

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) In corpus: [<< Corpus description](#)

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Sort By word(s) to

This first word to the word “make” will be in bold and arranged in alphabetical order

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The word “make” will be shown to the left of the key word “sure”

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9 hits Standardized to **118 per million** (hits/corpus size x 1,000,000)

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- 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
- 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
- of battlefield Gaugamela, in present-day Iraq. Darius made [SURE](#) that, unlike at Issus, the battlefield was wide enough
- ten thirty, and I had missed most of the programme. I made [SURE](#) that Paige was, indeed, dancing tonight, then I went in
- ading his army to spend much time with his son. But he made [SURE](#) that Alexander's teacher during his teenage years would
- de, and each year Latchetts had made a profit. Bee had made [SURE](#) of that. And in six weeks' time Simon would be twenty o
- 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
- prisoner Darius's wife, mother and children. Alexander made [SURE](#) that the Persian royal family received royal treatment.
- rdiners stayed at Longbourn for a week, and Mrs Bennet made [SURE](#) there was always some entertainment for her brother and
- responsible 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
- ttle, and the lamp on top of the rope moved too. Moore made [SURE](#) that his books were ready for throwing. Then he looked
- 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
- character. If you accept her at Lowood school, please make [SURE](#) that the headmistress and teachers know how dishonest s
- 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 Pets up
- for the mother, and get them a nice place to live. We make [SURE](#) the boys are in a good school. We I give them some mone
- 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
- his crime. It was Doctor Teesdale's job afterwards to make [SURE](#) that the man was dead. He did so. He had seen it all, o
- 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
- 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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047. oodbye, Dick.' 'Edward, make sure she's taken care of, make [SURE](#) she's treated well . . .'

048. 't true that he was helpless; it was just his way of making [SURE](#) that he could get what he w

049. is kind. I'm much more worried about the problems of making [SURE](#) your computer is in good wo

050. ?' But he jumped well and Simon concentrated hard on making [SURE](#) that the horse made no mist

051. character. If you accept her at Lowood school, **please** make [SURE](#) that the headmistress and t

052. her mysterious world tours, saying as she left, **Please** make [SURE](#) it is finished by the sprin

053. ls - they lose them so easily! And Miss Temple, **please** make [SURE](#) the girls' stockings are me

054. tell your brother that you have a headache. And **please** make [SURE](#) that your dress is covered

055. ately after dinner. Young Reggie Sangston went **round** making [SURE](#) all the lights were off, ex

056. oting, you'd better listen to me.' She looked **round**, making [SURE](#) that they were attending to

057. e Preserve of Laplandsky, when we reached the **summit**, 'make [SURE](#) you have a good look around

058. xcept to go and wash your hands, and when you do **that**, make [SURE](#) you lock the door. The trai

059. ness in the English social system,' said Grimes, **that** makes [SURE](#) the public-school man will

060. he's got a good body, because he spends all his **time** making [SURE](#) it looks good. He exercises

061. At first I thought that Jacob had come back again, **to** make [SURE](#) I was all right. Then I saw

062. down. If Paul is recording or we are touring I try **to** make [SURE](#) he's not disturbed. But if I

063. his crime. It was Doctor Teesdale's job afterwards **to** make [SURE](#) that the man was dead. He d

064. knowing the reason why?' 'You know why. You've got **to** make [SURE](#) that Penelope Ashton doesn't

065. never have a fair fight with him. What would he do **to** make [SURE](#) he won? "Unlike Maximus the Brave, who knows, no fear?"

066. someone had loosened it. Just a little, but enough **to** make [SURE](#) that the saddle would slip dangerously about half way r

067. Strand.' Monika spent the rest of the week working **to** make [SURE](#) that no-one would shoot Carlson. Everyone going into th

068. the Young Ones. We have a rota - it's the only way **to** make [SURE](#) the bathroom and toilet are cleaned once a week. Apart

069. ammond.' 'I'll ring him at once. I want to be there **to** make [SURE](#) they aren't too bloody so with him.' I met Crammond tha 4

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

- Alternative: just search for “make sure” in the keyword(s) box.

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Search Result:

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2 hits Standardized to **89 per million** (hits/corpus size x 1,000,000)

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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. aw.' 'Oh, thank you, my dear brother,' replied Mrs Bennet. ' [MAKE SURE](#) you find Lydia and Wickham, and if they are not ma
- 03. look nice?' 'You look extremely beautiful,' replied Flora. ' [MAKE SURE](#) you behave properly.' She felt that her own appear
- 04. sphere Preserve of Laplandsky, when we reached the summit, ' [MAKE SURE](#) you have a good look around because one of Russia'
- 05. evening. You and Hareton will be present, nobody else. **And** [MAKE SURE](#) my orders about the two coffins are obeyed! I want
- 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. e 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 sharp
- 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 possi
- 13. angled 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. . And 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 goin
- 20. to hospital. There's a document I want you to sign - **it'll** [MAKE SURE](#) that you remain silent.' A telephone rang. Cregar