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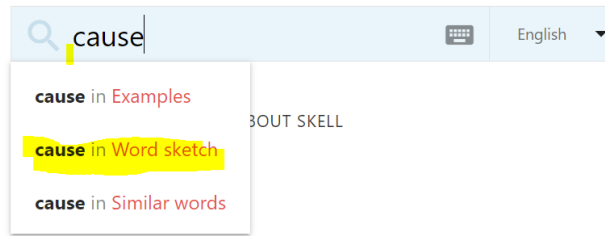
Practice

In groups you are going to use SKELL to answer questions 1-5. Make sure that you enter the information in the same way as the pictures. Go to this website https://skell.sketchengine.co.uk/run.cgi/skell

1) **Let's try a collocation search using SKELL**

a. Type in cause
b. Go to word sketch

c. Look at **object of cause**
d. Look at the words connected to cause and answer the question

● **Which collocation is more likely to be used? Is cause used with positive words (+) or negative (-) words?**

○ Cause great things to happen
○ Cause damage

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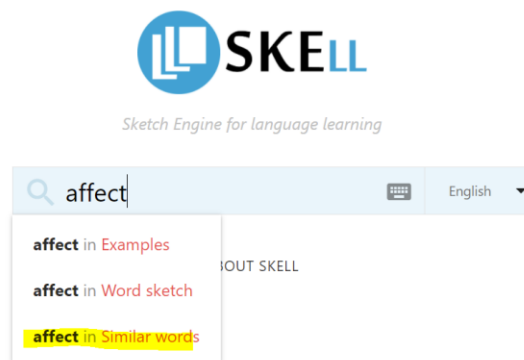
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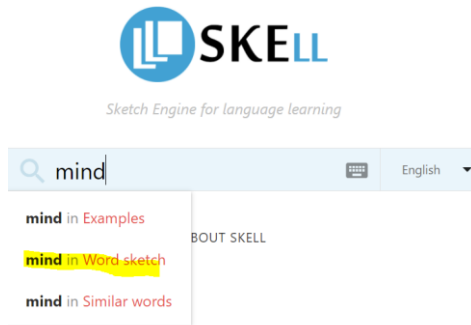
    a.   Type the word <mark>mind</mark> in the search bar.

    b. Look at the **adjectives with mind**

- **Which is correct?**
    - I wanted to refresh my mind
    - I wanted to clear my mind.

3) Let's try to find synonyms

a) Input the word **affect** and look in **similar words**
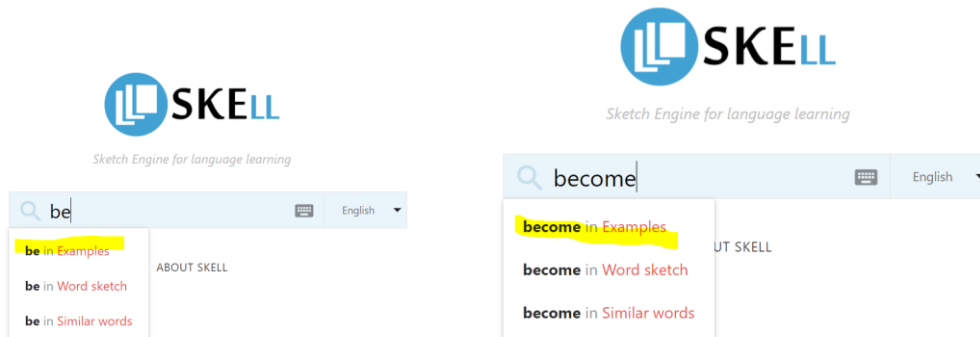
affect   verb ▾

b) Make sure **to select affect** as a <mark>verb</mark>

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What is another word for affect (v.)?

- Influence
- Emotion

4) Let's try a gap fill activity

a) **Type in the word be and look at examples**
b) **Then type in the word become and look at examples**

Which word is used to complete this sentence?
- **Be**
- **Become**

When did selling broken products _____ acceptable?

5) Let's try to find the meaning of a word

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a) Type in **uxorious** and look at **examples**

b) Look at sentences 3, 7, 12, 14

What do you think uxorious means?

* Think about the words that are in both sentences

- Is this a positive word (+) or a negative word (-)?
- Does it describe a man or a woman?