The socioeconomic effects on the use of prepositions in titles

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Abstract: To delve into the linguistic appeal and popularity of certain titles of texts, specifically newspaper, journal/magazine, and fictional texts that either begin with these prepositions: on, after, concerning, towards, with, or contain one of these. My research will include data analyses of the most common of these five prepositions in titles during three distinct years, 1929, 1969, 2001 – the stock market crash, the landing on the moon, and the Al-Qaeda terrorist attacks. I will make analyses of the potential socioeconomic/linguistic reasons for the leading preposition’s popularity in these distinct cultural moments. I will use GlobalCat, the world's largest network of library content and services to conduct my research.