagged File I
13	scratched_VVD him_PPHO1 ... This_DD1 And_CC this_DD1 ... And_CC see_VV0 this_DD1 !: he_PPHS1 says_	Tagged File I
14	he_AT wire_NN1 scratched_VVD him_PPHO1 ... This_DD1 And_CC this_DD1 ... And_CC see_VV0 this_	Tagged File I
15	_VVG one_MC1 holy-man_NN1 after_II another_DD1 ... and_CC visited_VVD all_DB the_AT shrines_	Tagged File I
16	_PPHS2 are_VBR infrequent_JJ guests_NN2 ... This_DD1 appears_VVZ to_TO be_VBI an_AT1 evening_	Tagged File I
17	rbat_NP1 Khan_NNA cautions_VVZ Ayah_NP1 :; These_DD2 are_VBR bad_JJ times_NNT2 Allah_NP1 knows_	Tagged File I
18	hing_PN1 Anything_PN1 you_PPY want_VV0 ... These_DD2 are_VBR decent_JJ folk_NN ... mind_VV0 you_	Tagged File I
19	1 trying_VVG to_TO squeeze_VVI in_RP ... Some_DD are_VBR good_JJ naturedly_RR picked_VVN up_	Tagged File I
20	1 of_IO the_AT Ravi_NN1 ... But_CCB those_DD2 are_VBR Muslim_JJ majority_NN1 districts_NN2 ...	Tagged File I

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### A) Articles (Manual Search)

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bapsi sidhwa.txt

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Concordance Hits 1871

Hit	KWIC	File
1	zoo lion? 'What kind of leash?' I ask. 'A-an iron ch-chain!' It's much worse	bapsi sidhwa
2	eight! When will they stop treating me like a baby? And I'm fed up of being	bapsi sidhwa
3	energy of Electric-aunt. Father, cradling me like a baby, carries me in. The visiting ladies form	bapsi sidhwa
4	and I look at her blankly. 'Somebody has a baby I don't know of?' asks Godmother	bapsi sidhwa
5	ays Slavesister with reproof. 'We've all produced a baby ... We've given birth to a new	bapsi sidhwa
6	ngal,' replies the police officer, as if coaching a backward child. I can imagine the haughty flare	bapsi sidhwa
7	ll, they diligently compete in setting each other a bad example. Only two students, Yakooob from Peshwa	bapsi sidhwa
8	sturb her unhurried movements. Her husband is not a bad man. Mr Singh does not beat her	bapsi sidhwa
9	care! I want my Ayah. Chapter 28 It is a bad phase in my life. Even Cousin is	bapsi sidhwa
10	front lawn Ayah leads us to settle on a bald patch of grass at the back near	bapsi sidhwa
11	't tell you? Are you a father or a barber? And you all want Pakistan! How will	bapsi sidhwa
12	in zoo. I cut your throat!' He flourishes a barber's razor. It is an infallible bait.	bapsi sidhwa
13	. He has also had his penis circumcised. 'By a barber,' says Cousin, unbuttoning his fly in Elec	bapsi sidhwa
14	you've just dashed from the bathroom over a bare brick floor? And you're five years	bapsi sidhwa
15	their chants. Ranna slipped through the door into a barn. It was almost entirely filled with straw.	bapsi sidhwa
16	they are preoccupied. Ayah hauls me off for a bath. I have to remind her to douse	bapsi sidhwa
17	room serves as kitchen/pantry. And off it, a bathroom with three commodes. I go straight to	bapsi sidhwa
18	s inside, whirling herself into her sari, issuing a battery of instructions to her sweepress and at	bapsi sidhwa
19	a broader lane which has the appearance of a bazaar with rows of shops at the ground	bapsi sidhwa
20	polished wood. The stands are held to by a beam which runs six inches above the floor.	bapsi sidhwa

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bapsi sidhwa.txt

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Concordance Hits 237

Hit	KWIC	File
1	! I scream, unable to bear the thought of an <b>able-bodied</b> future. The suspense – although it ha	bapsi sidhwa
2	of his way – Ice-candy-man comes to an <b>abrupt and jolted</b> halt. He is breathless, reeking	bapsi sidhwa
3	. 'Get the fly-swat, Lenny!' screams Mother in an <b>absolute frenzy</b> . I dash in and fetch the	bapsi sidhwa
4	-candy-man is a raconteur. He is also an <b>absorbing gossip</b> . When the story is extra good,	bapsi sidhwa
5	not allowed to become merely the embodiment of an <b>abstract idea</b> . Sidhwa's triumph lies in creating	bapsi sidhwa
6	. But without the devastating artillery fire such an <b>absurd way</b> of putting things might be expected	bapsi sidhwa
7	-aunt, compensating for her lack of charm with an <b>abundance of energy</b> and thrift, briskly opens a	bapsi sidhwa
8	they dismember me. I feel no pain. Only an <b>abysmal sense of loss</b> – and a chilling horror	bapsi sidhwa
9	poke my finger into the small depression and an <b>AC current</b> teaches me everything I will ever	bapsi sidhwa
10	the carriage up short there might have been an <b>accident; and blood</b> spilled on Warris Road. Waggi	bapsi sidhwa
11	vermillion caste-mark on his forehead glows like an <b>accusing eye</b> . He looks at his food as	bapsi sidhwa
12	and showing off, he wields the flag like an <b>acrobatic baton</b> . Close behind, orifices glued to	bapsi sidhwa
13	Virgin Mary. She's become a dancing-girl!' 'An <b>actress!</b> I exclaim, enthralled. That would expla	bapsi sidhwa
14	in her hair, and unseeing eyes enlarged like an <b>actress's with kohl</b> and mascaraed eyelashes, sitt	bapsi sidhwa
15	spaces within me ... but I know there is an <b>added dimension</b> to her loss I cannot comprehend.	bapsi sidhwa
16	they had killed all the tigers and, as an <b>added precaution</b> , all the domestic and alley cats	bapsi sidhwa
17	? I ask Godmother. 'A woman who falls off an <b>aeroplane</b> .' Godmother can be like that sometimes.	bapsi sidhwa
18	ilwan!' He calls Ranna pahailwan, wrestler. It is an <b>affectionate form</b> of address. Ranna wears the cap	bapsi sidhwa
19	in English —Irish Times 'A born storyteller, an <b>affectionate, shrewd observer</b> ... she writes with a	bapsi sidhwa
20	a pill. Not even tasting it. It is an <b>affront</b> to my sense of fair play. I	bapsi sidhwa

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Concordance Hits 5034

Hit	KWIC	File
1	don't know how many people dwell in the <b>abandoned bungalow</b> , but the number of its occupan	bapsi sidhwa
2	trying to probe my soul and search out the <b>aberrations</b> in my personality that made me betray	bapsi sidhwa
3	ritten permission of both the copyright owner and the <b>above-mentioned publisher</b> of this book. For sale	bapsi sidhwa
4	calls, and hand in hand we step into the <b>abrasive heat</b> . The increasing congestion and upro	bapsi sidhwa
5	have migrated to Delhi,' says Yakoob, explaining the <b>absence of the</b> Hindu boy. We are sitting	bapsi sidhwa
6	mritsar only last Monday,' says Yakoob explaining the <b>absence of the</b> Sikh student. 'Some goondas from	bapsi sidhwa
7	huddars that shroud the women. It is astonishing. The <b>absence of the</b> brown skin that showed through	bapsi sidhwa
8	insight, the realities of everyday existence and the <b>abstractions of politics</b> and religion.' —Third Wo	bapsi sidhwa
9	up. 'I can't,' says Cousin. I see the <b>absurdity of my</b> suggestion. I shrug away. I	bapsi sidhwa
10	walls. My eyes, like happy roaches, crawl into the <b>abundance of crevices</b> and crannies. Slavesister	bapsi sidhwa
11	climb a stool to insert my finger into the <b>AC current</b> remains. Ever ready to illuminate, tea	bapsi sidhwa
12	the unnatural angle of my upended hairs, despite the <b>accelerated beat</b> of my heart, despite the gloamin	bapsi sidhwa
13	drums, the dancers lunge, parry, and twirl to the <b>accompaniment of folk</b> singers extolling the valou	bapsi sidhwa
14	and the singers on white sheets facing up. The <b>accompanists – a harmonium</b> player and a tabla-dru	bapsi sidhwa
15	Muslim villages near Amritsar and Jullunder. But the <b>accounts are contrary</b> – and the details so brutal	bapsi sidhwa
16	neither Ayah nor I realised its development into the <b>acrimony</b> Ice-candy-man's bitter voice has	bapsi sidhwa
17	banked close up. There is a quickening in the <b>activity about the</b> jeeps. My eyes focus on	bapsi sidhwa
18	dawn. He watched it from afar, confused by the <b>activity taking place</b> around five or six huge	bapsi sidhwa
19	too is strewn with petals; and sometimes with the <b>added glitter of</b> cheap candy wrapped in cellophan	bapsi sidhwa
20	holding the panels closed from inside. 'This is the <b>address, Bajjee,</b> ' he says, and at a nod	bapsi sidhwa

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## B) Demonstratives (Manual Search)

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Concordance Hits 22

Hit	KWIC	File
1	with an impatient voice. 'Hindu? Muslim? Sikh?' 'That depends upon who's winning, doesn't it?'	bapsi sidhwa
2	at the crowd. 'He's sharpening their knives.' 'That evening Sharbat Khan visits us, bringing Ayah also	bapsi sidhwa
3	Tek Singh escort us halfway to Pir Pindo. 'That evening we crowd into the chaudhry's courtyard	bapsi sidhwa
4	given a thought to what people might say?' 'That I've become a dancing-girl? With bells	bapsi sidhwa
5	the grassless Warris Road park to play cricket. 'That is, Cousin will play and Adi will probably	bapsi sidhwa
6	weave them into daydreams that drift into sleep? 'That is, provided the zoo lion does not roar.	bapsi sidhwa
7	are not fighting our fight,' says Ayah, lightly. 'That may be true,' says Sharbat Khan thoughtfully, 'but	bapsi sidhwa
8	if he's become accustomed to indulging himself. 'That money-lender would squeeze blood from a fly!'	bapsi sidhwa
9	Muslims will throw you off your rich lands.' 'That mother-fucker isn't born who can throw	bapsi sidhwa
10	the cheerful sitting room next to the bedroom. 'That night I have the first nightmare that connects	bapsi sidhwa
11	hands hoisting her chocolate body into the cart. 'That night I take all I've heard and	bapsi sidhwa
12	stylish cotton shawl over one shoulder and says: 'That non-violent violence-monger – your precious Gandh	bapsi sidhwa
13	long, old chap,' says Inspector General Rogers. 'That old bugger, Gandhi, is up to his old	bapsi sidhwa
14	panese kimono Mehrabai brought me two years back. 'That red one. I want to give it to	bapsi sidhwa
15	your blackened faces at someone else's door! 'That scoundrel! He can't deceive me again! If	bapsi sidhwa
16	still full of stories. 'You remember Kirpa Ram? 'That skinflint we all owe money?' he asks, barely	bapsi sidhwa
17	people run up from the road. Someone shouts: 'That tom sneaks into our kitchen too! Teach the	bapsi sidhwa
18	ays Mumtaz. 'But I cannot forget what happened.' 'That was fated, daughter. It can't be undone.	bapsi sidhwa
19	a small lump of coal in the milk. 'That will convey the unspoken message of love and	bapsi sidhwa
20	you don't, the Punjab will be divided ... 'That will mean trouble for us all.' 'Big trouble,'	bapsi sidhwa

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Concordance Hits 24

Hit	KWIC	File
1	an American woman. They are infrequent guests. 'This appears to be an evening dedicated to neighbourly	bapsi sidhwa
2	tion published in 2013. e-ISBN: 978-93-5118-119-4 'This book is sold subject to the condition that	bapsi sidhwa
3	bit reassured. On the contrary, I am terrified. 'This callow youth with a stem-like neck hold	bapsi sidhwa
4	've grown older – and fatter – but not up! 'This child here has more sense than you. Now	bapsi sidhwa
5	Dutta All rights reserved ISBN: 978-01-4011-767-7 'This digital edition published in 2013. e-ISBN: 978-93-	bapsi sidhwa
6	ok, bustling with riches.' —New Internationalist 'This exquisitely written, tightly constructed novel off	bapsi sidhwa
7	address to sidle into a more dominant role. 'This has been occurring with alarming frequency of late	bapsi sidhwa
8	least I've stopped babbling all my thoughts. 'This idiocy of bottled-up emotions can't be	bapsi sidhwa
9	how it is when you women visit tailors ... 'This is loose, that is tight. Alter this, alter	bapsi sidhwa
10	dwell her docile old husband and her slavesister. 'This is my haven. My refuge from the perplexing	bapsi sidhwa
11	the chain holding the panels closed from inside. 'This is the address, Bajjee,' he says, and at	bapsi sidhwa
12	evastation around her all the more heartbreaking. 'This is the effect of Bapsi Sidhwa's compelling	bapsi sidhwa
13	a burst of shyness I lower my eyes. 'This is the first time I have lowered my	bapsi sidhwa
14	taking liberties!' Ayah looks startled. So do I. 'This is the first time he has openly expressed	bapsi sidhwa
15	trunk of a eucalyptus tree near our kitchen. 'This is where Rosy, Peter, Adi and I, and	bapsi sidhwa
16	cronies standing by an opening in the wire. 'This little mother-fucker thinks his mother and aunt	bapsi sidhwa
17	goats?' 'What's the new Lat Sahib like? 'This Mountbatten Sahib?' asks Ayah. She, like Mother, i	bapsi sidhwa
18	s thinking Ayah will not understand the alphabet. 'This occurs so frequently that she'd have to	bapsi sidhwa
19	corners, peer at the gilet and slip back. 'This only enhances the quality of my possession. I	bapsi sidhwa
20	gence for the cowardly Chinaman. 'What trouble?' 'This Pakistan-Hindustan business...' 'Where did he go?' I	bapsi sidhwa

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### 3. GENERAL ADJECTIVES (From Tagged File of Ice-Candy Man)



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Corpus Files  
Tagged File Bapsi Sidh

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Concordance Hits 6739

Hit	KWIC	File
1	JO his_APPGE velvet_NN1 body_NN1 bare_JJ a_AT1 brown_JJ and_CC white_JJ checked_	Tagged File I
2	herous_JJ dangerous_JJ contemptible_JJ A_AT1 destructive_JJ force_NN1 that_CST must	Tagged File I
3	marble_NN1 platform_NN1 is_VBZ empty_JJ A_AT1 group_NN1 of_IO children_NN2 playi	Tagged File I
4	The_AT cage_NN1 is_VBZ so_RG strong_JJ a_AT1 hundred_NNO lions_NN2 couldnt_VV0 break_	Tagged File I
5	ys_VVZ Godmother_NN1 Im_VV0 afraid_JJ a_AT1 life_NN1 of_IO crime_NN1 is_	Tagged File I
6	him_PPHO1 Lets_VVZ make_VVI sure_JJ a_AT1 man_NN1 says_VVZ hitching_VVG up_	Tagged File I
7	at_CST is_VBZ lyrical_JJ and_CC significant_JJ a_AT1 mysterious_JJ and_CC wonderful_JJ novel_	Tagged File I
8	tative_JJ as_I131 well_I132 as_I133 topical_JJ a_AT1 novel_NN1 that_CST brings_VVZ to_	Tagged File I
9	PPHS1 grows_VVZ still_RR and_CC languid_JJ A_AT1 pearly_JJ wedge_NN1 gleams_VVZ between	Tagged File I
10	pected_JJ faces_NN2 harsh_JJ and_CC cold_JJ A_AT1 Sikh_JJ youth_NN1 whom_PN00 Ranna_	Tagged File I
11	C small_JJ mouth_NN1 slightly_RR askew_JJ a_AT1 thread_NN1 of_IO saliva_NN1 stretched_	Tagged File I
12	CSA he_PPHS1 bellows_NN2 Aha-hurrrr_JJ! A-vaaaaaay_VV0! And_CC closer_RRR t	Tagged File I
13	of_IO myself_PPX1 Rannas_NN2 ready_JJ ability_NN1 to_TO forgive_VVI a_AT1 past_	Tagged File I
14	1 is_VBZ the_AT one-and-a-half-room_JJ abode_NN1 of_IO my_APPGE godmother_NN1 With	Tagged File I
15	box_NN1 It_PPH1 is_VBZ heavy-looking_JJ about_I1 a_AT1 foot_NN1 high_JJ long_	Tagged File I
16	mise_NN1 makes_VVZ me_PPIO1 curious_JJ about_I1 all_DB aspects_NN2 of_IO dying_	Tagged File I
17	is_VBZ something_PN1 so_RG dangerous_JJ about_I1 the_AT tangible_JJ colours_NN2 the_	Tagged File I
18	NN1 so_RG anxious_JJ and_CC despairing_JJ about_I1 the_AT narrow_JJ pallid_JJ face_	Tagged File I
19	1 that_CST let_VV0 fly_VVI dog-and-cat_JJ abuses_NN2 interjects_VVZ Imam_NN1 Din_NN1 g	Tagged File I
20	?? Mr_NNB Singh_NP1 broad_JJ Punjabi_JJ accent_NN1 and_CC loud_JJ voice_NN1 never_	Tagged File I

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#### 4- Postmodifiers:

##### (1) Preposition phrases (From Tagged File of the novel)

##### (A) For as preposition

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Hit	KWIC
1	_CC the_AT National_JJ Endowment_NN1 for_IF the_AT Arts_NN2 for_IF providing_VVG me_PPIO1
2	_NP1 breezes_NN2 in_I1 and_CC makes_VVZ a_AT1 beeline_NN1 for_IF the_AT dresser_NN1
3	_AT1 jail_NN1 Lenny_NP1 baby_NN1 its_APPGE a_AT1 camp_NN1 for_IF fallen_JJ women_NN2
4	JJ long_JJ and_CC narrow_JJ Like_I1 a_AT1 coffin_NN1 for_IF a_AT1 very_RG
5	_NN1 When_CS the_AT Indian_NN1 leaves_VVZ the_AT compartment_NN1 for_IF a_AT1 moment_NN1
6	_IF her_APPGE own_DA community_NN1 with_IW a_AT1 compassion_NN1 for_IF the_AT dispossessed_JJ
7	HS1 clicks_NN2 her_APPGE tongue_NN1 Weve_VV0 no_AT consideration_NN1 for_IF poor_JJ Mummy_NN1
8	_VVN with_IW dead_JJ bodies_NN2 rifling_VVG the_AT corpses_NN2 for_IF anything_PN1 he_PPHS1
9	_IF Ayah_NP1 using_VVG it_PPH1 as_I1 a_AT1 cover_NN1 for_IF more_RGR sinister_JJ
10	_APPGE hakim_NN1 prescribed_VVN it_PPH1 as_I1 a_AT1 cure_NN1 for_IF syphilis_NN1 Poor_JJ
11	_IO her_APPGE lower_JJR abdomen_NN1 Even_RR the_AT date_NN1 for_IF the_AT operation_NN1
12	N1! he_PPHS1 booms_VVZ Theres_NN2 such_DA a_AT1 demand_NN1 for_IF A-class_NN1 in_
13	_AT1 safe_JJ spot_NN1 he_PPHS1 searched_VVD the_AT distance_NN1 for_IF the_AT green_JJ
14	_PPIS1 thought_VVD I_PPIS1 was_VBDZ seeing_VVG the_AT doctor_NN1 for_IF my_APPGE cold_NN1
15	_VVG the_AT driveway_NN1 to_TO settle_VVI the_AT dust_NN1 for_IF evening_NNT1 visitors_NN2
16	_NNT1 No_AT one_MC1 will_NN1 kindle_VV0 a_AT1 fire_NN1 for_IF months_NNT2 I_PPIS1
17	_JJ gruff_JJ voice_NN1 There_EX is_VBZ no_AT God_NN1 for_IF the_AT likes_NN2
18	_APPGE mutilated_JJ body_NN1 discovered_VVD in_I1 the_AT gutter_NN1 For_IF a_AT1 moment_NN1

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##### (B) General preposition

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Concordance Hits 495

Hit	KWIC
1	_APPGE soul_NN1 and_CC search_VVI out_RP the_AT aberrations_NN2 in_II my_APPGE personality_NN1
2	_EX is_VBZ a_AT1 quickening_NN1 in_II the_AT activity_NN1 about_II the_AT jeeps_NN2 _.
3	_RR tasting_VVG it_PPH1 _ . It_PPH1 is_VBZ an_AT1 affront_NN1 to_II my_APPGE sense_NN1
4	_VV0 at_II Adi_NP1 dangling_VVG in_II the_AT air_NN1 at_II the_AT end_NN1
5	_RP _ . Such_DA talk_NN1 helps_VVZ clear_RR the_AT air_NN1 but_II21 for_II22 your_APPGE
6	_AT whole_JJ world_NN1 is_VBZ burning_VVG _ . The_AT air_NN1 on_II my_APPGE face_NN1
7	_NN2 getting_VVG to_II their_APPGE feet_NN2 _ . The_AT air_NN1 in_II the_AT room_NN1
8	_APPGE hands_NN2 jerked_VVD up_RP slashing_VVG the_AT air_NN1 above_II the_AT bleeding_JJ
9	JJ noise_NN1 _ , sucking_VVG and_CC expelling_VVG the_AT air_NN1 between_II her_APPGE teeth_NN2 _ .
10	_PPIS1 try_VV0 desperately_RR to_TO suck_VVI the_AT air_NN1 into_II my_APPGE deflated_JJ
11	_NN1 _ , to_II his_APPGE seat_NN1 in_II the_AT aisle_NN1 next_II21 to_II22 his_APPGE
12	_AT small_JJ mirror_NN1 hanging_VVG at_II an_AT1 angle_NN1 from_II the_AT wall_NN1
13	_NP1 is_VBZ expected_VVN to_TO make_VVI an_AT1 appearance_NN1 outside_II the_AT Assembly_NN1
14	_VVN the_AT true_JJ purpose_NN1 of_IO the_AT appointment_NN1 from_II me_PPIO1 _ . No_UH !!
15	lock-cart_NN1 _ . Imam_NN1 Din_NN1 stretches_VVZ an_AT1 arm_NN1 across_II his_APPGE bicycle_NN1 _ ,
16	Z here_RL _ , says_VVZ Yousaf_NP1 _ , putting_VVG an_AT1 arm_NN1 round_II Moti_NP1 _ . He_PPHS1
17	VG annoyingly_RR complacent_JJ and_CC placing_VVG an_AT1 arm_NN1 on_II either_DD1 side_NN1
18	_NN1 reminds_VVZ us_PPIO2 to_TO rub_VVI the_AT ash_NN1 from_II our_APPGE foreheads_NN2 _ .

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**(C) Of as Preposition**

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Concordance Hits 727

Hit	KWIC
710	_NN1 and_CC new_JJ sorrow_NN1 _ . Thats_VVZ the_AT way_NN1 of_IO life_NN1 _ . I_PPIS1
711	_TO turn_VVI the_AT wheel_NN1 with_IW the_AT weight_NN1 of_IO their_APPGE bodies_NN2 _ .
712	_II trying_VVG to_TO find_VVI out_RP the_AT whereabouts_NN2 of_IO Ayah_NN1 _ . He_PPHS1
713	_AT table_NN1 but_CCB I_PPIS1 get_VV0 a_AT1 whiff_NN1 of_IO something_PN1 frightening_JJ _ .
714	_AT bathroom_NN1 door_NN1 _ . We_PPIS2 get_VV0 a_AT1 whiff_NN1 of_IO Dettol_NP1 and_CC _ ,
715	_MD time_NNT1 he_PPHS1 heard_VVD voices_NN2 _ . The_AT whispers_NN2 of_IO women_NN2 comforting_VVG
716	APPGE mouth_NN1 open_VV0 _ . Papoo_NN1 shows_VVZ the_AT whites_NN2 of_IO her_APPGE eyes_NN2
717	_TO do_VDI with_IW fate_NN1 than_CSN the_AT will_NN1 of_IO men_NN2 _ . Kirkus_NN1
718	_VDI with_IW fate_NN1 than_CSN with_IW the_AT will_NN1 of_IO men_NN2 _ . Did_VDD
719	Y !! I_PPIS1 lobbed_VVD grenades_NN2 through_II the_AT windows_NN2 of_IO Hindus_NN2 and_CC
720	spicy_JJ mustard-greens_NN2 _ . I_PPIS1 see_VV0 the_AT wisdom_NN1 of_IO their_APPGE baggy_JJ
721	_NN1 opened_VVD my_APPGE eyes_NN2 to_II the_AT wisdom_NN1 of_IO righteous_JJ indignation_NN1
722	_IO the_AT readers_NN2 consciousness_NN1 With_IW the_AT wonder_NN1 of_IO a_AT1 child_NN1
723	_ . Third_MD World_NN1 Quarterly_NN1 Without_IW a_AT1 word_NN1 of_IO protestation_NN1 or_CC
724	_IO their_APPGE feet_NN2 _ , make_VV0 out_RP the_AT words_NN2 of_IO their_APPGE chants_NN2 _ .
725	_EX are_VBR other_JJ wounds_NN2 besides_II the_AT wounds_NN2 of_IO love_NN1 Other_JJ
726	_NN1 would_VM provoke_VVI _ , if_CS not_XX the_AT wrath_NN1 of_IO God_NP1 _ , at_RR21
727	_NP1 Today_RT Bapsi_NP1 Sidhwa_NP1 is_VBZ a_AT1 writer_NN1 of_IO enormous_JJ talent_NN1 _ ,

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**(D) with, without as preposition:**

Concordance Hits 71

Hit	KWIC
1	_CC unseeing_JJ eyes_NN2 enlarged_VVN like_II an_AT1 actress_NN1 with_IW kohll_JJ and_CC
2	_RP for_IF the_AT rest_NN1 of_IO the_AT afternoon_NNT1 with_IW his_APPGE fly_NN1
3	_VVG , lies_VVZ in_I131 front_I132 of_I133 the_AT almirah_NN1 with_IW the_AT three_MC
4	Ayah_NN1 , meanwhile_RR , is_VBZ cracking_VVG the_AT almonds_NN2 with_IW her_APPGE small_JJ
5	_AT snake-_JJ mans_NN2 charmed_VVD cobra_NN1 , an_AT1 animal_NN1 with_IW conditioned_JJ reflexes_NN2
6	_JJ that_DD1 morning_NNT1 Cousin_NN1 settled_VVD an_AT1 argument_NN1 with_IW Adi_NP1 by_II
7	kitchen/pantry_NN1 . And_CC off_II it_PPH1 , a_AT1 bathroom_NN1 with_IW three_MC commodes_NN2 .
8	_DDQ has_VHZ the_AT appearance_NN1 of_IO a_AT1 bazaar_NN1 with_IW rows_NN2 of_IO
9	_CC lies_VVZ down_RP flat_NN1 on_II the_AT bed_NN1 with_IW his_APPGE sandals_NN2
10	AT1 superb_JJ storyteller_NN1 , sprinkling_VVG the_AT book_NN1 with_IW tersely-captured_JJ vignettes_
11	_NN2 I_PPIS1 find_VV0 appealing_JJ . See_VV0 the_AT boy_NN1 with_IW the_AT cute_JJ
12	_DD1 hoary_JJ dimension_NN1 : there_EX are_VBR no_AT Brahmins_NN2 with_IW caste-marks_NN2 or_
13	cking_JJ bastards_NN2 ! ! They_PPHS2 sprayed_VVD the_AT buildings_NN2 with_IW petrol_NN1 ! ! They_PPHS2
14	_NP1 , undoing_VVG the_AT knots_NN2 in_II the_AT bundle_NN1 with_IW her_APPGE teeth_NN2
15	everyones_VVZ asleep_JJ . We_PPIS2 cover_VV0 the_AT cans_NN2 with_IW sheets_NN2 and_CC
16	_NN1 . She_PPHS1 pins_VVZ me_PP1O1 to_II the_AT cement_NN1 with_IW her_APPGE foot_NN1
17	_PPY do_VD0 nt_XX go_VVI to_II the_AT cinema_NN1 with_IW me_PP1O1 ill_NP1
18	_JJ forehead_NN1 curve_NN1 to_TO form_VVI a_AT1 circle_NN1 with_IW her_APPGE head_NN1 .

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**(2) Relative clauses (Using Tagged file of the novel):**

**(A) Subjective wh-pronoun (Who)**

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Hit	KWIC
1	Fellowship_NN1 at_II Radcliffe/Harvard_NP1 . Sidhwa_NN1 , who_PNQS was_VBDZ on_II the_AT
2	_JJ , nave_NN1 eyes_NN2 of_IO a_AT1 child_NN1 , who_PNQS has_VHZ no_AT Hindu_JJ ,
3	_AT end_NN1 there_EX is_VBZ one_MC1 person_NN1 who_PNQS comes_VVZ out_RP unscathed_JJ
4	a_AT1 polio-ridden_JJ child_NN1 , a_AT1 girl_NN1 who_PNQS tries_VVZ to_TO wrench_VVI
5	_NP1 is_VBZ the_AT kind_NN1 of_IO writer_NN1 who_PNQS catches_VVZ you_PPY by_II
6	_VVZ her_APPGE obese_JJ emissary_NN1 , Mini_NP1 Aunty_NN1 , who_PNQS with_IW her_APPGE dogged_JJ
7	_NN2 . None_PN of_IO the_AT other_JJ children_NN2 who_PNQS went_VVD to_II the_AT
8	of_IO her_APPGE cannibalistic_JJ brother-_JJ in-law_NN1 who_PNQS is_VBZ a_AT1 doctor_NN1
9	rails_NN2 , witches_NN2 with_IW turned-about_JJ feet_NN2 who_PNQS ate_VVD the_AT hearts_NN2
10	_NP2 Chandra_NP1 Bose_NP1 , a_AT1 Hindu_JJ patriot_NN1 who_PNQS has_VHZ defected_VVN to_II
11	_VD0 you_PPY know_VVI what_DDQ salary_NN1 ayahs_NN2 who_PNQS wear_VV0 Punjabi_JJ clothes_NN2
12	_AT salary_NN1 of_IO the_AT Goan_JJ ayahs_NN2 who_PNQS wear_VV0 saris_NN2 ! ! Im_VV0
13	_XX go_VVI . Except_II21 for_II22 the_AT priests_NN2 who_PNQS tend_VV0 the_AT fire_NN1
14	1 course_RR22 , he_PPHS1 says_VVZ , those_DD2 cockerels_NN2 who_PNQS wish_VV0 to_TO go_VVI
15	_II the_AT end_NN1 of_IO my_APPGE bench_NN1 who_PNQS had_VHD objected_VVN to_II
16	_JJ children_NN2 have_VH0 their_APPGE own_DA mothers_NN2 who_PNQS love_VV0 them_PPHO2 Their_APPGE
17	_CSA is_VBZ Papoo_NP1 , the_AT sweepers_NN2 daughter_NN1 , who_PNQS comes_VVZ galloping_JJ and_CC
18	CC Papoos_NN2 tickling_VVG broom_NN1 . The_AT washerman_NN1 , who_PNQS has_VHZ brought_VVN our_APPGE

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**(B) Objective wh-pronoun (Whom)**

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Concordance Hits 1

Hit	KWIC
1	_JJ and_CC cold_JJ .: A_AT1 Sikh_JJ youth_NN1 whom_PNQO Ranna_NP1 has_VHZ met_VVN

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© “that” as relative pronoun:

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Concordance Hits 202

Hit	KWIC
1	_JJ and_CC enticing_VVG as_II the_AT popsicles_NN2 that_CST the_AT hero_NN1 of_IO
2	_VM be_VBI compared_VVN to_II the_AT persona_NN1 that_CST Chaucer_NP1 adopts_VVZ in_II
3	_RG firmly_RR as_II a_AT1 truthful_JJ witness_NN1 that_CST the_AT mounting_JJ unease_NN1
4	_CC to_II the_AT particular_JJ historical_JJ disaster_NN1 that_CST overwhelms_VVZ her_APPGE world_NN1
5	_VHZ been_VBN written_VVN about_II the_AT holocaust_NN1 that_CST followed_VVD the_AT Partition_NN1
6	racial_JJ ,: ethnic_JJ ,: and_CC religious_JJ violence_NN1 that_CST accompanied_VVD the_AT partitioning_NN1
7	_II31 well_II32 as_II33 topical_JJ ;: a_AT1 novel_NN1 that_CST brings_VVZ to_II triumphant_JJ
8	_NN2 face_VV0 .: But_II21 for_II22 keen_JJ reflexes_NN2 that_CST enable_VV0 her_PPHO1 to_TO
9	_PPHS1 has_VHZ a_AT1 rolling_JJ bouncy_JJ walk_NN1 that_CST agitates_VVZ the_AT globules_NN2
10	O1 .: She_PPHS1 is_VBZ childless_JJ .: The_AT bond_NN1 that_CST ties_VVZ her_APPGE strength_NN1
11	_CC a_AT1 male_JJ nurse_NN1 .: Any_DD profession_NN1 that_CST permits_VVZ one_PN1 to_TO
12	_AT hard_JJ and_CC treacherously_RR narrow_JJ table_NN1 that_CST is_VBZ covered_VVN only_RR
13	Indian_JJ politics_NN1 ;: the_AT Quit-India_NP1 sentiment_NN1 that_CST has_VHZ fired_VVN the_AT
14	_CC grass_NN1 and_CC the_AT other_JJ fragrance_NN1 that_CST distils_VVZ insights_NN2 .: I_MC1
15	_APPGE target_NN1 with_IW such_DA lightning_NN1 speed_NN1 that_CST I_PPIS1 hear_VV0 of_IO
16	NN1 and_CC gratitude_NN1 ,: bijli_NN2 ;: a_AT1 word_NN1 that_CST in_II the_AT various_JJ
17	_NNT1 I_PPIS1 have_VH0 the_AT first_MD nightmare_NN1 that_CST connects_VVZ me_PP1O1 to_II
18	_IO loss_NN1 and_CC a_AT1 chilling_JJ horror_NN1 that_CST no_PN121 one_PN122 is_VBZ

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(3) Infinitives:

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Concordance Hits 2

Hit	KWIC
1	_VVZ a_AT1 similar_JJ role_NN1 in_RP To_TO Kill_VV0 a_AT1 Mockingbird_NN1 . Houston_NP1
2	_PPY And_CC if_CS I_PPIS1 have_VH0 to_TO , youll_VV0 find_VV0 another_DD1 ayah_NN1

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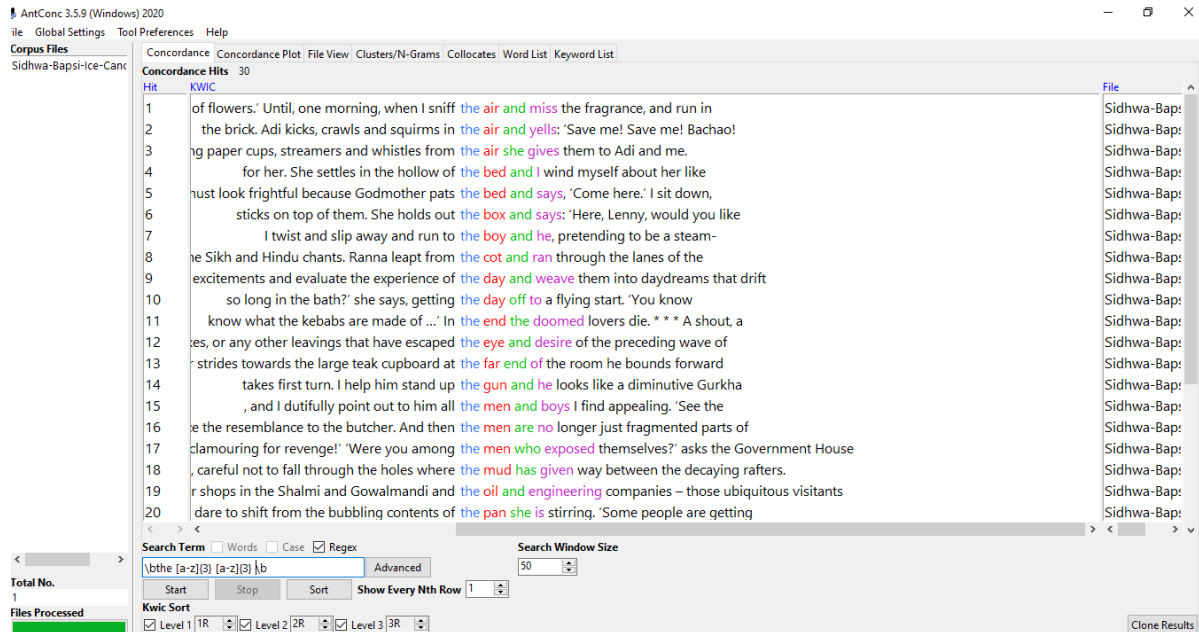
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### Results and Discussion

Noun phrase structure is a matter of concise detailing for the majority differences a structure face in a sentence as an NP.

**First research question** dealt with the aspects that contribute to the complexity of noun phrases. Data was tagged using C7 and searched using Antconc. Results revealed that adjectives and determiners were mostly used to add complexity. In addition, post-modifiers as preposition phrases have been used less than adjectives and determiners. However, in post modifiers, prepositional phrases have higher frequency than relative clauses. Infinitives have been used twice but do not act as post modifiers.

For the common factors of common nouns, NP is all the way searched for the most common nouns as the novel contains word token of 183581 so it's a huge number for the expectation for appearance of common nouns, so tagged common nouns showed a frequency of 19445 while when common NP structure is manually analysed from the Antconc. Software searching and it is shown that surprisingly the most common phrases like the man, the woman, the boy, the girl, the voice, the children, the flowers, the rooms and the village showed frequency of 15, 8, 8, 3, 3, 18, 3, 5, 16, as very less these NP common structures are followed. As similarly the proper noun NP structure is also seen very less as shown in the analysis so its clear that the novel follows a complex pattern as created a regex `\bthe [a-z]{3} [a-z]{3} \b` for the search of complex pattern of NP structure as:



As according to Jackendoff (1997) the complexity of NP structure falls in following states as:

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the	three	exotic	chess	boards
John's	many	large	book	bags
those	few	Chinese	store	owners

The syntacticians also states that the complexity pattern turns into following situation as position '4' is often taken by possessive phrases, articles, and demonstrators, position '3' is taken by numerals or quantifiers, position '2' is taken by adjectives and finally the position '1' is taken by nouns. The statement and our analysis both shows that complex NP structure is followed in the novel Ice Candy Man as structures of common and proper NP structure with the simple pattern is very few in number in comparison to word tokens.

**Second research question** dealt with how complex noun phrases are beneficial in terms of the enhancement of descriptive details and characterization. Following examples of pre modifiers regarding the enhancement of descriptive details are as follows:

**This idiocy of bottled-up emotions** can't be a symptom of growing up, surely! More likely I'm reverting to infancy **the way old people** do. I feel so sorry for myself – and for Cousin – and for **all the senile, lame and hurt people and fallen women** – and **the condition of the world** – in which countries can be broken, people slaughtered and cities burned – that I burst into tears. I feel I will never stop crying.

The above examples show that to refer to the manner of aged people, to describe the people, and condition for it, the writer referred to the pre-modifiers as in a complex pattern to make the pattern simplify for the readers as in a fluent reading.

In addition, few examples from the text have been taken to show how complexity of noun phrases adds information about characterization.

‘Were you among **the men who exposed themselves?**’ asks **the Government House gardener**. His tone implies more a mild assertion than a question.

The above examples show that characterization or description for any place or person is incomplete without the complex pattern of NP.

Complex NP structure is helpful in following things as:

1. Expressing relationships
2. Vocabulary expansion
3. Subjective description

Author has also used post-modifiers to add descriptive details. Examples are given below:

When Indians leave the compartment **for a moment**

The back **of his neck** is stretched in a long, shallow arch...

No one will kindle a fire **for months**

They sprayed the building **with petrol**.

A girl **who tries to wrench**

A Sikh youth **whom Rana has met**

In the above examples, it is prominent that prepositional phrases and relative clauses act as post modifiers. These phrases and clauses help in providing descriptive details.

**Third research question** dealt with the challenges that many readers have to face due to the complexity of noun phrases. These challenges are related to the text comprehension. Some readers may not be proficient readers of English or they may have just started learning English, so it becomes difficult for them to tackle with complex noun phrases and in result it acts as a hindrance in their understanding of the text. Examples for pre-modifiers are given below:

**Squatting atop the cement wall of the garden tank** they hold their feet out beneath the tap and diligently scrub between their toes. They wash **their heads, arms, necks and ears** and noisily clear their throats and noses.

Examples of post modifiers extracted from the text are given below:

Mr Phailbus, **who** has the power to heal and calm in his hands, strokes Mother’s head and shoulders and Mother’s rage subsides somewhat.

As is Papoo, the sweeper’s daughter, **who** comes galloping and whooping from the servants’ courtyard, an infant wobbling dangerously on her hip, and brandishing a long broom.

These examples are of relative clauses. As it is evident in the examples, the extensive use of relative clauses may make it difficult for some readers to understand the text. The examples provide rich details but the complex noun phrases may distract the readers’ attention.

As the complexity of vocabulary and the NP structure of pre-modifiers/post-modifiers is clearly referring to the difficulty a reader faces due to it. Following key objectives are the main issues for the reader due to complex NP structure as:

4. Parsing and processing
5. Cognitive accessibility
6. Reader Fatigue
7. Ambiguity

These all issues a reader faces due to intricate NP structure as taking that things as a perception then processing them and relating to the context is another big task a reader faces. So, there are advantages for the context relevance too but disadvantage in the form of reader challenges.

### Conclusion

The complex NP structure is one of the distinctive features in syntax and grammar, whenever these structures are observed, so there are also some complications. As the analysis of Ice-Candy Man written by Bapsi Sidhwa showed that there are very few structures for simple common and proper noun phrase so, the numerical data showed that the novel contained the complex NP structure of pre- and post-modifiers. These structures play a major role in language building, bridging the description and enhancing the explanation. There are limitations too for the complex NP structure and that is the challenging phase a reader faces, and that is the challenging phase a reader faces also the ones who aren't expert in grammar and syntax of a language.

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