IELTS reading practice

Multiple choice

8. *Read the following text and answer the multiple choice questions below.*

In linguistics, a corpus (plural corpora) is a large and structured set of texts (now usually electronically stored and processed). A corpus may be used to help linguists to analyse a language, or for the purpose of dictionary writing or language teaching. The British National Corpus (BNC) is a 100-million-word text corpus of samples of written and spoken English from a wide range of sources. The corpus covers British English of the late twentieth century from a wide variety of genres with the intention that it be a representative sample of spoken and written British English of that time.

1. What is a corpus?

A) A type of large dictionary.

B) A single written text.

C) A tool for language analysis.

2. Why was the BNC compiled?

A) For the purpose of language teaching.

B) To document written and spoken English from a particular period in time.

C) To document the history of the English language.

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