

Table 1.
Frequency of patterns for cases

	Patterns	Token frequency¹	Document frequency²
1	in all cases	263	230
2	in such cases	211	199
3	in cases of	140	121
4	the cases of	101	99
5	in cases where	82	76
6	in some cases	68	66
7	in many cases	64	62
8	of the cases	56	55
9	in other cases	52	49
10	in certain cases	51	49
	Total	1088	

¹ **Token Frequency:** Number of occurrences of a phrase in the entire corpus.

² **Document Frequency:** Number of documents in which the pattern appears.

Table 2.

Frequency of patterns for case not including idiomatic uses

	Pattern	Token Frequency	Document frequency
1	the case of	1313	995
2	in the case	985	811
3	in case of + NP ³	716	631
4	in case + Clause ⁴	709	671
5	of the case	541	483
6	in this case	442	398
7	in that case	261	246
8	in which case	182	172
9	the present case	127	116
10	in any case	116	103
11	in a case	111	104
12	in the present case	105	99
13	such a case	93	86
14	the case to	73	71
15	as the case	71	71
16	in such a case	69	64
17	a case of	63	63
18	in such case	61	60
19	for the case	60	57
20	in either case	57	56
21	the latter case	52	47
	Total	6207	

³ **NP** refers to Noun Phrase, which can include a sequence of determiner, adjective, and the noun possibly followed by modifying prepositional phrases.

⁴ A **Clause** is similar in form of a sentence but is a sub-unit of a sentence. It contains a complete idea typically expressed by a subject and a predicate (Verb + information about the subject). For example, The clause is underlined in the following example. "I shall direct him in case he can not succeed within the terms prescribed"

Table 3.
Idiomatic patterns for case

	Pattern	Token Frequency	Document frequency
1	BE the case	809	773
	be the case	426	399
	is the case	139	133
	been the case	107	107
	was the case	82	79
	is not the case	55	55
2	in no case	50	49
	Total	859	

Table 5

Frequency of patterns for case not including idiomatic uses

	Pattern	Token Frequency	Document frequency
1	the case of	1313	995
2	in the case	985	811
3	BE ⁵ the case	809	773
4	in case of + NP	716	631
5	in case + Clause	709	671
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18	a case of	63	63
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20	for the case	60	57
21	in either case	57	56
22	the latter case	52	47
23	in no case	50	49
	Total	7066	

⁵ Including variations of “BE”: be the case (429 hits), is the case (139 hits); been the case (107 hits), was the case (82 hits), is not the case (55hits)