A. Noticing Modal Particle Usage

Worksheet 2: Noticing Modal Particle Usage

In order to see how aware you are of these small words and how they are typically used, use Answer Key 1 as you answer the following questions:

1. What word category (part of speech) do the words marked in bold belong to in these excerpts?

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2. Can you list other words belonging to this category?

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3. What meanings do the bold faced words express in these examples (check all that are appropriate and add more if you wish)?

- Create friendly atmosphere
- Make communication more natural
- Make the speech stretches more coherent
- Make communication more polite
- Indicate colloquial/informal communication
- Indicate formal communication
- Are characteristic of written texts
- Give a spoken quality to written texts
- Emphasize other particular words
- Enforce sentence meaning
- Mitigate interpersonal threats

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4. Which of the bold faced words do you use when you are speaking German to express the meanings you checked above?

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