Workbook for the Second Edition of

*Understanding Language Structure, Interaction, and Variation*

This workbook provides students with exercises to help in the study of linguistics. The workbook is aligned with the materials in *Understanding Language Structure, Interaction, and Variation*, Second Edition, but it is otherwise independent from it (i.e., students may do the exercises without referring to the book, provided, of course, they know the relevant material). Clearly, it would have been impossible to design exercises for all the chapters of the book and probably not even desirable. *Understanding Language Structure, Interaction, and Variation* already includes a few exercises/research projects in each chapter that can be used in classroom-based assignments should the instructor desire to assign them or should students want to deepen their understanding of a subject. The materials presented here focus primarily on those areas of **phonetics, morphology, syntax, and semantics** where students traditionally require more practice. Grammar and historical linguistics are also included. In keeping with the introductory nature of the coverage of *Understanding Language Structure, Interaction, and Variation*, no formal phonology or morphology problems are provided since they are meant for advanced students. The answer key for the workbook can be found online at [www.press.umich.edu/esl/tm/](http://www.press.umich.edu/esl/tm/). A key is not provided for all exercises.

These exercises are the result of several years’ experience teaching introductory courses in linguistics for a variety of audiences and in a variety of settings. All three authors share responsibility for the materials herein, but in fairness, the majority of the exercises were designed by Cynthia Vigliotti.

We hope that both students and instructors will find these exercises useful. Any feedback, especially from those instructors/students who have new ideas for problems/exercises or from those who might require exercises in areas that we have not covered, would be greatly appreciated.

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