



Project LUISA

Language Understanding to Improve Student Achievement

#### Session 3. Wednesday, June 26, 2013

8:30 - 11:00 am

- 1. Sharing of Tuesday Afternoon's Accomplishments
- 2. Review Analyzing Functions and Forms
- 3. Discussion of Fillmore and Fillmore Article
- 4. Example Analysis of Text Complexity
- 5. Looking Forward



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### **Analysis of Language Functions and Forms**

Grade 1st-2nd Interacy	iveignbornoods		Compare and Contrast	
•	from teaching materials			
writing that can be given to a language learner.				
Beginning	Intermediate		Advanced	
Form:	Form:	Form:		
Conjunctions: and, both				
Examples:				
A small neighborhood and				
a big neighborhood <u>both</u>				
have families and friends.				
Example Sentence Frame:				
A and a				
both have				
are				

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Theme: Neighborhoods

**Function**: Comparison and Contrast

**Beginning Form**: Conjunctions: *and, both* 

While other students are working on their tasks, my 2 beginning level ELLs will work together to fill out a comparison and contrast chart based on the reading.

Small neighborhoods	All neighborhoods	Big neighborhoods	
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#### Student A

Small neighborhoods and big neighborhoods both have families in them.

Small neighborhoods have few people but big neighborhoods have many people.

Small neighborhoods	All neighborhoods	Big neighborhoods
1. Few people	1. Families	1. Many people
2	2	2
3. A few buildings	3	3. Miles of streets

#### Ask your partner:

What do small neighborhoods **and** big neighborhoods **both** have? What do small neighborhoods have **but** big neighborhoods do not?

#### **Student B**

Small neighborhoods **and** big neighborhoods **both** have friends in them.

Small neighborhoods have few houses and apartments **but** big neighborhoods have many.

1 1 2. Friends 2. Many houses and apartments		borhoods All neighborhoods Big neighborhoods	Small neighborhoods
2 Fow houses and apartments 2 Friends 2 Many houses and apartments	1	1 1	1
2. Ividity flouses and apartificities		nd apartments 2. Friends 2. Many houses and apartments	2. Few houses and apartments
3 3. Something special 3		3. Something special 3	3

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After they work together to fill out the chart, they should write in their journals:

"How is your house similar to and different from school?" Use the words <u>and</u>, <u>both</u>, and <u>but</u> at least one time each.

### **Analysis of Language Functions and Forms**

Grade 1st-2nd Theme	of the	Language	Compare and	
level: literac	y unit: Neighborhoods	<b>Function:</b>	Contrast	
Examples of target Forr	Examples of target Form from teaching materials or			
writing that can be given to a language learner.				
Beginning	Intermediate		Advanced	
Form:	Form:	Form:		
Conjunctions: and, both	Conjunctions: both, but,			
	while, however			
Examples:	Examples:			
A small neighborhood and	Some neighborhoods have	ve		
a big neighborhood <u>both</u>	lots and lots of people in			
have families and friends.	them, while others have			
	only a small population.			
<b>Example Sentence Frame:</b>	<b>Example Sentence Frame</b>	e:		
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both have	while a has/is			
are	·			

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The text my students read contains one Form, but our discussion and their writing can include more.

Theme: Neighborhoods

**Function**: Comparison and Contrast

**Intermediate Form**: Conjunctions: both, but, while, however

While other students are working on their tasks, my 3 intermediate level ELLs will work together to fill out a contrast chart based on the reading.

Small neighborhoods	Big neighborhoods

#### Student A

Small neighborhoods have a small population; **however** big ones have a large population. Small neighborhoods have a few buildings **while** big ones have miles of streets.

Small neighborhoods	Big neighborhoods
1. Small population	1. Large population
2	2
3. A few buildings	3. Miles of streets
4	4

Ask your partner: How are small neighborhoods different from big ones?

#### **Student B**

Small neighborhoods have few houses and apartments; **however** big ones have many. Small neighborhoods are part of villages or towns **while** big ones are part of large cities.

Small neighborhoods	Big neighborhoods	
1	1	
2. Few houses and apartments	2. Many houses and apartments	
3	3	
4. Part of villages or towns	4. Part of large cities	

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#### In your journal, write about the topic:

"How is your house similar to and different from school?"

Use the words <u>both</u>, <u>but</u>, <u>while</u>, and <u>however</u> at least one time each. Start with the sentence:

"Both my house and my school are nice places, but I ..."

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	while, however	although		
Examples:	Examples:	Examples:		
A small neighborhood <u>a</u> ı	d Some neighborhoods have	e Although some		
a big neighborhood <u>both</u>	lots and lots of people in	neighborhoods are small,		
have families and friend	s. them, while others have	they all have family and		
	only a small population.	friends.		
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both have	. while a has/is	are, they all		
are	•	have/are		

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**Advanced Form**: Conjunctions: *not only, although* 

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Small neighborhoods	All neighborhoods	Big neighborhoods	
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#### Student A

**Although** small neighborhoods have few people, they all have families in them.

Although small neighborhoods have few buildings, they all have something special.

Small neighborhoods	All neighborhoods	Big neighborhoods
1. Few people	1. Families	1
2. Few houses and apartments	2. Friends	2
3. A few buildings	3. Something special	3

#### Ask your partner:

How are big neighborhoods **different from** all neighborhoods?

#### Student B

**Although** all neighborhoods have families, only big neighborhoods have many people. **Although** all neighborhoods have friends, only big neighborhoods have many houses.

Small neighborhoods	All neighborhoods	Big neighborhoods
1	1. Families	1. Many people
2	2. Friends	2. Many houses and apartments
3	3. Something special	3. Miles of streets

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"How is your house similar to and different from school?"

Use the words <u>although</u> and <u>not only</u> at least one time each.

Start with: "My house is **not only** \_\_\_\_\_ **but also** \_\_\_\_\_.



# What Does Text Complexity Mean

for English Learners and Language Minority Students?

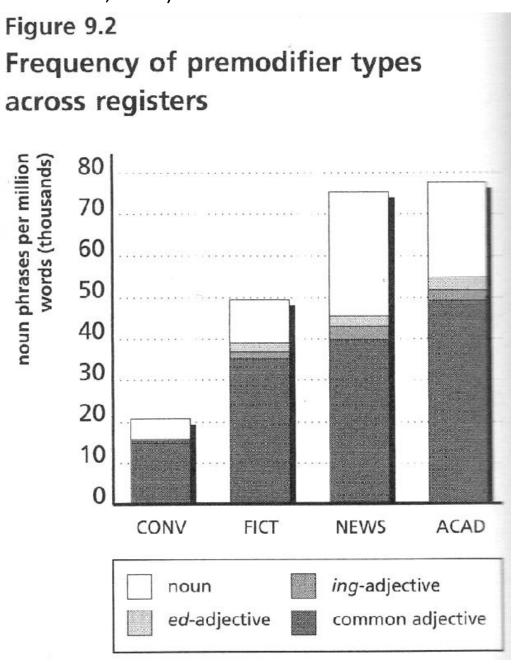
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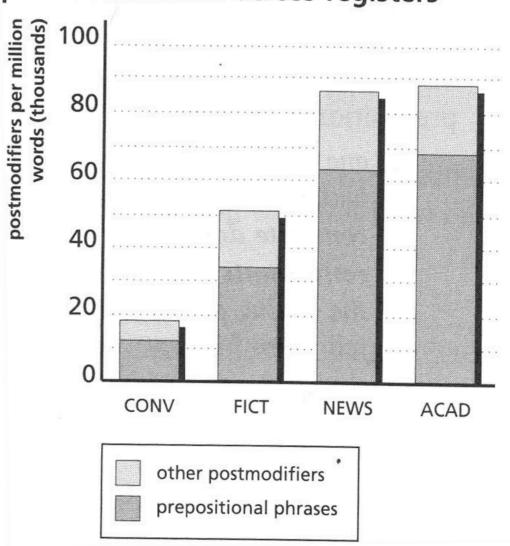
- The language used in complex texts is difficult and cannot be learned through talking with native speakers, but only though working with the texts themselves.
- It is especially critical that students have access to complex texts because after fourth grade, they serve as the vehicle for content delivery. (K-3: Learning to read; 4-12: Reading to learn)
- Academic texts are marked by INFORMATIONAL DENSITY: every clause or phrase contains information critical to understanding the topic.

(Biber, Conrad, and Leech, 2002)



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Figure 9.3
Prepositional v. other
postmodification across registers



# Strategy: Looking Closely at Language One Sentence at a Time

- Students do not necessarily need to learn the grammatical and linguistic terms related to complex texts, but they do need to learn how to understand the ideas found in such writing.
- Planning is necessary: teachers must choose a sentence that is grammatically interesting and complex, and which contains ideas necessary for understanding the content.
- The practice helps teachers engage their students in the "consciousness-raising" and "noticing" of language forms referred to by Larsen-Freeman (2001).
- In the example cited by the authors, teachers engaged in the practice just 15-20 minutes daily.

# One Sentence Analysis The Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett

It was in that strange and sudden way that Mary found out that she had neither father nor mother left; that they had died and been carried away in the night, and that the few native servants who had not died also had left the house as quickly as they could get out of it, none of them even remembering that there was a Missie Sahib (p. 7).

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# One Sentence Analysis

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Mary found out
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[WHAT DID SHE FIND OUT?]

that she had neither mother nor father left [WHAT HAPPENED TO THEM?]

that they had died and been carried away in the night [AND?]

that the few native servants [WHICH ONES?]

who had not died

also had left the house

[HOW DID THEY LEAVE THE HOUSE?]

as quickly as they could get out of it [ANYTHING ELSE?]

none of them remembering [REMEMBERING WHAT?]

that there was a Missie Sahib.

# One Sentence Analysis *Eruption*!

The rock that comes out of a volcano is called lava (8).

The rock [that comes out of a volcano] is called lava.





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#### **Looking Forward**

#### **Tomorrow**

- 1. Bring any teaching materials for next fall in which you want to include some explicit language teaching.
- 2. Bring your Azar Grammar Chartbook.
- 3. Think about presentations for Friday.

