

Course Objectives for Course 1: The Structure of Written English

After completing the course participants will be able to use linguistic analysis to explain the basis for specific errors of word reading and spelling and use semantic and syntactic analysis to explain specific errors in word choice and sentence formulation errors. Participants will be able to explain the structure of written English "from speech to print," using units of linguistic analysis in the domains of language: phonology, orthography, morphology, syntax, semantics and discourse.

While all domains of written language will be discussed in this course, the focus will be on the lower levels (phonological, orthographic and morphological) since the structural organization at these levels tends to be both the least "self-evident" and also the most associated with reading and writing impairments. (See Moats, 2010, pp. 8-10.)

Each unit has a specific set of objectives. Please review them as you begin the study of each unit.

The *general* objectives for Course 1 are:

- 1) List the domains of language, from speech to print.
- 2) Define a syllable and explain where this unit fits into the domains of language schema.
- 3) Categorize syllables according to their orthographic syllable type.
- 4) Given a syllable, isolate its phonemes and specify the graphemes that represent them.
- 5) Explain the influence of syllable stress on vowel sounds.
- 6) Explain the roles of phonology and morphology in orthography (spelling) of English words.
- 7) Use Word Sums to analyze the morphological structure of English words.
- 8) Differentiate inflectional from derivational suffixes and explain their functions.
- 9) Differentiate clauses from phrases.
- 10) Given a sentence, label words and phrases by their function (part of speech) in the sentence.

.....and link all this to why it matters for literacy teaching and learning.

The text for this course is *Speech to Print, Ed. 2* (2010) by Louisa Cook Moats. ISBN-13: 978-159857-050-2. You can buy the book online, from the publisher, [Paul H. Brookes Publishing Co.](#) or from [Amazon](#).

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