

Form, Meaning, and Use Handout

As you engage in your linguistic “detective” work, take notes on the patterns you see. Try to make distinctions between the structure’s form, meaning, and use.

Language structure under investigation: _____

Form (How is this structure formed?):
Write examples from the corpus which show this pattern:
Write your own sentence(s) using the correct pattern:

Meaning (What does this structure mean?):
Write examples from the corpus which show this pattern:
Write your own sentence(s) using the correct pattern:

Use (When is this structure used?):
Write examples from the corpus which show this pattern:
Write your own sentence(s) using the correct pattern: