

Statistical overview of the term paper results

The following survey provides an overview of the results of the term paper (and ONLY of the paper, not of the final grades for the class).

The score ('Notenspiegel') of the results of all term papers that were submitted (n=29) is provided in the following table:

	very good		good				satisfactory			sufficient		fail		
Score	1,0	1,3	1,5	1,7	2,0	2,3	2,7	3,0	3,3	3,7	4,0	5,0	mean	med
Freq	2	7	1	2	4	4	1	1	1	3	1	2	2,32	2,0

As you can see, this is quite a pleasing outcome, and many of you actually managed to write professional pieces of linguistic work. For a visual impression of the results, please consult the following graphs. While Fig. 1 displays the actual token frequency in each distinct grade, Fig. 2 displays the number of papers falling into a particular range (say, between 2.0 ≤ 3.0).

Fig. 1

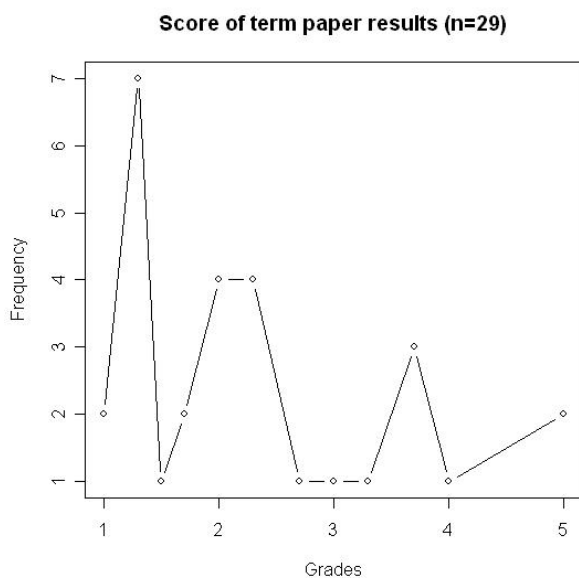
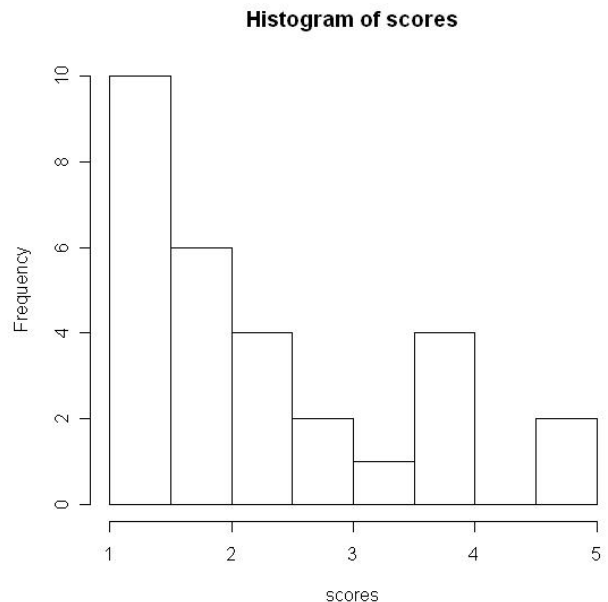


Fig. 2



List of term paper topics

This is meant to give you an impression of what kinds of topics people came up with, roughly grouped according to research areas:

Varieties of English

The linguistic and sociolinguistic structure of Chicano English

Northern English

Estuary English and its Status in Great Britain

Pronouns in the dialects of England

English in speech and writing: Subordination and coordination

Divided by a common language: Grammatical differences in British and American English (2x)

Variation in Australian English

Diachronic change

Amelioration in the English lexicon
Borrowing in Present-day English
The social significance of Latinisms in English
Multi-word verbs in English: occurrence, development and dissociation
The loss of the English case marking system
The development of *do* in negation, interrogatives and as affirmative *do*
The development of *like*
Vowels in motion: A comparison of chain shifts in British and American English

Variation and change

Phonological differences between men and women in Ballymacarrett
The role of women in language variation: The cases of Norwich and Sydney
The role of gender in sociolinguistic patterns of Norwich
Gender as a determinant of patterns of language variation and change
The influence of religious denomination on speech behaviour and language attitude in Northern Ireland
Stereotypical language variation according to gender

Contrastive and cross-linguistic variation

English loanwords in Italian
German-English contrasts: Inflectional case endings
Pidgins and creoles: common features in different languages
Language contact in Zimbabwe
The impact of culture on grammatical coding: A comparative study of causative constructions in English and Korean

Diachronic aspects of language acquisition

Language acquisition and change
The acquisition of language and the age factor