Lexical Pragmatics; A Corpus-analytic investigation

as cold as / cold like
as hard as /
as warm as

Hypothesis

Search undertaken for final section of Wilson & Carston (2006) 'Metaphor, relevance and the "Emergent Property" issue.

Strategy and Objectives

To look for cases which seem to involve punning on physical/abstract sense of words like 'cold', 'hard', etc.

Chosen word sets

as cold as / cold like

as hard as /

as warm as

Corpus used

The Bank of English

Search

As cold as

- But she said she tried to be `very cold to him, as cold as I could be".
 He knew, and we both understood that
- couple of days. It wasn't the Mistral, but it was just as cold as one. That's dropped now, fortunately, and we're
- by the way Cold. Well Cold not as cold as yesterday but Have you got

some snow on the

- than men Mm. and I wish I could be as cold as a man can be. Right. In putting my
- It's cold It isn't as cold as it was though is it erm I'
- erm I'll have It's not as cold as it was though is it. Yesterday Well
- will make you welcome." He managed to make this sound as cold as possible. My lovely little Marcia, Well,
- Schwede. I assure you I am very well Her smile was as cold as ever. He had been told by her of her intended journey
- themselves wanted to shelter as soon as it became as cold as this.
 Upwards they climbed to reach the miserable --
- My body is like a piece of stone, and my chest is as cold as ice" (Anesaki 130). During the last year of his
- up. `Don't hurt me." Tall, blond, with ice-blue eyes as cold as the northern peaks, a young man jumped down onto the
- she was my friend but when it comes to it she's as cold as the restm-T VM-0 G B p-p-p-M-0 DM-0 D M-T Kof you.
- directly comparable, turns out to be about one-third as cold as the original findings suggested. Most important,
- why not? This man thinks he is cold; well, I'm just as cold as he is I like to gamble sometimes," Cross said,
- his left palm with his riding crop, his dark eyes as cold as black pebbles on a wintry beach. He paced the two
- While the advisers of a great leader should be as cold as ice the leader himself should have fire, a spark of
- and was, even in the opinion of Herbert von Bismarck, `as cold as a block of ice. Convinced from the start that people
- Clulow, inventor of the system. `We keep the snowbase as cold as 25c. This attracts the humidity creating a hoar frost
- saw a poster showing Helena advertising lipstick. Eyes as cold as his. He knew it was a match made in heaven. If he was
- Shame the English were portrayed as hopeless snobs as cold as Titanic's passengers after the smash. The Simpsons
- because I've never heard of a woman being impotent. As cold as a fridge yes, but im potent no. What's their drug

as hard as

- They grab a nice big, white roll of flab and squeeze as hard as they can. In my case, I had enough to lend a
- there, where the tactics are to tee up and hit the ball as hard as you can."
 MCMAHON B Holden dealer's new
- held high. He's played well all week. I fought as hard as I could the whole two weeks and just came up a little
- reaction is to slam your foot on the brake pedal as hard as you can. This is a recipe for disaster,
- I was a child I used to bang my head against the floor as hard as I could.
 While I no longer do this and have
- a big compliment after the race. I was going as hard as I could but Junior was just too quick," Smith said.
- there was a job to be done, he always worked twice as hard as anybody else. This quality of Tom's put the unit
- to push safety pins into nappies. We are working as hard as we can to reduce the amount infection in the
- business never has it easy," she said. We work as hard as we ever did.
 We've worked very hard as a family,
- has no regrets about switching codes and he is working as hard as ever to make a success of league losing 4kg in the
- surrender, the officers had not had the guts to do it as hard as the men had to it was an underlying greed,
- Scott is a strong lad, hits the ball very hard, as hard as Rocket did, and he
 would be a little more stocky than
- have to keep it as tight as we can and make scoring as hard as possible and leave it up to them to see how many runs
- taking the step away from home (Adelaide) and pushing as hard as we could.
 It's only now coming clear to me what
- I thought everyone has to work, every day, as hard as they can. I denied my creativity for so long.
- intense anxiety to concern and disappointment. Try as hard as you can, keep working at it and if you are willing to
- Cam Tindall came from west of, where the ground is as hard as bitumen; the Bidgood boys from Injune, Dulacca
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- HOURS A DAY, 7 DAYS A WEEK. Canvas Attache works as hard as you do. photo Our canvas Attache
- vocal tone as merry as an undertaker's, a guitar sound as hard as harpoon steel, and songs no less capable of piercing
- could be a factor." But he adds, `I think we push it as hard as we do anything else that's not on direct promotion
- stronger contractions to try to turn him. I pushed as hard as I could for about three hours but he still hadn't
- about her, though he says he still thinks of her, as hard as it is Now I've become a parent, I think I now what it
- safe in the last few years, and maybe I wasn't trying as hard as I should've.
 So I think when I came back into the
- amount nonetheless-had `disappeared'. We'd worked as hard as people like Ride and The Charlatans, but we hadn't
- Rhythm Quest's follow-up to last year's Dreams EP is as hard as you can get, fuelled by anger at the social quandry
- you can't do. Find out what you wish to do, then work as hard as you can to do it as well as you can; and that is
- could use it. By now you probably think Brand is as hard as nails, bitter and twisted, ever ready for
- t afford to be frightened-you just have to go for it as hard as you can. You have to learn to sell yourself. I
- rarely have to get up early. You don't have to work as hard as the rest of the busy world (few honest students would
- greatest benefits will accrue to Scorpions who play as hard as they work. By the end of June, the pace begins to
- terrain is pure Wild West-magnificent, brooding and as hard as tungsten. Forests of towering pines, many long dead,
- them Still, don't get the idea that Cobra isn't as `hard' as all of them. `Hard To Wet' is as chock-full of
- medal. Margaret Allen admitted she had ridden as hard as she could. `I could not have done more, it is my best
- is coming into the ball. At this point I am hitting as hard as I can with my right

side. This is a very good impact

- He'd just scream. No one could do anything right. As hard as you tried, you were just a dummy. You couldn't prop
- the scenes home video clips. The hour-long video. Eyes As Hard As A Million Tombstones, includes the tracks Tennessee
- whatever I could get my hands on, whenever I could, as hard as I could, because I knew that any opportunity was
- wasn't easy for me growing up either. It wasn't as hard as it was for Queen but I did go through a period when I
- were coming in new courses were coming in erm and try as hard as you could you couldn't er deal with them all in the
- be'er 'cos you be'er A glottal stop is as hard as a T Better Cos for Better you have to move your
- be cru er we don't actually work as hard as we used to Don't you We don't have to
- fairly hard life like you know. Like it wasn't half as hard as my Father and them had it like but it
- Yeah. And erm it's not I don't mean it's not as hard as a G C S E. It's just a different way of looking at it
- a good idea. Erm it's not your fault the recession hit as hard as it did and as erm er for as long as it did. Er but
- the last half hour or so to actually you know to push as hard as we kind on identifying what are issues of common
- t think so My brain would explode if I worked as hard as she does Oh I just erm concentrate a lot more
- hard for it. Probably I didn't need to work quite as hard as I did do. But it was
 it was worth it in
- your age group like he says Especially having MX as hard as MX is Mm you know so erm but er no I
- moving around the house and doing things and trying as hard as but getting it wrong. And then they decided it should
- at which point I flew across the room and punched him as hard as I could.
 MX stepped in the middle.
- you But actually doing it t' first time isn't as hard as isn't that hard. Mm. The very
- Erm and at the same time find yourself working as hard as you can to make

sure that wherever your life develops

- small ones. If you're sending it, we're going to work as hard as possible to make sure your mail arrives on time for
- to have a business partner that works every bit as hard as you do. Now that `partner" is just within reach:
- the work is never done. Workaholics are able to work as hard as they like because unlike factory workers they don't
- women, but not today. The top women now train just as hard as their male colleagues. Obviously Mark Spitz because
- to `pinch back little inches" of his life and to work as hard as he could. And he repeated that `The Satanic Verses"
- reclaim little pieces of my life. The other is to work as hard as I can at continuing to bring the temperature down -
- to die. On a personal level, something hit me probably as hard as anything I-the first girl I ever kissed on 14th
- their kids behind, you know, academics, and not try as hard as--as his family did to get the quality education that
- Howard and I will agree, this committee has worked as hard as any committee in the history of the United States
- adults have used to transmit moral value. And as hard as it may be to swallow, internalized moral value is the
- of politics today. If they hit you, you counterattack as hard as you can.

Wertheimer: Lee Atwater was the chairman

• Reserve troops already in Florida have been working as hard as they can.

Lieutenant Colonel Steve Ritter (US

- that as prime minister, Chernomyrdin might not push as hard as Gaidar for rapid privatization and that he will be
- or high water, no ifs, ands and buts. You can yell as hard as you want to yell, but it's gonna go forward. So,
- · him get-

Ms. mcbean yet, no one has ever worked as hard as David Koresh.

Ms. KENDRICK: That's right.

Ms.

- she told me in a hesitant, chatty way so it's not as hard as some of this other stuff. Aaron and I got into
- up the hill below you. The Gunners will hit them as hard as they can. I should

think they're about seven hundred

- her work, in spite of it? Frau Klarsen is working as hard as ever. A conscientious woman, despite her tongue. She'
- somebody to show off to. But I went anyway. Faces as hard as nails and dead serious."

Who were they? Faces

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Who were they? The

- Mark Phillips had hold of the other. Each was pulling as hard as he could with the poor Princess see-sawing to and
- reason might be that her teachers did not push her as hard as perhaps they would have one of the other girls. The
- against each other they both know the other is trying as hard as possible to win, that makes it all worthwhile.
- the television cameras showed her apparently riding as hard as ever when she had already won the race.
- never to be beaten and her willingness to work as hard as it takes to be that winner. She then rode Cnoc
- the window to get the key she shoved the door open as hard as she could, catching him squarely in the stomach. He
- a grab for her but she sidestepped him and kicked him as hard as she could in the groin. He cried out and fell to the
- confident and quick answer: `We should go on striking as hard as possible with the object of clearing the Belgian
- Whilst Haig planned `to go on hitting the enemy as hard as we possibly can, till he begs for mercy"; he was,
- Tommy Byrne but when it comes to race day we go at it as hard as we can.
 After the race we go and have a beer. But
- Prost half a minute behind. Senna: `Today was not as hard as Hungary, for example, but the car's handling
- difficult to drive in traffic but I kept pressing on as hard as I could because I didn't want to give Alain any
- of blood and the phases of the moon made Jahdo blush as hard as his sister.
 He slung the basket onto the table and
- t have any choice, do we?" Jahdo said. Rhodry laughed as hard as if the

world were one daft jest. None," Rhodry said.

- like, and ladle it round your gates, then it dries as hard as stone. We did seal
 the gates, and pile up loose
- the desk chair toward the 167 windows as hard as she could. It hit the glass, exploding it outward
- Poverty in Cardiff The Depression hit Cardiff just as hard as it had hit the Rhondda. George saw the effects of
- it is good. Christos, my friend, I am going to work as hard as possible to help you boys in the magnificent struggle
- her thanks and the torment began to recede. But, as hard as she tried, it would not disappear, for glowing in the
- were also reassured that Joni would not be alone. As hard as it was for them to say goodbye, they realized that at
- 4.30 I crept out of the compound to crap. I listened as hard as I could.
 Nothing else stirred. I woke with stiff arms
- a little, to slow their pace, for though the going was as hard as ever there was no longer any need to hurry. The
- says Lillian, `but now I'm busy fighting it as hard as I can."

Chronologically, we all age at the same

• are," I explained.

Ted got the job and he worked as hard as he could, hard in ways that other young people might

- as much as the Gills and the Fosters. It means working as hard as Ann and being as generous as Mary. It means being
- awkward, and he didn't resist me. I slapped his face as hard as I could. His head snapped back. He bared his teeth
- foot, set it down on her own red ball, and swung as hard as she could against it. The yellow ball shot out, spun
- and the burning ache in her chest, and stretched out as hard as she could to keep pace with him. Neither of them
- Marty was almost beside me, I drove my elbow into him as hard as I could, right below the sternum. He folded in half,
- of Avila or Thrse of Lisieux had to struggle just as hard as women do today to balance the claims of family--the
- no-nonsense hero--the male ideal whose attitude is as hard as his biceps.
 Boys who display their emotions too

- it is never necessary for the woman to squeeze as hard as she possibly can. When first experimenting with the
- of you, I can see that coming. When one has to work as hard as we do, all of us, one can't stand this continual
- real hard," says Norma Jean. `Feel this arm. It's not as hard as the other one." That's 'cause you're right-handed,"
- who opposed her activism. And although she worked as hard as time would allow on civil defense measures, with no
- they were right in its shadow. He pulled the reins as hard as he could and the horse reared, lifting him. His aunt
- then maybe we could get into this." Ah." Ramon tried as hard as he could to
 indicate to his associate that the light
- But you back those two agents off this as fast and as hard as you can."
 Grady recognized me the moment he walked
- excellent and she claimed she still was able to work as hard as any woman. Key Features of the Japanese Cancer
- error" by her opponent.

I decided to hit the ball as hard as I could," Smith said. Afterwards I found out that

- used on downhill race courses to make the snow as hard as possible, is added and the final surface is created
- and kicked and scratched and bit and butted each other as hard as they could," Dahl tells us. `Blood flowed. Noses went
- give," Sainz said as the end approached. `I'm driving as hard as I can but I can't catch him."

mcrae gave an

• Where's me haversack? I'm off

Nowadays, she works as hard as ever, continually promises herself that she will take

 you'll forgive me.' She said, `If the rest of you is as hard as your elbow, I'm in cabin 205

And so, to Palma de

- black staff we have perhaps not applied ourselves as hard as we should. It is a difficult problem but we could
- best of English and continental traditions, working as hard as any more physically robust players and feeding his
- I'm more carefree. I just stand on the tee and hit it as hard as I can," he said.

The turning point came when he

• once said, if the teams had fought on the pitch as hard as the directors off it,

Newcastle would have matched

- the pitch and if I play in the reserves I have to work as hard as if I was in the first team Gould has chief's
- so that when they hit the ground they have to push off as hard as they can with their legs. Because there is only a
- all the top players because he is simply not training as hard as them. He hasn't played and has hardly practised since
- ball around in the continental way but we still work as hard as any team in England Preston axe boss;Football
- times". Fighting her unnecessary guilt is probably as hard as fighting her cancer. Let's hope she defeats them
- As president of the community, I have been pressing as hard as I can to make sure negotiators explored every avenue
- errors

And Novotna admitted: `I just kept playing as hard as I could. I did everything right in the first set. In

 Liverpool star Julian, Grantley is a left-back and as hard as nails he also picks up red cards.

Tomorrow he

 show of strength but to date I have heard nothing from as-hard-as-nails Jimmy.

Frank steals his own show:TV

- And Quinn admitted last night: `I'm still working as hard as I can and the World Cup has been the perfect
- and that is when I was able to bite his forearm as hard as I could.

He carried me across the street to the

• on the night.

I can run as hard and I can tackle as hard as any player they have. All the Irish are strong. It's

• 9.5 per cent.

Building society with a heart as hard as concrete; Assets Peter Prendergast

- The recession is not my fault, and I am working as hard as I can to ride it out but it seems never-ending, and
- is very gritty and determined. She has worked twice as hard as anyone else to get where she is - and she is not
- questions from a specialist firm.

They are as hard as questions in a pub quiz but not as difficult as

 in the last four years with Rain Dog and I have worked as hard as any drama student has

Along with his five

• for a stuffing.

The funny thing was this wasn't as hard as some other games we've played this season.

Our

- have not given it your all. But today, everyone tried as hard as humanly possible. I'm so proud of how we played.
- We are going over there to win. We will hit them as hard as we hit France. We have been creating chances but not
- I am not ready to move over just now. We are making it as hard as possible for someone to come in and take our places.
- he finished with a two-over 74. Lyle said: `That's as hard as it gets. But for the rain last night, it would have
- the goal they didn't do much apart from hoof the ball as hard as they could.
 We had a few chances and should have
- He flicked it over his head to me and I just hit it as hard as I could. It was a fantastic move by Fergy. There's no
- I will be positive and prove them wrong. I will train as hard as ever and show that I can play at the highest level."
- that but I've always believed you have to practice as hard as you play. It's a
 bit of gamble to be firing people up
- Of course she can win the Olympics. Anyone who trains as hard as she does and wins races can win the Olympics. Not
- Of course, she can win it. Anyone who trains as hard as she does and wins races can win the Olympics. Not
- a train and we will have to be disciplined and work as hard as we have ever done." Midfielder Darryl Powell, who
- they win the final. I really do. Damien has worked as hard as I have to bring success to his club. My heart goes
- In one 30-minute session it makes the muscles work as hard as if he had done 225 press-ups. He adds: `It's a good
- people want to see and I deliver by fighting the car as hard as I can. Sauber have given me a new lease of life. My
- the smile and gentle exterior there is an inner shell as hard as rock. Vialli has always craved success. Perhaps

- of the world! At that rate, Dani's heart is working as hard as a top athlete in training for a big race. But Nick
- strangers where I didn't know people. But it was just as hard as at home, where the same thing also happened when
- I didn't do too well. But I was just trying to work as hard as I could on my fitness. It is like in Euro 96. We were
- my worries. The games I played in I just tried to work as hard as I could on my fitness. They were friendlies. The
- care who saw him. If he had been punched in the face as hard as his mate was he might have had his nose broken. Then
- as well as being good defensively. They were also as hard as nails. I would have no hesitation in making Billy my
- in Marseille and said: `Being on the bench was just as hard as being told I
 wasn't in the team. Sitting there and

hard like

- reeds to the bottom of the lagoon and found it smooth and hard `like a billiard table", with no evidence of plant
- er in some it's it's hard to er you know bit hard like er Spanish and er maths Mhm. Y erm the things
- can be easy and some can be all right like some can be hard like but like if our teacher Miss More
- Well FX would See they try and Mm be hard like they'd try and they'd
- So what what's somebody who's hard like Rough Just Yeah. Rough
- well-shaped, but they were softer now. They had been hard like the little pears in the meadows where she had run
- it have a colour? Does it have a consistency, such as hard like stone, or solid like a block of wood or metal, or
- at bay. Well, almost. Because at times it was oh, so hard. Like the day I
 began to feel claustrophobic, so hedged
- but not much else, kids that were walking tall, rocking hard, like you couldn't even look at them a certain way

cold like

and heard it again.

It was the trees popping in the cold Like something wrenched from your soul he thought, and

• Their orders are very cold and their answers are very cold like ice.

TERRY: Again, Kurt Werner Schaechter. Mr.

- one of her hands in both of his. It felt very small and cold, like the hand of a child who had come in from playing
- roast beef is too damn bloody." And suddenly I'd be out cold like a light. Meg: Oh, Babe. Babe, this is
- I have got to go with Glentoran. They don't blow hot and cold like the boys from the Co Armagh. 8043