

Narrowing and broadening

Part 1: 'empty'

Hypothesis

Narrowing and broadening are far more flexible than has previously been thought

Further assumptions

Concepts get narrowed and broadened

Concepts get narrowed and broadened in different directions and to different extents

Strategy and Objectives

Our objective is to illustrate extensive diversity of use within a particular case that would make it impossible to interpret by default inference rules.

The word 'empty' encodes an *abstract* strict term, i.e. one that cannot be satisfied in nature in its strict/literal sense. Even an artificially produced vacuum is not completely empty (to use Tim's words) and it seems that the only domain in which strictly empty objects can be found is the cyber world (to use Tim's words again).

Chosen word sets

'empty',

'to + empty',

'emptier'

Corpus used

The Bank of English

Method

Concordance lines independently of collocation

Types of variation expected

Variation in the entity or substance of which an object is said to be empty
Variation in the extent to which the object is lacking the pertinent entity or substance
Variation in the mental representation of the act of emptying

Findings

Concepts get narrowed

Our investigation of *empty* confirms the preliminary results reached in the first part of our study of Narrowing (i.e. 'red eyes').

Empty proved an interesting case for our investigation of narrowing. Although it is unequivocally an absolute term, in all utterances under investigation the encoded concept gets narrowed in different directions and to different extents. In every case, the encoded concept is fine tuned to communicate a more particular kind of emptiness. Compare for instance how *empty* is narrowed in the following utterances:

3. *Later in the year, when the granaries are empty, families have to return to the market to buy grain.*

53. *But whatever you do, don't play sport on an empty stomach or after a heavy meal.*

Neither (3) nor (53) use the concept EMPTY strictly. If nothing else, the empty granaries must at least contain air and the empty stomach gastric fluids. Hence, in the first case the encoded concept is narrowed to EMPTY OF GRAIN and in the second to EMPTY OF RECENTLY RECEIVED FOOD.

Such fine tunings consistently occur throughout our search. In each case the recipient must bring into bear different contextual assumptions in order to adjust the encoded concepts into the communicated ones.

Contextual variation

Empty exhibits far greater contextual variation than *red eyes*. Recall that in our search of *red eyes* certain contexts (e.g. fatigue, crying etc) tended to recur quite frequently, resulting in relative consistency in interpretation within the recurring context. Still, 17 out of 26 contexts inducing some narrowing of *red eyes* occurred only once. In the case of *empty* variation in context is even greater. Apart from 2 recurring contexts (*empty stomach* and *property empty of tenants*) all other contexts are one-off occurrences or partial recurrences but with significant variation. In line with our conclusions in the first part of narrowing, the relatively high proportion of one-off uses may well be an argument in favour of a pragmatically based process of concept narrowing.

Variation within context?

A problem in our first investigation of narrowing using the word set 'red eyes' was a noticeable 'relative constancy of the representation of the narrowed concepts within discourse contexts'. In that search I observed:

'Whilst across contexts the extent and direction of narrowing regularly varies, within a given context narrowing seems to maintain rough relative constancy. In all 14 cases of crying and all 6 cases of fatigue the shade of red and the part of the eye concerned is roughly the same. Internal variation in narrowing within encyclopaedic contexts seems to rest on further contextual clues/ discursal information (e.g. in a context of fatigue, where one has been sleepless for a whole night one is hardly likely to have developed 'red bags' under the eye; in contrast in a context of fatigue, where one is said to have serious sleeping disorders and lack sleep for prolonged periods of time, one is very likely to have developed 'red bags' as well). However, a detailed investigation of internal diversity cannot take place sufficiently with a sample as concise as that of 'red eyes'. The 14 lines available for *crying* and 6 for *fatigue* do not specify the length of crying or cause and persistency of fatigue so as to enable exhaustive observations about variation in narrowing within certain contexts'.

My intuition at that point was that the lack of variation in interpretation within encyclopaedic contexts probably relates to the limited range of context samples available in the Bank of English entry for 'red eyes' rather than to some general fact about the behaviour of narrowing or the behaviour of contexts themselves.

In our search on 'empty' however I managed to find an interesting case in which within the same broader context (empty property) occurs significant variation in the direction of narrowing. Compare:

7. ukephem/02 and opening up to homeless people, the thousands of empty properties we know they have on their books.

or

84. ukephem/02 be eligible to pay the tax as soon as the property became empty because it was a furnished let, but it seems they were

with

74. ukephem/02 better. She was eventually housed, but in a completely empty flat. With £250 from the POC Fund Tasse

Although in (7), (84) (and most other examples in the given sample for 'empty') 'empty property' is narrowed into EMPTY OF TENANTS, in (74) the context clearly calls for variation in narrowing to the direction of EMPTY OF FURNITURE.

I take this latter case as evidence that further variation in narrowing within context would also have occurred if a more extensive sample was available (and survey-able of course within the limitations of our corpus searches).

Constraining contexts?

A very interesting point, at least in my view, is that in this search it became clear that context places constraints on the possible positions of an interpretation on the continuum between literal/strict and loose uses.

Namely, it seems that the encoded concept is first fine tuned/ narrowed in the contextually relevant way and only then positioned at a certain point on the continuum in line with what the context permits.

For instance, in the following example the context of empty tablet bottles in theory permits either a Literal or an Approximate interpretation; EMPTY is first narrowed into EMPTY OF TABLETS. Then, if a tablet or two are left in the bottle EMPTY is used as an approximation, if no tablets are left in the bottle EMPTY is used in its strict sense:

6. ukephem/02 casualty to hospital and remember to take with you any empty tablet bottles or containers to show what has been...

But now look at the following examples:

7. ukephem/02 and opening up to homeless people, the thousands of empty properties we know they have on their books.

21. ukephem/02 that your child has been sniffing include: finding empty butane, aerosol or glue cans or plastic bags in a place

33. ukephem/02 the three of us are sharing a room with pizza remnants, empty wine bottles and flagging concentration it's going to

By virtue of how the world is I think it would be impossible to imagine a wine bottle or an aerosol can being completely and utterly and strictly EMPTY OF WINE or EMPTY OF AEROSOL. Unless some emptying process to laboratory standards takes place both the wine bottle and the aerosol bottle will most definitely have traces of the substance they contained, which subsequently renders the strict sense of the (narrowed) concept EMPTY OF WINE inapplicable in these contexts. Only approximate interpretations seem applicable.

In the same way, example 7 raises the exactly opposite problem. For a property to be EMPTY OF TENANTS and the utterance to be true (or true enough) it is imperative that even 1 tenant does not occupy the property. If at least 1 tenant occupies the property then the utterance does not hold true. The context in question does not leave room for relaxing the concept and consequently, approximate uses seem not applicable.

How empty is EMPTY?

It follows from the previous paragraph that the extent to which a certain entity/substance must be in deficit for something to be considered empty of this entity/substance is a function of the context.

In (6),

6. ukephem/02 casualty to hospital and remember to take with you any empty tablet bottles or containers to show what has been...

if one or few tablets are left in the bottle, the expression *empty tablet bottles* is true enough.

But in (7),

7. ukephem/02 and opening up to homeless people, the thousands of empty properties we know they have on their books.

if at least 1 tenant occupies each property in question then the expression *empty properties* does not hold true.

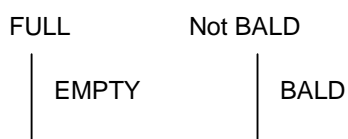
Verbs, comparatives and entailment

I would like to summarize here briefly the points Deirdre raised regarding entailment in the use of strict terms as verbs or in comparative structures.

We already saw that as an adjective *empty* is consistently narrowed into a more fine-grained concept according to context of use. It follows from that, however, that if something is EMPTY* only in a particular respect (of tenants) then it is not EMPTY** in other respects (say, of furniture) and then strictly speaking the entity qualified by 'empty' is not actually EMPTY (a similar case is that of *silent*, often used to communicate something much narrower than silence e.g. *speechlessness*).

We want to run this discussion in parallel with an investigation of how the concept EMPTY behaves as verb (to empty) and as a comparative term (emptier) and consider the theoretical generalizations that can be made for other terms such as BALD and FULL.

The common thread here, as Deirdre suggested, is a scalarity on a continuum the various points of which can be less or more close to the strict concepts of *EMPTINESS*, *BALDNESS* and *FULLNESS*.



An utterance of '*X is balder than Y*' does not entail that X is BALD.

An utterance of '*to fill A with B*' does not entail that A is FULL (e.g. fill the mug with coffee)

and an utterance of '*to empty C*' or '*C is emptier than D*' does not entail that C is EMPTY.

e.g.

47. usbooks/09 Normally, her first action would be to empty out the room's waste baskets.

3. ukmags/03 You won't have the high life. There are pubs, emptier than before, and large working-men's clubs...

Instead, X falls at a point on the continuum, which is closer to BALD than Y.

C falls at a point on the continuum, which is closer to EMPTY than D.

After the act of *filling*, A falls at a point on the continuum which is closer to FULL than it was before

and after the act of *emptying* C falls at a point on the continuum which is closer to EMPTY than it was before.

Different mental representations of 'to empty' according to background

The last point that I'd like to refer to is the extent of variation in the way the act of emptying is mentally represented. A vast array of background assumptions come to play enabling representations as distinct as:

- (2) to empty the bladder
- (3) to empty the meters
- (16) to empty the cesspit
- (36) to empty the wastebaskets
- (41) to empty one's stomach
- (53) to empty one's head of every thought
- (56) to empty one's own wallet (metaphorically)

that can only be pragmatically achieved.

Search

Search by *empty*

2336 occurrences

ukephem

106 lines of which 17 inapplicable @ => 89 effective lines

of which:

L	38	42.7 %
A	14	15.7 %
L or A	26	29.2%
MR	11	12.4 %
H	-	
MET/MY	-	

Orthographic Conventions

L = LITERAL USE	N = NARROWING	A= APROXIMATION	/ = and in parallel
H = HYPERBOLE	MR = METAPHOR	@=NOT APPLICABLE	MET/MY=METONYMY

Subcorpus : ukephem	
1. ukephem/02 clothes and blankets. The Council offered Oxfam an empty ladies'hairstressing shop in the centre of Oxford in	Of tenants/ Not occupied L
2. ukephem/02 the granaries containing last year's harvest are <u>nearly</u> empty. This is known as the `Hungry Season". The harvest	Of grain A
3. ukephem/02 traders is low. Later in the year, when the granaries are empty, families have to return to the market to buy grain.	Of grain " A
4. ukephem/02 against rats and other pests. When the granaries are empty, householders travel to the nearest market centre to	Of grain " A
5. ukephem/02 depends on how much you drink, whether your stomach is empty or not, your height, weight, age and sex. If you're <i>concentration of alcohol in the body</i>	Of recently received food L or A
6. ukephem/02 casualty to hospital and remember to take with you any empty tablet bottles or containers to show what has been <i>poisoning from swallowing a corrosive substance</i>	Of pills etc L or A
7. ukephem/02 and opening up to homeless people, the thousands of empty properties we know they have on their books.	Of tenants/ Not occupied L
8. ukephem/02 lonely bus stops, especially after dark. On an empty bus, sit near the driver or conductor.	Of passengers L or A
9. ukephem/02 Most break-ins happen when a house or flat is empty. Here are some sensible tips and precautions you can	Of tenants/ Not occupied L
10. ukephem/02 I must say that the sight of the 64 feet of 2 tiered empty benching which greeted us on our arrival nearly made me	Of fans L or A
11. ukephem/02 or corn oil. SUGAR Sugar gives you <u>empty calories</u> that is calories with no other nutrients: no	MR
12. ukephem/02 very little at first (although you can sense they are not empty of everything). They open up as the air gets to them. <i>Young wines</i>	MR
13. ukephem/02 No buyer has yet been found; the property has lain empty as a result of the depressed state of the property	Of tenants/ Not occupied L
14. ukephem/02 they melt and release their medicaments. 1. Firstly, empty your bowels (if necessary). 2. Then, wash your	@

15. ukephem/02 tanks into yachts as well as the means by which to empty them into the sewage system? To do this regulatory	@
16. ukephem/02 become even more acute. Shelter is hard to find and empty days are spent wandering the streets or riding the	MR
17. ukephem/02 in a number of areas, including the management of empty property, rent arrears, allocation policies and	Of tenants/ Not occupied L
18. ukephem/02 by patients in a hospital or home f) a property left empty by a deceased person g) a property unfit to live in	Of tenants/ Not occupied L
19. ukephem/02 left unoccupied by the clergy i) a property left empty by people receiving care k) a property left empty	Of tenants/ Not occupied L
20. ukephem/02 empty by people receiving care k) a property left empty by people providing care l) a repossessed property	Of tenants/ Not occupied L
21. ukephem/02 that your child has been sniffing include: finding empty butane, aerosol or glue cans or plastic bags in a place	Of the relevant substance A
22. ukephem/02 from lonely bus stops, especially after dark. On an empty bus, sit near the driver or conductor.	Of passengers L or A
23. ukephem/02 home Most burglaries happen when a house or flat is empty. A time switch will put the lights on and off when	Of tenants/ Not occupied L
24. ukephem/02 Kalahari. A place of incredible landscapes. From the vast empty spaces of the Sahara to dense rainforests and savannas	Of flora and human constructs A
25. ukephem/02 to the Puketui Valley and travelling past the superb empty beaches of the Bay of Plenty to Whakatane. Here we'll	Of visitors/swimmers L or A
26. ukephem/02 when they look up and see the <u>Stasi building now standing empty</u> . Funnily enough Leipzig has links with `Mercury", the	Of tenants/ Not occupied for the purpose it was occupied before? L or A
27. ukephem/02 you to a stuttering wreck. These may include requests to empty your pockets `because I think what's inside is such a	Of their relevant contents L
28. ukephem/02 are called for in the case of laboratory animals, but empty cages; not more traditional commercial farms, but no <i>It is not larger, cleaner cages that are called for in the case of laboratory animals, but >>>> empty <<<<< cages; not more traditional commercial farms, but no commerce in animal flesh whatever;</i>	Of animals L

29. ukephem/02 the product from the time it is filled to the time it is empty. the packaging must provide an effective	Of the product L or A
30. ukephem/02 and save money. Here's how it works: Most of your empty Body Shop plastic bottles (large or small) can be	Of the product L or A
31. ukephem/02 make a proposal for a new valuation. RATES - EMPTY PROPERTY Many property owners have given thought	Of tenants/ unoccupied L
32. ukephem/02 of the premises unlawful, since that means that no empty rate can be charged. The problem here is that	@ Technical term
33. ukephem/02 the three of us are sharing a room with pizza remnants, empty wine bottles and flagging concentration it's going to	Of wine A
34. ukephem/02 and Flagstaff. Driving is a pleasure along <u>comparatively empty</u> , well-signposted roads and manoeuvring and parking a	Of cars A
35. ukephem/02 the top of Senggigi beach, which is otherwise <u>almost empty</u> . They stop and bargain with you over a pineapples,	Of swimmers A
36. ukephem/02 fuel than at 50mph. Don't carry unnecessary weight or an empty roof rack. Avoid short journeys. They can double	Of relevant contents L
37. ukephem/02 extremely difficult to spot. Live eggs (creamy brown) and empty shells (white) are a little easier to spot and will be <i>Head lice</i>	Of lice L
38. ukephem/02 could leave something for your child to look after your <u>empty purse</u> , perhaps, or a glove - to show you will return) and empty shells (white) are a little easier to spot and will be	Of valuables?? L
39. ukephem/02 same size, the steel can weighs nearly twice as much when empty, as the aluminium can. 3 Look at the bottom of each	Of its content L or A
40. ukephem/02 engineering you're ever likely to see. All you need is an empty plastic drinks bottle and a bicycle pump (not included)	Of its content L or A
41. ukephem/02 Vac is different because it has no bag, just an <u>easy-to-empty bin</u> - which is why it delivers 100 suction all the	@
42. ukephem/02 The Amazing Secret Box of Tricks Show the black box empty, mutter some convincing magic words and Hey Preston! it'	Of any pertinent content L or A
43. ukephem/02 that you feel faint By now you are sure the house is empty. Who would stay in these awful conditions, without even	Of tenants/ unoccupied L
44. ukephem/02 1/2" x 5 3/4", the shredder features a transparent, <u>easy-empty waste box</u> . Powered by 4 x AA batteries (not supplied)	@
45. ukephem/02 non-abrasive nylon brush with rounded tips and <u>an easy to empty</u> collection chamber. Batteries not included	@
46. ukephem/02 use. Fitted with a convenient soap holder. After use just <u>empty</u> and wash out. Hangs up for easy storage, fits almost	@
47. ukephem/02 PHOTO G. Shop Box - Forget about searching for empty	Of anything that

boxes or struggling with flimsy carriers at the	would make them unsuitable for carrying L or A
48. ukephem/02 me up for dinner at 4.45, greeted his colleagues in a empty restaurant at five and by 5.30 was briskly scraping the	Of customers L or A
49. ukephem/02 a smoker is deprived of a cigarette he or she will feel empty and restless at first. After a short while feelings of	MR
50. ukephem/02 from A to B but the real pleasure lies in taking to the empty tree-lined country roads. You're on holiday; why hurry?	Of other cars L or A
51. ukephem/02 Otto Ritter, a German archaeologist working in the Empty Quarter, the Rubh Al Khali, and who has discovered the	MR
52. ukephem/02 pound;20.00 Hardback 672pp Michael Joseph October 108 EMPTY CRADLES Margaret Humphreys A shocking expose&	MR
53. ukephem/02 giving foods. But whatever you do, don't play sport on an empty stomach or after a heavy meal. Leave a few hours	Of recently received food L or A
54. ukephem/02 is covered by magnetic extraction, just throw away your empty steel can or other steel packaging in the dustbin and	Of its relevant content A
55. ukephem/02 your friends and your family do the right thing with your empty packaging, and think "recycling". 5 Make sure your	Of its relevant content A
56. ukephem/02 smarten things up: Throw out any dead flowers. Empty waste paper bins. Plump up cushions. If cooking	@
57. ukephem/02 pans over two or more hotplates or rings. Leave an empty pan on the heat source, and don't overheat pans when	Of sufficient quantity of cooking ingredients L or A
58. ukephem/02 of this special offer? Ask for, or pick up, one of the empty drinks cases and fill it with any combination of a	Of drinks? L
59. ukephem/02 not in the way of other vehicles. It is not permitted to empty toilet or dispose of other refuse outdoors Rest	@
60. ukephem/02 conference guests. To avoid these hotels standing <u>half empty</u> during the summer, tourists are provided with a choice	Of customers A
61. ukephem/02 arrives! Your donation of £20 will fill an empty shelf. Book Aid International, Ground Floor, 29/41	Of books L or A
62. ukephem/02 As many as 765,000 privately owned homes are lying empty right now. This is 85 of the total number of empty	Of tenants/unoccupied L
63. ukephem/02 lying empty right now. This is 85 of the total number of empty properties. Over 52,000 households are currently in	Of tenants/unoccupied

	L
64. ukephem/02 to those in most need. bull; Measures to utilise empty properties in the private sector.	Of tenants/ unoccupied
	L
65. ukephem/02 such as Parisienne Walkways, Still Got The Blues and Empty Rooms, Ballads & Blues also features footage from	MR
66. ukephem/02 pre-chilled ice packs. The zip-topped bag packs flat when empty and expands only as much as you need it to; so because	Of ice
	L or A
67. ukephem/02 bs3456. Fitted plug. 10" x 9" x 1&1/2" empty. Electric Plate Warmer £29.95 2580blu Black Watch	Of electrical equipment
	L
68. ukephem/02 shops. But here at a price to stock your wardrobe and not empty your pocket. We use a midweight, 4.2 oz. pure	@
69. ukephem/02 nowadays. Although it is a simple white-washed cell, empty of furniture, there's still an eerie, expectant air	L or A
70. ukephem/02 lessons of such important titles as Charles Handy's THE EMPTY RAINCOAT, Levin and Crom's THE LEADER IN YOU, Eccles'	@
71. ukephem/02 the run, and I wondered, what if he thought this was an empty house? And what if there was actually a woman in the	Of tenants/ unoccupied
	L
72. ukephem/02 480 - 4 ELEMENT PBK £8.99 photo The Empty Raincoat CHARLES HANDY Reaching for a	MR
73. ukephem/02 BBC RADIO COLLECTION £7.99 photo The Empty House ROSAMUNDE PILCHER Virginia Keile's	MR
74. ukephem/02 better. She was eventually housed, but in a <u>completely</u> empty flat. With £250 from the POC Fund Tasse	Of furniture
	L or A
75. ukephem/02 parts of Digbeth - an unpopulated inner city area with empty land and buildings crying out for inhabitants. AND	Of buildings
	L or A
76. ukephem/02 her recommended prawn, chicken and meat balti on an empty stomach ALOM BALTI PALACE Wolverhampton Street	Of recently received food
	L or A
77. ukephem/02 a smoker is deprived of a cigarette he or she will feel empty and restless at first. After a short while feelings of	MR
78. ukephem/02 the roughest and heaviest of garden loads. Yet, when empty, the Wheelbarrow folds away to a mere 10 thick for	Of loads
	L or A
79. ukephem/02 she went to pay for something she found that her belt was empty. She told the guard and he said that she'd been gassed	Of money
	L or A
80. ukephem/02 for an investigation of the duet form. Complete and empty, O throws the ordinary and the extraordinary into stark	MR
<i>For O, Clark is working with a doubled company. He increases the demands of his technique for an investigation of the duet form. Complete and >>>> empty, <<<<< O throws the ordinary and the extraordinary into stark relief. <p> Lissom power, long leanness <p> Agility of torso <p> Cardiodfunk choreography <p> Riveting modern rhythm</i>	
81. ukephem/02 fully sprung rubber tyred wheels and twin, <u>easy to empty</u> dirt collecting trays. The robust body is light in	@

82. ukephem/02 about 4 tables were occupied and there were many tables empty but they said they were too busy to give us drinks, so	Of customers L
83. ukephem/02 the church was open. We went inside and it was <u>completely</u> empty. Couldn't work out what was going on but, fortunately,	Of people L
84. ukephem/02 be eligible to pay the tax as soon as the property became empty because it was a furnished let, but it seems they were <i>we would be eligible to pay the tax as soon as the property became empty because it was a furnished let, but it seems they were wrong and we don't have to pay it unless it's >>>> empty <<<< for over six months.</i>	Of tenants L
85. ukephem/02 they were wrong and we don't have to pay it unless it's empty for over six months. I had a spot of driving	" Of tenants L
86. ukephem/02 H.M. Government. Civility costs nothing, unlike the empty space at the top of your glass And to CAMRA	Of beer L
87. ukephem/02 car-park to the rear are two out-buildings surrounded by empty casks - MARSTON MOOR BREWERY. Close to the battle site	Of drinks A
88. ukephem/02 architects who all seem to have BMW's. Sean's pick-up and empty casks mark the brewery in the far corner. Nearby is a	Of drinks A
89. ukephem/02 change it and if anyone had used it - event to drop an empty crisp packet in - he would snatch it off the table	Of crisps A
90. ukephem/02 experience the effects of this product, so sit back, empty your head of foolish thoughts and just close your eyes.	@ verb
91. ukephem/02 100ml) and a set of Bombinos. You can also buy an empty one and stock it with your own selection. It's probably <i>A wonderful selection of my favourite products crammed into a rather natty drawstring bag. Inside is Waterproof Cream, Baby Oil, Baby Cream, Marigold Soap, Baby Lotion, Infant shampoo (100ml) and a set of Bombinos. You can also buy an >>>> empty <<<< one and stock it with your own selection.</i>	Of cosmetics L
92. ukephem/02 subdirectories that have files in them and/E says to copy empty subdirectories also). The following command will copy	Of files L
93. ukephem/02 are only two situations in which a school can keep places empty even if there is demand: selective schools can keep	Of students L
94. ukephem/02 if there is demand: selective schools can keep places empty if not enough pupils pass their selection test;	Of students L
95. ukephem/02 try to protect their children from the freezing winter in empty factories, schools and warehouses. Some families have	Of workers/ shut down factories L
96. ukephem/02 bull; If there are no adults in a property (for example, empty, second homes), you can apply for a 50 discount.	Of adults L
97. ukephem/02 by patients in a hospital or home; f) a property left empty	Of tenants/

by a deceased person; g) an unoccupied property	unoccupied L
98. ukephem/02 by a minister of religion; i) a property left empty by people receiving care; j) a property left empty	Of tenants/ unoccupied L
99. ukephem/02 empty by people receiving care; j) a property left empty by people providing care; k) a property left empty	Of tenants/ unoccupied L
100. ukephem/02 empty by people providing care; k) a property left empty by students; l) a repossessed property;	Of tenants/ unoccupied L
101. ukephem/02 visiting forces and dependants; q) a property left empty by a bankrupt; r) a vacant caravan pitch or boat	Of tenants/ unoccupied L
102. ukephem/02 and dry it with a soft towel before you use it. 2. <u>Empty</u> your bladder and wash your hands.	@ VERB
103. ukephem/02 and cordless for easy operation, and features an <u>easy-empty</u> collection chamber and non-abrasive nylon brushes.	@
104. ukephem/02 the shredder features a transparent, <u>easy-empty</u> waste box. Powered by 4xaa batteries (not supplied)	@
105. ukephem/02 is different because it has no bag, just an <u>easy-to-empty</u> bin. It spins the dirt out of the air stream by	@
106. ukephem/02 with a big handful of horsepower and those lonely, empty interludes on the map, is the ultimate ticket out of a `	Wild, unpopulated areas L or A
<i>For me, trail riding has got everything -- excitement, adventure and an essentially atavistic individuality. The combination of a rip-snortin' dirtbike with a big handful of horsepower and those lonely, >>>> empty <<<<< interludes on the map, is the ultimate ticket out of a `civilised" world which is growing progressively uncivilised anyway.</i>	

Search by *emptier*

12 occurrences

1. oznews/01 certainly treats us as such, and it is true that the emptier we get the more noise we will make. <i>The Bulls Rule, OK <p> Surely our champions are worthy of a classier marketing slogan? <p> What about a public say in the matter Paul Martin, Bardon. October 31 I LIKED Jack Evans' letter (C-M, Oct 31). <p> Did he purposely use `empty vassals" or was it the printer's gremlin at work? <p> My dictionary describes vassal as `servile dependent; <p> a retainer". <p> Mr Keating certainly treats us as such, and it is true that the >>>> emptier <<<<< we get the more noise we will make. <p> What could Leahy make of Mr Keating beating vassals into submission Ron Gray, Kalinga.</i>	???
2. ukmags/03 of birch-clad mountains and frozen lakes grew ever emptier and more polar in aspect, and we became increasingly	Of flora
3. ukmags/03 secure. You won't have the high life. There are pubs, emptier	Of

than before, and large working-men's clubs, with a	customers
4. ukmags/03 to its true self. The villages are prettier for being emptier, and the countryside doesn't snake with nose-to-tail	Of habitants and visitors
5. ukspok/04 it's potentially known that their car parks are getting emptier they're selling them off. Mm. What's	Of customers' cars
6. bbc/06 futile ideological debate, its churches have never been emptier.) RP ENDS 15 PRESS REVIEW THREE Events in	Of people
7. ukbooks/08 life without letters from you would be much colder and emptier than it is." So Marcia wrote again. Now his heart gave	MR
8. usbooks/09 kid was going to make it that way. He drove away feeling emptier than his old vacant building. He checked his watch and	MR
9. usbooks/09 on a wooden bench against the cold stone wall. He was emptier than ever. His clothes were wet, clammy cold wet, and	MR
10. usbooks/09 a substance, a kind of magic food that leaves a man emptier and hungrier after one whiff. The bingo palace drives <i>how the light makes their eyes soft and dark, how the salt and butter clings to them, gets into their clothes, and mixes with sweat, cologne, and Salem smoke to produce a smell that is almost a substance, a kind of magic food that leaves a man >>>> emptier <<<< and hungrier after one whiff.</i>	MR?
11. times/10 only a 10th of an atom per cubic metre a vacuum 50 times emptier still, like one snowflake in a volume as big as the <i>By terrestrial standards, this is amazingly rarified an almost perfect vacuum. But all the stars and gas, if spread uniformly through space, would yield only a 10th of an atom per cubic metre a vacuum 50 times >>>> emptier <<<< still, like one snowflake in a volume as big as the earth.</i>	???
12. today/11 day nor night, and the silent spacious moors seemed emptier, more remote than ever. And then unexpectedly there <i>on the far horizon the first rays of the sun shimmered like shards of silver against the dark rim of the moors. <p> It was an eerie hour, neither day nor night, and the silent spacious moors seemed >>>> emptier, <<<< more remote than ever.</i>	Of living creatures?

Search by *to empty*

61 occurrences of which 12 non applicable => 49 effective lines

1. oznews/01 I saw someone take something from a shop I'd ask them <u>to empty their pockets</u> and sleeves.	Of any content L
2. oznews/01 to get started. It takes a fair bit of effort <u>to empty the bladder</u> and may involve frequent trips to the	Of urine A
3. oznews/01 Council staff would be rostered on at weekends <u>to empty the meters</u> , at a puts	Of money L
4. oznews/01 up barriers. Meanwhile the Government continues <u>to empty out institutions asylums</u> in the name of rehabilitation.	Of inmates MR?

5. oznews/01 political moment to those whose lives are reduced to <u>empty blackness</u> if unplugged from the Canberra circuit.	@ adjective
6. oznews/01 of the age of political correctness it was decided to empty the institutions and "integrate" their residents with	Of children in care MR?
7. ukephem/02 tanks into yachts as well as the means by which to <u>empty them into</u> the sewage system? To do this regulatory	Of sewage L or A
8. ukephem/02 you to a stuttering wreck. These may include requests to empty your pockets "because I think what's inside is such a <i>during a job interview</i>	Of any content L or A
9. ukephem/02 Vac is different because it has no bag, just an <u>easy-to-empty bin</u> - which is why it delivers 100 suction all the	@
10. ukephem/02 non-abrasive nylon brush with rounded tips and an <u>easy to empty</u> collection chamber. Batteries not included	@
11. ukephem/02 not in the way of other vehicles. It is not permitted to empty toilet or dispose of other refuse outdoors	Of sewage L or A
12. ukephem/02 fully sprung rubber tyred wheels and twin, <u>easy to empty</u> dirt collecting trays. The robust body is light in	@
13. ukephem/02 is different because it has no bag, just an <u>easy-to-empty bin</u> . It spins the dirt out of the air stream by	@
14. ukmag/03 needs defrosting and there are no water containers to empty. As frost never builds up, it is economical to run and,	Of water L or A
15. ukmag/03 the other hand free. While he is doing this, try to empty your mind of anxious or guilty thoughts, and	MR
16. ukmag/03 nifty bit where the Dirty Dennis lorry used to come to empty the cesspit. Posy Simmonds's new book for children,	Of sewage A
17. ukmag/03 insect life, leave it be. If not, wait until spring to empty it, putting fish and any plants you're keeping into a <i>a pond</i>	Of dirty water, insects and plants A
18. ukmag/03 been round and Nicola found the ashtray I'd forgotten to empty. She buried her hands in the mess shouting "durrdy"	Of ash L
19. ukmag/03 Just when my tub was full and when I was about to empty it into the bean trench, a sudden breeze blew all the <i>At first I was a little perturbed to discover that the draught from the shredder blades was strong enough to blow as many of the shreds over my catching receptacle as into it, but as they fell within a yard or so of the target, I carried on, deciding that a five minute sweeping job when I had finished would be enough to clear up the mess. <p> Just when my tub was full and when I was about to >>>> empty <<<<< it into the bean trench, a sudden breeze blew all the paper over my garden and my neighbours. <p> Neither appreciated the mulch, but my beans have done very well without their shreddies'.</i>	?????
20. ukmag/03 GIVE 'EM ENOUGH 'ROPA? Thanks for Welcome To Empty-V. It made me feel so good to be a U2 fan. I welcome	@
21. ukmag/03 right after all-IM ZOODS CORNER Welcome To Empty-V was an inspirational piece of journalism which hit	@

22. ukmags/03 warm air in the dryer and collects it in a container to empty into the sink. For even greater convenience it can also	Moisture L or A
23. ukspok/04 were dreadful hoarders Yeah. and I had to empty out my uncle's house I er s some two or	Of clutter L or A
24. ukspok/04 really bothered what it looked like because we wanted to empty it out Uh huh redecorate it. Decided that	Of furniture L or A
25. ukspok/04 a litter collection. You know going round and having to empty bins. And then having spoken to a erm a	Of garbage L or A
26. ukspok/04 Oh But erm and also they have to go in there to empty Oh I see these so possibly Yes but Well because the toilet seat is always up and it doesn't look very nice <F01> Who leaves it up <F02> No <F01> No I said who leaves it up <F02> They all do <F01> Do they <F02> Mm <F01> Why <F02> I don't know <ZF1> perhaps <ZF0> <F01> They're women that come are they <F02> perhaps they're in a <tc text=laughs> hurry <F01> Oh <F02> But erm and also they have to go in there to >>>> empty <<<<< <F01> Oh I see <F02> these so possibly <F01> Yes but still I <F02> they <ZGY> <F01> know <ZF1> I <ZF0> I myself I hate to see the toilet seat up so I know how you feel	Of urine? Verb intransitive? A
27. usephem/05 This will help garbage truck drivers know which cans to empty and NOT to empty! Where is the Recycling Center?	Of their normal contents L or A
28. usephem/05 garbage truck drivers know which cans to empty and NOT to empty! Where is the Recycling Center? map	Of their normal contents L or A
29. bbc/06 stay open after hours to save children from going home to empty houses. The move comes after a survey by the Gallup	@ adjective
30. bbc/06 huge land-locked bay, and the Caspian Sea. It served to empty bay water into the Caspian Sea, leaving an ecologically	Through/spill
31. bbc/06 off only with video recorders, they now also tended to empty the fridge. At the other end of the scale of economic	Of food
32. npr/07 the only way to find it is to get each and every Iraqi to empty his pockets." For National Public Radio, I'm Mike	MR
33. npr/07 to the pencil sharpener, but it was full so I had to empty it. And finally I got my pencil sharp and I went back	Of pencil stuff A
34. npr/07 there busts of Maryland slave owners displayed next to empty pedestals labeled Frederick Douglass, Harriett Tubman	@
35. ukbooks/08 history, Comrades. Our agents are in place in Zurich, to empty the bank account when King Zaid's message comes	Of money L or A
36. ukbooks/08 a janitor had propped open a heavy metal exit door to empty wastebaskets into a dumpster outside. He could	Of waste A
37. ukbooks/08 it; when the baby feels greed at the breast he wants to empty it completely. The difference lies in whether the baby	Of milk A
38. ukbooks/08 of the drunks activated the fire alarm and so we had to empty the department of non-emergency cases, just for a	Of people

	L
39. ukbooks/08 benefits were for poor people. Gently she was asked to empty her purse. There was nothing in it. It got worse. When	Of money L
40. ukbooks/08 many excellent and reputable brands of it What I do is to empty all the residues of my potting and plant-raising	A
41. ukbooks/08 smashed onto a rock outcropping. Abasio turned aside to empty his stomach, noisily and messily. He drove the truck on	To vomit MR?
42. usbooks/09 expanse of grass, brush, and erosion which faded away to empty blue distance across the pond. `Yeah," he said. `Like a	@
43. usbooks/09 jiggled erratically. Significantly, it tended to stick to empty country, avoiding Aztec, Farmington, and Shiprock in	Of habitants L
44. usbooks/09 watching; it took less than fifteen minutes for Claire to empty the house of everything she needed. There were still	L
45. usbooks/09 were leaving the school, they saw Joe Butler starting to empty the trash from the wastebaskets. He waved at them. `I'm	L or A
46. usbooks/09 literature and law, has become a target of efforts to empty it of intrinsic meaning. While we all know from	MR
47. usbooks/09 and jewelry trade. Normally, her first action would be to empty out the room's waste baskets. Here, however, she	Of waste L or A
48. times/10 to be a new determination among all those involved to empty them, and this time Vietnam has promised its full co-	Of people L
<i>camp</i>	
49. times/10 of extremes;Knockout stage of tournament playing to empty houses in South Africa;Football Rob Hughes,	???
50. times/10 clever. You wouldn't have thought so if you had to empty the ashtrays. Let prohibition commence.	Of ash A
51. today/11 there were several other assistants standing idly next to empty shelves and unused counters, rather than helping to	@ adjective
52. today/11 It is also believed the kidnapper ordered Mr Watts to empty the bundles of notes out of the bag on to a tray,	L
53. today/11 SLEEP eluded her. She lay in the darkness, trying to empty her head of every thought, troubling or otherwise, but	MR
54. today/11 camps;Serbia SERBIAN warlords have offered to empty their death camps if the Red Cross takes charge of the	Of hostages/prisoners L
55. today/11 agents WOMEN estate agents are being lured to empty homes by a man copying the methods of the mysterious Mr	@ adjective
56. today/11 they are, the more eager some people seem to be to empty their wallets and surrender their dignity.	MR
57. today/11 is unnecessarily delayed Trials called off lead to empty courtrooms running up bills of Pounds 5,900 a day. The	@ adjective
58. today/11 massage you had to try to lift this two-ton thing to empty it. In the end I gave it as a prize in a bazaar and	Of water L or A
<i>electrical foot massager bath</i>	
59. today/11 A LANDLORD played Des O'Connor records to empty his pub at closing time - but it worked too well and	Of customers L
60. sunnow/17 02 June 1998 A YOUNG mother struggled to empty a supermarket trolley while holding a baby. A young man	Of goods L
61. sunnow/17 hooligans and it's just a minority." The square began to	Of fans

<u>empty</u> as kick-off time approached. A half-mile long	L
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