Corpus linguistics and sociolinguistics have a great deal in common in terms of their basic approaches to language enquiry, particularly in terms of providing representative samples from a population and analysing quantitative information in order to study variation or differences between populations. It is therefore surprising that these two areas of linguistics are not utilised in concert more often. This book covers the range of ways in which corpora can be gainfully employed in sociolinguistic enquiry, critically discussing corpus analytical procedures such as frequencies, collocations, dispersions, keywords, key keywords and concordances. Aimed at undergraduate and postgraduate students of sociolinguistics, or corpus linguists who wish to use corpora to study social phenomena, it examines how corpora can be used to investigate synchronic variation and diachronic change by referring to a number of classic corpus-based studies as well as the author’s original research.

**Key Features**
- The first book to show how corpus linguistics can be utilised in sociolinguistic study
- Compares British and American English
- Case studies are given from English used in the UK, America, Australia and India

**Selling Points**
- Author is a key figure in his field
- Written as an introductory text - does not require prior knowledge of either Corpus Linguistics or Sociolinguistics
- Explores how language has changed over the twentieth century and how speech differs from writing
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