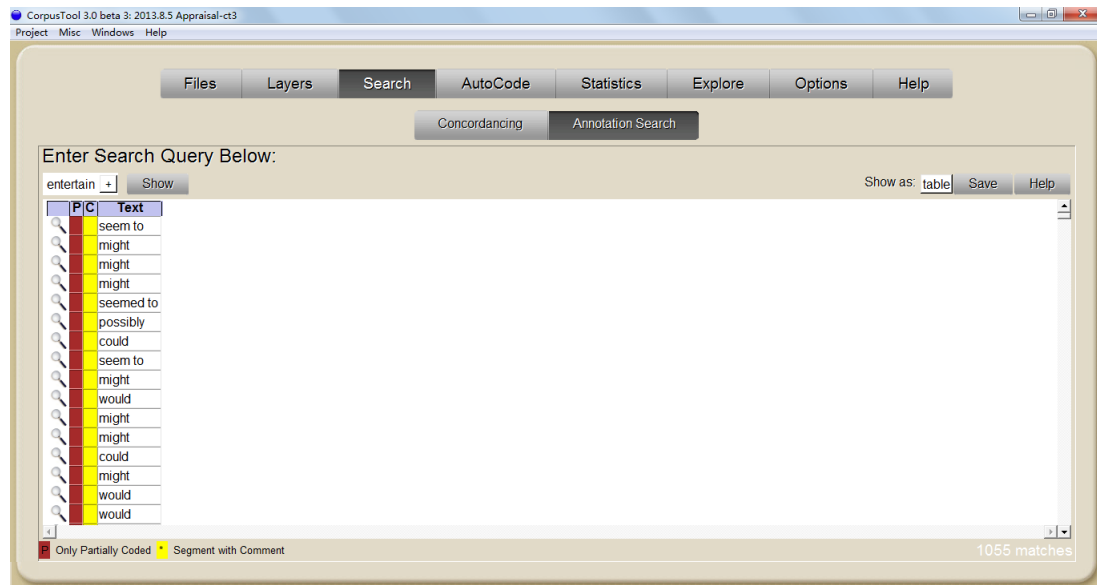**Supplementary data file**

Figure 1 Search results of all instances of language coded as Entertain in the whole corpus
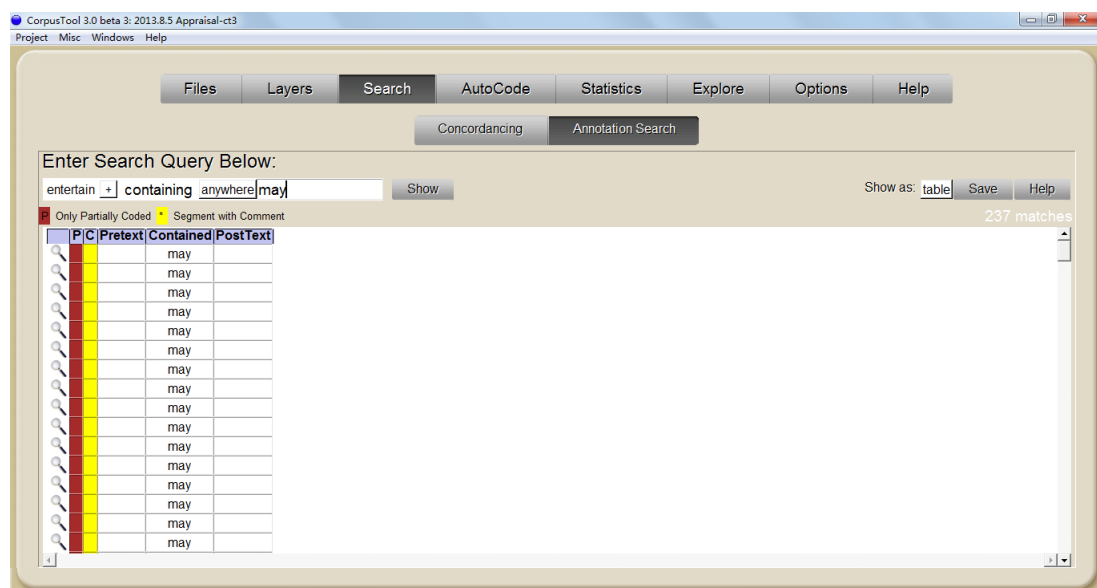

Figure 2 Search results of all instances of Entertain which contain the lexical item 'may' in the whole corpus
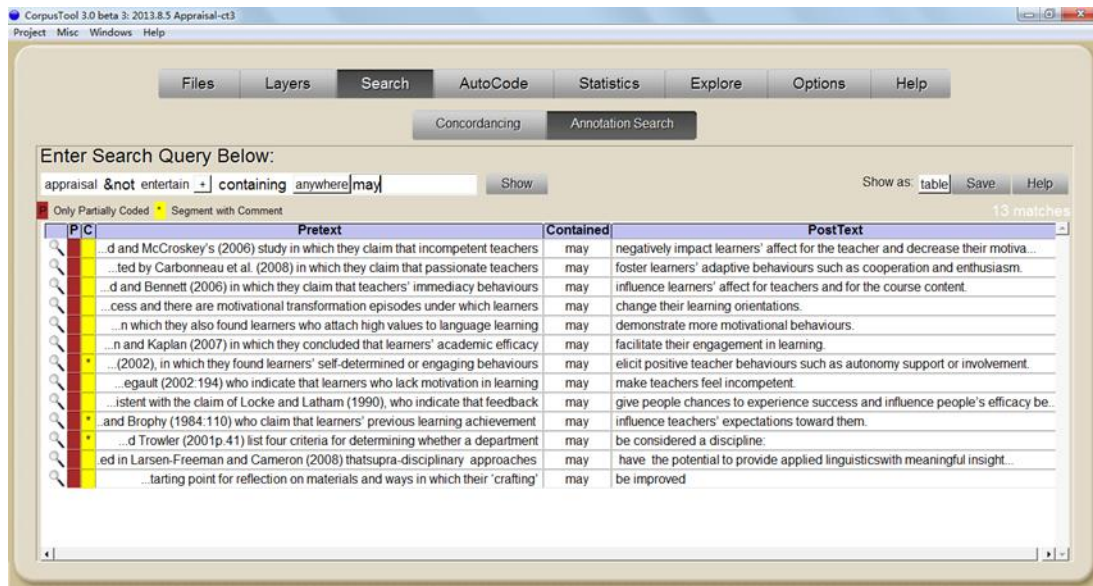
Figure 3 Search results of all instances of the lexical item 'may' which had not been categorized as Entertain

Table 1 The Mann-Whitney Test Result of Engagement

Ranks

	L1	N	Mean Rank	Sum of Ranks
Normalized frequency of engagement	L1C	6	6.83	41.00
	L1E	6	6.17	37.00
	Total	12		

Test Statistics (Grouping variable: First language)

	Normalized frequency of engagement
Mann-Whitney U	16.000
Wilcoxon W	37.000
Z	-.320
Exact Sig. (2-tailed)	.818

Table 2 The Mann-Whitney Test Results of Bare Assertion and Heterogloss

Ranks

	L1	N	Mean Rank	Sum of Ranks
Normalized frequency of bare assertion	L1C	6	7.83	47.00
	L1E	6	5.17	31.00
	Total	12		
Normalized frequency of heterogloss	L1C	6	6.33	38.00
	L1E	6	6.67	40.00
	Total	12		

Test Statistics (Grouping variable: First language)

	Normalized frequency of bare assertion	Normalized frequency of heterogloss
Mann-Whitney U	10.000	17.000
Wilcoxon W	31.000	38.000
Z	-1.281	-.160
Exact Sig. (2-tailed)	.240	.937