

Table 2.C

Three consecutive year-term letter-groups that conclude the plates of Mormon

Placement patterns of year-term structural categories			
Structural categories: A = express singular year; B = express plural years			
Beginning letter-group: (AB[A]BA)			
Central letter-group: (BABABA)			
Ending letter-group: (BA[B]AB)			
Reference	Temporal-expression	Letter-groups	Associated narrative
4 Nephi 1:48	<i>until</i> the three hundred and twentieth year from the coming of Christ	A	the records which were sacred ... which had been handed down from generation to generation, which were sacred ... [Ammaron] did hide ... up unto the Lord
Mormon 1:2	<i>being</i> about ten years of age	B	I Mormon ... began to be learned somewhat after the manner of the learning of my people
Mormon 1:3	<i>are</i> about twenty and four years old	B	Ammaron saith ... remember the things that ye have observed concerning this people, and ... engrave upon the plates of Nephi all the things that ye have observed
Mormon 1:6	<i>being</i> eleven years old	B	I Mormon ... was carried by my father into the land southward, even to the land of Zarahemla
Mormon 1:8	<i>in</i> this year	A	there began to be a war between the Nephites ... and the Lamanites
Mormon 1:11	<i>in</i> this same year	A	they did have ... a number of battles, in the which the Nephites did beat the Lamanites
Mormon 1:12	<i>of</i> about four years	B	peace did remain for the space of about four years, that there were no bloodshed. But wickedness did prevail upon the face of the whole land
Mormon 1:15	<i>being</i> fifteen years of age	B	I Mormon ... being somewhat of a sober mind ... was visited of the Lord and ... did endeavor to preach unto this people, but my mouth was shut
Mormon 2:1	<i>in</i> that same year	A	there began to be a war again between the Nephites and the Lamanites. And ... the people of Nephi appointed me that I should be ... the leader of their armies
Mormon 2:2	<i>in</i> my sixteenth year	A	I did go forth at the head of an army of the Nephites against the Lamanites
Mormon 2:2	three hundred and twenty and six years <i>had passed</i>	B	Therefore [a war again ... the people ... appointed me ... I did go forth at the head of an army]
Mormon 2:3	<i>in</i> the three hundred and twenty and seventh year	A	the Lamanites did come upon us with exceeding great power, insomuch that they did frighten my armies; therefore they ... began to retreat towards the north countries
Mormon 2:9	three hundred and thirty years <i>had passed</i>	B	the Lamanites had a king ... Aaron ... [a]nd he came against us with an army of forty and four thousand ... And behold I withstood him with forty and two thousand ... [and] I beat him with my army, that he fled before me
Mormon 2:15	three hundred and forty and four years <i>had passed</i>	B	my heart did begin to rejoice ... [but] the day of grace was past ... for I saw thousands of them hewn down ... and heaped as dung upon the face of the land
Mormon 2:16	<i>in</i> the three hundred and forty and fifth year	A	the Nephites did begin to flee before the Lamanites ... [a]nd they were pursued
Mormon 2:20	<i>in</i> this year	A	the people of Nephi again were hunted and driven
Mormon 2:22	<i>in</i> the three hundred and forty and sixth year	A	[the Lamanites] began to come upon us again. And ... I did speak unto my people and did urge them with great energy ... and ... they did not flee ... but did stand with boldness ... [and] they did flee from before us
Mormon 2:28	the three hundred and forty and ninth year <i>had passed</i>	A	we did go forth against the Lamanites and the robbers of Gaddianton until we had again taken possession of the lands of our inheritance

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Mormon 2:28	<i>in</i> the three hundred and fiftieth year	A	we made a treaty with the Lamanites and the robbers of Gaddianton, in the which we did get the lands of our inheritance divided
Mormon 3:1	ten years more <i>had passed</i>	B	the Lamanites did not come to battle until ...
Mormon 3:4	this tenth year <i>had passed</i>	A	after ... the king of the Lamanites sent an epistle unto me ... they were preparing to come again to battle ... [a]nd I did cause my people that they should gather ... and fortify against them with all our force
Mormon 3:4	<i>making</i> ... three hundred and sixty years from the coming of Christ	B	after this tenth year had passed
Mormon 3:7	<i>in</i> the three hundred and sixty and first year	A	the Lamanites did come ... to battle against us
Mormon 3:7	<i>in</i> that year	A	we did beat them, insomuch that they did return to their own lands again
Mormon 3:8	<i>in</i> the three hundred and sixty and second year	A	they did come down again to battle ... [a]nd we did beat them again ... I Mormon did utterly refuse from this time forth to be a commander and a leader of this people because of their wickedness and abomination
Mormon 4:1	<i>in</i> the three hundred and sixty and third year	A	the Nephites did go up with their armies to battle ... [and] were driven back ... [and] the Lamanites ... did slay many of the Nephites and did take many prisoners
Mormon 4:7	<i>in</i> the three hundred and sixty and fourth year	A	the Lamanites did come against the city Teancum .. [and] they were repulsed and driven back ... [and] the Nephites ... went forth in their own might and took possession again of the city Desolation ... and there had been thousands slain on both sides
Mormon 4:10	the three hundred and sixty and sixth year <i>had passed</i>	A	[after] ... the Lamanites came again upon the Nephites to battle ... [a]nd yet the Nephites repented not of the evil which they had done
Mormon 4:15	<i>in</i> the three hundred and sixty and seventh year	A	the Nephites being angry because the Lamanites had sacrificed their women and their children ... they did beat again the Lamanites and drive them out of their lands
Mormon 4:16	<i>until</i> the three hundred and seventy and fifth year	A	the Lamanites did not come again against the Nephites
Mormon 4:17	<i>in</i> this year	A	[the Lamanites] did come down against the Nephites with all their powers, and they were not numbered because of the greatness of their number. And from this time forth did the Nephites gain no power over the Lamanites, but began to be swept off by them even as a dew before the sun
Mormon 5:5	three hundred and seventy and nine years <i>passed</i>	B	whatsoever lands we had passed by and the inhabitants thereof were not gathered in were destroyed by the Lamanites; and their towns and villages and cities were burned with fire
Mormon 5:6	<i>in</i> the three hundred and eightieth year	A	the Lamanites did come again against us to battle ... [a]nd we did stand against them boldly. But it was all in vain, for so great were their numbers ... that we did again take to flight
Mormon 6:5	three hundred and eighty and four years <i>had passed</i>	B	we had gathered in all the remainder of our people ... [and] I Mormon ... made this record out of the plates of Nephi and hid up ... all the records ... save it were these few plates which I have unto my son Moroni
Mormon 8:6	four hundred years <i>have passed</i> ... since the coming of our Lord and Savior	B	the Lamanites have hunted my people the Nephites down from city to city and from place to place, even until they are no more. And ... the Lamanites are at war one with another; and the whole face of this land is one continual round of murder and bloodshed, and no one knoweth the end of the war

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