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Firstly, basing one's analyses on historical corpora is not always easy or straightforward.

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problems. For instance, it is not always clear whether gaps in the data are accidental or systematic. Furthermore, it is not always clear what to make of different frequencies in the occurrence of certain data. Nonetheless, we tried to take all the attested data seriously, and remain fair to the data by not sweeping under the rug anything that poses an immediate challenge.

Secondly, investigating the development of several quantifying words one after the other reveals many interesting issues. Sometimes, the analysis of one quantifying word calls into question the analysis of another one. Nonetheless, we tried to be consistent in our assumptions and analyses throughout the discussion in the attempt to find general patterns that are common to the development of all quantifying words. As a consequence, this led sometimes to somewhat surprising (but we hope at the very least interesting) proposals. While the current book is not the final word on these constructions, we hope it is a good first attempt, which will stimulate more research on these fascinating structures.

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