

# LANIT Classifications and Functions of Different Speech Acts

### Introduction (5 minutes)

Welcome to this worksheet on classifications and functions of different speech acts! This activity is designed to help you understand and apply the different types of speech acts in various social and professional contexts. By the end of this worksheet, you will be able to identify, analyze, and effectively use different speech acts to convey meaning and achieve communication goals.

## Section 1: Understanding Speech Acts (15 minutes)

Read the following questions and choose the correct answer:

- 1. What is a speech act?
  - a. A sentence that conveys meaning
  - b. An utterance that performs a specific function
  - c. A type of nonverbal communication
  - d. A form of written communication

#### Answer: b) An utterance that performs a specific function

- 2. Which of the following is an example of a speech act?
  - a. "The sky is blue"
  - b. "Can you pass the salt?"
  - c. "I'm going to the store"
  - d. "The book is on the table"

Answer: b) "Can you pass the salt?"

#### Section 2: Classifications of Speech Acts (15 minutes)

Read the following questions and choose the correct answer:

- 1. What are the five main classifications of speech acts?
  - a. Assertive, expressive, directive, commissive, and declarative
  - b. Imperative, declarative, interrogative, exclamatory, and conditional
  - c. Formal, informal, written, spoken, and nonverbal
  - d. Verbal, nonverbal, written, and spoken

#### Answer: a) Assertive, expressive, directive, commissive, and declarative

- 2. Which type of speech act is used to express emotions or feelings?
  - a. Assertive
  - b. Expressive
  - c. Directive
  - d. Commissive

Answer: b) Expressive

# Section 3: Functions of Speech Acts (15 minutes)

Read the following questions and choose the correct answer:

- 1. What is the function of a directive speech act?
  - a. To express emotions or feelings
  - b. To make a statement or claim
  - c. To direct or instruct someone to do something
  - d. To make a promise or commitment

#### Answer: c) To direct or instruct someone to do something

- 2. Which of the following is an example of a commissive speech act?
  - a. "I'm going to the store"
  - b. "Can you pass the salt?"
  - c. "I promise to meet you at 5 pm"
  - d. "The book is on the table"

Answer: c) "I promise to meet you at 5 pm"

	on 4: Applying Speech Acts (20 minutes)  lete the following activities:
	Role-play a scenario where you need to use a directive speech act to ask someone to do something.
	Write a short paragraph using at least three different speech acts (e.g. assertive, expressive, and directive).
Secti	on 5: Reflection and Feedback (10 minutes)
Comp	lete the following activities:
	Reflect on your understanding of the different classifications and functions of speech acts. What did you learn? What challenges did you face?
2.	Provide feedback on your own use of speech acts in everyday conversations. How can you improve your communication skills?

# Conclusion (5 minutes)

Congratulations on completing this worksheet on classifications and functions of different speech acts! Remember that effective communication is key to achieving your goals and building strong relationships. By understanding and applying the different types of speech acts, you can become a more confident and effective communicator.