

Re and Pre

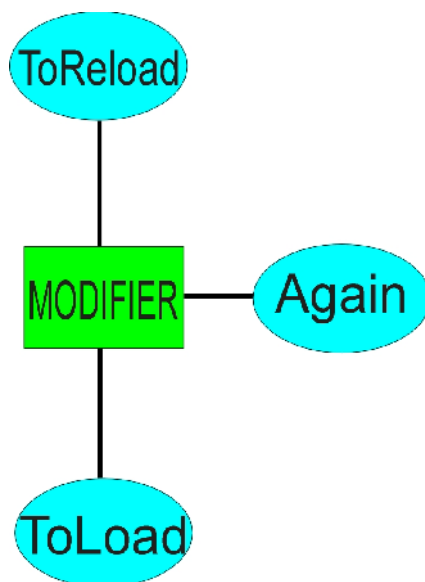
There are many words based on the notion of repeat:

Redo
Reload
Refuel
Re-use
Reorganise
Reallocate
Restock
Reassure
Relive
Rethink
Reimagine
Reconcile
Reoccupy
Retake
Repaint

We can set up a structure which has

An original relation (“fuel” say)
The concept of Again

When a relation with the concept of repeat is found, we find the structure hanging from the relation we wish to use



This means we are going to:

- Build a ToLoad relation
- Look for an earlier ToLoad Relation

- If none is found, build an earlier ToLoad relation
- Build an antonym between the ToLoad relations (that is, a ToUnload in sequence)

Giving us

Its antonym (“use up”) with a later time

A second use of original relation, with a later time

This works well for reloading a truck, where we string the relation times together in a sequence

Load truck

Unload truck

Load truck ← Reload relation

But it doesn’t work well for a gun

Load gun

Fire gun

Reload gun

There are several ways of emptying a gun – either unloading it or firing it – so we will need to set up an object group.

Not all words with ‘re’ have the repeat notion:

Refuse

Recycle (has re-use, but not cycle – we cannot use repeated “cycle” except in abstract)

Remember

Remonstrate

Remain (has notion of “continue” rather than “repeat”)

Resume (notion of “continue”)

Revise (has notion of do it again, but not “vise”)

Recover (one sense is to cover again, other senses do not mean repeat)

Remove

Replenish (has notion of repeat, but meaning of “plenish” long lost)

Restrain

Revert

Remunerate

We have to catch all the words where “re” isn’t tacked on – one way to do that is detect whether the remainder is a valid word (most are).

Pre

As a prefix, indicates action before another action

Predetermine

Preallocate – the tickets were preallocated

Premix – some ingredients come premixed

Premature – the celebrations were premature

Prepaint – the panels are prepainted

Not all uses have this meaning

Prefer

Pretend

Prevaricate