

Breath of Life, Washington DC, June 2, 2017 Homework 3

Option 1 – Constructing Basic Sentences

Work with your team members to identify and describe a basic sentence pattern for your language, and be ready to describe it *as you would do so to somebody from your own community who is learning their heritage language*. As part of doing so, use this sentence pattern with at least three different verb roots.

Here are some ideas:

- a. pattern for basic sentences (“I sing” or “I am singing.”)
- b. pattern for negative sentences (“I am not singing.”)
- c. pattern for commands (“Sing!”)
- d. pattern for confirmation (yes/no) questions (“Are you singing?”)

Option 2 – Constructing Complex Sentences

Work with your team members to identify and describe a complex sentence pattern for your language, and be ready to describe it *as you would do so to somebody from your own community who is learning their heritage language*. As part of this, use this sentence pattern with at least three different verb roots.

Here are some ideas:

- a. pattern to make a negative command (“Don’t cry!” “Don’t sing!” “Don’t eat!”, etc.)
- b. pattern to make a sentence with both a **subject** and an **object** (“**She** helped **me**.”)
- c. pattern to make a **time-specifying clause** (“**When she arrived**, I was cooking.”)
- d. pattern to make a sentence with a **subject**, an **object**, and a **benefactive** (“**She** baked **me** a **cake**.”)

Option 3: Work on your project!