Contents

List of Acronyms x

PART 1: AN INTRODUCTION TO CORPUS LINGUISTICS 1

What Is Corpus Linguistics? 2
What Corpus Linguistics Is Not 2

Chapter 1: Principles of Corpus Linguistics 4

Questions We Can Answer with Corpora 4
The Corpus Approach 7
Target Features 8
Phraseology 8
Lexicogrammar 10
Register 11
ESP 11
Nuances of Language 12
Syllabus Design 12
Tools 12
Types of Corpora 12
Creating Corpus 14
Concordancing Programs 16
Procedures 18
A Framework for Creating Corpus-Designed Activities 18
Modifying Activities by Language Levels 20
On Your Own 22

PART 2: CORPORA IN LANGUAGE TEACHING 23

Chapter 2: Corpus-Influenced Materials 25

Target Features 26
Tools 27
Published Materials 28
Procedures 29
On Your Own 35

Chapter 3: Corpus-Cited Texts 36

Target Features 36
Tools 37
Longman Grammar of Spoken and Written English 37
Cambridge Grammar of English 38
Oxford Collocations Dictionary for Students of English 39
Procedures 39
The Corpus-Cited Text 40
Application 42
On Your Own 45

PART 3: CORPUS-DESIGNED ACTIVITIES 47

Chapter 4: "I never noticed that before!"
Patterns for *a / an* and *the* in Televised News Shows 49

Target Feature: Articles 49
Tools 50
Procedures 52
On Your Own 55

Chapter 5: "These patterns are eye opening."
Signal Words in Academic Speaking 58

Target Feature: Signal Words 58
Tools 59
Procedures 61
On Your Own 69

Chapter 6: "That's so interesting!"
Studying Vocabulary in an American Memoir 70

Target Feature: Academic Vocabulary 71
Tools 72
Procedures 74
On Your Own 76

Chapter 7: "I do that?"
Comma Errors in Students' Academic Writing 77

Target Feature: Comma Errors 77
Tools 78
Procedures 80
On Your Own 86
A Step-by-Step Guide to Using TextSTAT in a CEA Activity 87

Chapter 8: Final Thoughts on Using Corpora in the Classroom 93

Appendix 1: Corpora and Concordancing Tools 97

Appendix 2: Class Materials 101

A: Articles 101
B: Signal Words 106
C: Academic Vocabulary 120
D: Comma Errors 122

References 128

Index 131