

# ABOUT MOTION EVENTS

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- British National Corpus
- Chauvin 2006 : 79-85
- Semantic similarity

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- 1. *I wandered **around** for a bit and then came back again.*
- 2. *[...] so we wandered **about** a bit, picking wild flowers and so on [...]*
- 3. *Everyone was wandering **around** the house getting everything ready for my uncle*
- 4. *Put this on if you must wander **about** the house.*

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- 5. *Even before I got to understand guilt, I used to walk **about/around** the house muttering, 'You're a subject for guilt, boy, a subject for guilt.'*
- 6. *Mrs Foster was fluttering **around/about** like a nervous bird. [in the dining-room]*

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(32) *She walked **around** the house. (Dewell 2007)*

(32') *She walked **around** inside the house.*

(32'') *She walked outside **around** the house.*

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- 7. *She walked **about** the house. → She walked **about** inside the house.*
- 8. *Howard gets up and walks **about** the room with his coffee [...]*
- 7'. ? *She walked outside **about** the house.*
- 7''. *She walked **about** outside the house.*

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- 9. *Gaveston rose and went across to an old, ironbound chest, taking a ring of keys from a gold chain which hung **around** his neck.*
- 10. *His stockings hung **about** his ankles.*

google.co.uk search	Number of records
Belt <b>around</b> x's waist	319
Belt <b>about</b> x's waist	0

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- *11. The traditional village was centred **around** the church with its white walls and red or grey stonework.*
- *11'. ? The traditional village was centred **about** the church with its white walls and red or grey stonework.*



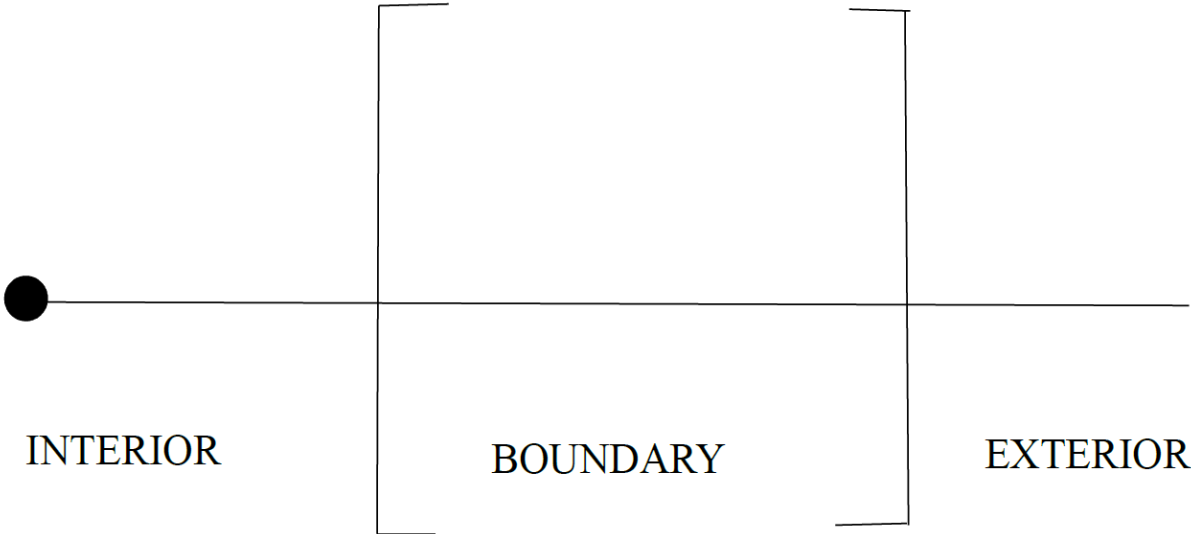
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- 12. [...] *the solar system revolves **about** its common centre of gravity [...]*
- 13. *The plot revolves **around** Eddie Grundy winning tickets to meet Britt after her appearance in a pantomime.*
- 13'. ? *The plot revolves **about** Eddie Grundy winning tickets to meet Britt after her appearance in a pantomime.*

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'A lexis is not an utterance (*énoncé*). It is neither asserted nor unasserted, for it has not yet been situated (or located) within an enunciative space defined by a referential network (a system of utterance (enunciative) coordinates).' Culioli (1990:79)

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- *14. These aspects of the legal aid schemes were fully discussed in the parts of the book **on** the civil and criminal justice systems.*
- *15. Mr Stanford recently co-wrote a book **about** Catholics and sex [...]*

BNC Search	Number of records
Book on / book about	734 / 300
Thesis on/ thesis about	43 / 15
Monograph on / monograph about	40 / 3

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- AROUND : ON-ROUND (from Old English A- which has given ON and AT and from Latin through French then Middle English ROUND, i.e. CIRCLE).
- ABOUT is ON – BY – OUT (from Old English A- which has given ON and AT and BUTAN i.e. BE (BY) + UTAN (OUT) ABUTAN/ONBUTAN)

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- INTERIOR and BOUNDARY of the LM with AROUND
- BOUNDARY of the LM with ABOUT.

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- *16. I saw a spaceship land **near** the house.*

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- *17. Then a regular popped his head **around** the door, like an extra in an old Gracie Fields film [...]*
- *17'. \* Then a regular popped his head **about** the door [...]*



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- 5. *Everyone was wandering **around** the house getting everything ready for my uncle.*
- 5'. *Everyone was wandering **around** inside the house [...]*
- 6. *Put this on if you must wander **about** the house.*
- 6'. *Put this on if you must wander **about** inside the house.*
  
- 18. *Wet through again I wandered **about/around** inside the house touching pictures, clocks, trying to feel loss for these things, but it wouldn't come this time [...]*

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- 19. *Do we really need lots of people sitting **around/about** pondering on research topics that are of little benefit to man or beast?*
- 20. *[...] he has no time for anything, people are always in his way, and yet he lies **about/around** and does nothing' [...]*

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- AIMLESS MOTION with both markers
- MOTION ALONG A PATH with AROUND

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