How to search the phrase “make sure”
Collocation: an example of “make sure”

• How to ask your students to search for “make sure” and discover how this phrase is used?

Keyword(s): equals ▼ sure
In corpus: 2k Graded Corpus (920,000)

CONTROLs:
Sort By ▼ word(s) to Left
This first word to the word “make” will be in bold and arranged in alphabetical order

OPTION: With associated word(s)
make
and NONE of these words anywhere in the line

Scan for any recurring word (potential colloc.) within ▼ words presenting ▼ times

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The word “make” will be shown to the left of the key word “sure”
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1. lot of distant relations. 'Well, my mind is made up. I am SURE it will be amusing, and I expect there will be a lot of
2. boring old ruins. But it didn't work out like that. I made SURE I sat next to Ian on the bus, and I stuck to him at the
3. battlefield Gaugamela, in present-day Iraq. Darius made SURE that, unlike at Issus, the battlefield was wide enough
4. ten thirty, and I had missed most of the programme. I made SURE that Paige was, indeed, dancing tonight, then I went in
5. advising his army to spend much time with his son. But he made SURE that Alexander's teacher during his teenage years would
6. de, and each year Latchets had made a profit. Bee had made SURE of that. And in six weeks' time Simon would be twenty o
7. g under the table cloth. His enemies had found him and made SURE of his silence. But he had been in my flat for four day
8. prisoner Darius's wife, mother and children. Alexander made SURE that the Persian royal family received royal treatment.
9. diners stayed at Longbourn for a week, and Mrs Bennet made SURE there was always some entertainment for her brother and

... for what you say.' She said no more, but I made SURE she stayed safely in front of me until I was out in the

... s. The girl had become a nurse, she wrote, and she had made SURE that her baby had been well looked after.' Bee looked a
2. title, and the lamp on top of the rope moved too. Moore made SURE that his books were ready for throwing. Then he looked
3. At first I thought that Jacob had come back again, to make SURE I was all right. Then I saw a second light beside the f
4. character. If you accept her at Lowood school, please make SURE that the headmistress and teachers know how dishonest s
5. down. If Paul is recording or we are touring I try to make SURE he's not disturbed. But if he isn't working he Puts up
6. for the mother, and get them a nice place to live. We make SURE the boys are in a good school. We give them some mone
7. held tightly to her. She shouted up to the coachman, 'make SURE you take care of her! Fifty miles is a long way for a y
8. his crime. It was Doctor Tressdale's job afterwards to make SURE that the man was dead. He did so. He had seen it all, o
9. his mind! You can win on his horses. And you'd better make SURE that you do win!' I went to Ascot. Outside the weighing
0. house. There may be nothing to worry about, but let's make SURE. Jack, stay close to Penny Ashton. For God's sake, don'
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sort 1/2/3 word(s) to the left/right to get more searchable and clearer use of patterns.

E.g. If you sort 2 words to the left, then the second word to the left of the key word “sure” will be highlighted in bold and in alphabetical order.
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- Alternative: just search for “make sure” in the keyword(s) box.

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CONTROLS:

Sort By 1 ▼ word(s) to ▼ of keyword | Line Width ▼ | Number of Lines ▼ Gapped? ▼

On STARTS or FAMILY searches, "sort by keyword" gives distribution of forms

OPTION: With associated word(s) within ▼ words to ▼ side

and NONE of these words anywhere in the line

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01. as I held tightly to her. She shouted up to the coachman, 'MAKE SURE you take care of her! Fifty miles is a long way fo
02. 'Oh, thank you, my dear brother,' replied Mrs Bennet. 'MAKE SURE you find Lydia and Wickham, and if they are not m
03. 'look nice? 'You look extremely beautiful,' replied Flora. 'MAKE SURE you behave properly.' She felt that her own appea
04. sphere Preserve of Laplansky, when we reached the summit, 'MAKE SURE you have a good look around because one of Russa
05. evening. You and Hareton will be present, nobody else. And MAKE SURE everything is OK while we're away. Remember? Oh, a
06. front door quietly behind her. 'She said she'd come in and MAKE SURE everything is OK while we're away. Remember? Oh, a
07. he advised. Instead, they should burn their own farms and MAKE SURE Alexander's army could get no food. If Alexander d
08. are some spelling mistakes here, Lewis,' said Morse. 'And MAKE SURE the address is correct.' Lewis said nothing. He kn
09. e are still healthy and strong. We must find a new home and MAKE SURE our race survives. 'Tomorrow the Globes will set o
10. ith an X, John, I want you to count the pieces of paper and MAKE SURE there are nine - 'Eight!' said Alice Morgan shap
11. le, get a doctor referral in the area you are visiting, and MAKE SURE you are adequately supplied with prenatal vitamins
12. vis to read to him.' I think I'd better do what she asked. MAKE SURE Charles Richards gets this letter as soon as possible
13. anged his mind! You can win on his horses. And you'd better MAKE SURE that you do win!' I went to Ascot. Outside the wei
14. ne!' Godfrey thought for a moment. All right,' he said. But MAKE SURE you bring me back all the money, Dunstan!' The nex
15. ter him, doctor,' said Rochester. 'Goodbye, Dick.' 'Edward, MAKE SURE she's taken care of, make sure she's treated well
16. fierce anger. She had tricked him at the very end, but he'd MAKE SURE she didn't get away with it. He would die, but if
17. Then I'll be good, and have no more secrets. And I'll MAKE SURE the child is taken care of, of course.' When Dr Ki
18. n!' Anyway,' said Grimes, there won't be any children. I'll MAKE SURE of that.' It has always been a mystery to me why q
19. u become ill, too ill to look after our child? Listen, I'll MAKE SURE that your bride price is paid. And you're not going
to hospital. There's a document I want you to sign - it'll MAKE SURE that you remain silent.' A telephone rang. Cregär