

Tanu Khamphairoh 2012: Collocations of Keywords Found in Insurance Research Articles: A Corpus-Based Analysis. Master of Arts (English for Specific Purposes), Major Field: English for Specific Purposes, Department of Foreign Languages. Thesis Advisor: Mr. Montri Tangpijaikul, Ph.D. 105 pages.

The objectives of this study are to identify keywords most frequently used in insurance research articles, and to explore the patterns of collocations of the keywords used in insurance research articles.

One hundred and fifty-five research articles from the Journal of Risk and Insurance and the Risk Management and Insurance Review published between 2007 and 2010 were selected. The data was analysed by the application of the software AntConc 3.2.1w developed by Anthony (2007).

The results derived from the present study through a corpus-based analysis method revealed a list of keywords which are frequently used in the field of insurance. From the selected top one hundred keywords, the collocates to each keyword were identified. Only collocations that met specified criteria were selected and categorised into lists of 2-, 3- and 4-word clusters.

Many of the keywords and collocations found in this present study could be useful to ESP learners and teachers who are involved in the field of insurance. The findings obtained from this research could be adapted to classroom materials and also references. Many of these collocations would be beneficial to insurance students, teachers, employees, and learners who are interested in the field of insurance.

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