



# Lingonet VideoCorpus

Lingonet VideoCorpus is a collection of videos where nine British persons discuss 15 topics of common interest. Each topic has its own section in the corpus. The topics are: animal rights, corporal punishment, equality, Europe, the monarchy, morality, science, welfare, crime, the environment, gun law, homelessness, politicians, the power of the press and violence.

There are about 10 hours of video-recorded discussion and about 75 000 words. Each topic is divided into 12 to 20 shorter segments, each containing comments by one participant. The duration of each video segment is only a couple of minutes. The Lingonet VideoCorpus exposes the learner to authentic language with all its hesitations, self-corrections, syntactic slips and reliance on idioms. While listening the learner can also read the text to understand it better if necessary.

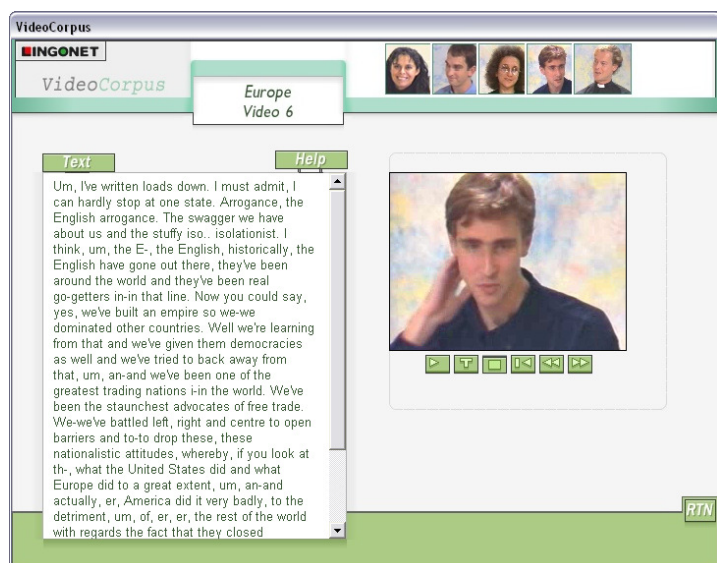


**Nearly 10 hours of video-recorded discussion!**

The training corpus includes complete transcripts of all audio material. The transcripts are combined in one text file for concordance search purposes. There is also an easy-to-use, free concordance search tool on the program containing all the transcripts: TextSTAT. The text files are as well on the Internet for those users who are accustomed to using another concordance search.

The Lingonet VideoCorpus offers a variety of teaching and learning opportunities. The learners are exposed to authentic and versatile spoken British English. In accordance with that, the corpus offers the possibility to perform specific concordance searches of idioms, collocations, structures, vocabulary, etc.

This corpus differs from written training corpuses insofar it shows the learner how discussions and comments are structured, how words are pronounced and how spoken language is naturally used in context.



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