Selecting the word, line, or paragraph nearest the cursor

To select the word, line or paragraph nearest the cursor
- say "This" followed by "Word", "Line", or "Paragraph"

   Examples: **"This Word"** selects the word nearest the cursor
   "This Line" selects the line the cursor is on
   "This Graph" selects the paragraph the cursor is on

Selecting several characters, words, lines or paragraphs

To select 1-20 characters, words, lines or paragraphs
- say a number from 1 to 20 followed by "Lefts," "Rights," "Befores," "Afters," "Ups," "Downs," "Line Ups," "Lines," "Graph Ups," "Graphs," "Graph Space Ups," "Graph Spaces," "Screen Ups," or "Screens"

   Examples: **"3 Afters"** selects 3 words to the right

   > The big black cat |crouched behind the couch.

   "3 Befores" selects 3 words before the cursor

   "3 Downs" selects 3 lines down starting from the cursor position

   "3 Lines" selects 3 whole lines down starting at the beginning of the line the cursor is on

   "3 Line Ups" selects 3 whole lines up starting with the line above the cursor

   "3 Graphs" selects 3 paragraphs down beginning with the paragraph the cursor is on

   "3 Screens" selects 3 screen's-worth of information down

   Grammar Tip: The commands that selects words are similar to the commands that move the cursor. The difference is that the *move* commands are *singular*, while the *selection* commands are *plural*. For example, "3 After" moves the cursor; "3 Afters" selects.

Distinguishing between "Downs" and "Lines"

Like the cursor placement commands "1-200 Down" and "1-20 Line", the selection words "Downs" and "Lines" have a subtle distinction. "Downs" leaves the cursor at the same position on a new line, which allows for selecting portions of lines, while "Lines" leaves the cursor at the beginning of the new line, which makes it possible to select whole lines no matter where the cursor is. The command words "Ups" and "Line Ups" have the same distinction.

Here's an example:

"2 Downs" selects 2 lines down starting from the original cursor position:

> There |once was a flat with five cats
> who kept the place well free of bats
> 'Til one night as they slept

"2 Lines" selects 2 whole lines down starting at the beginning of the line the cursor started on:

> There |once was a flat with five cats
> who kept the place well free of bats
> 'Til one night as they slept