

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?

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

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

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