USING CORPUS RESOURCES AND FINDINGS IN ELT

Gena Bennett

Tom Cobb

Silvana Dushku

Randi Reppen

Paul Thompson

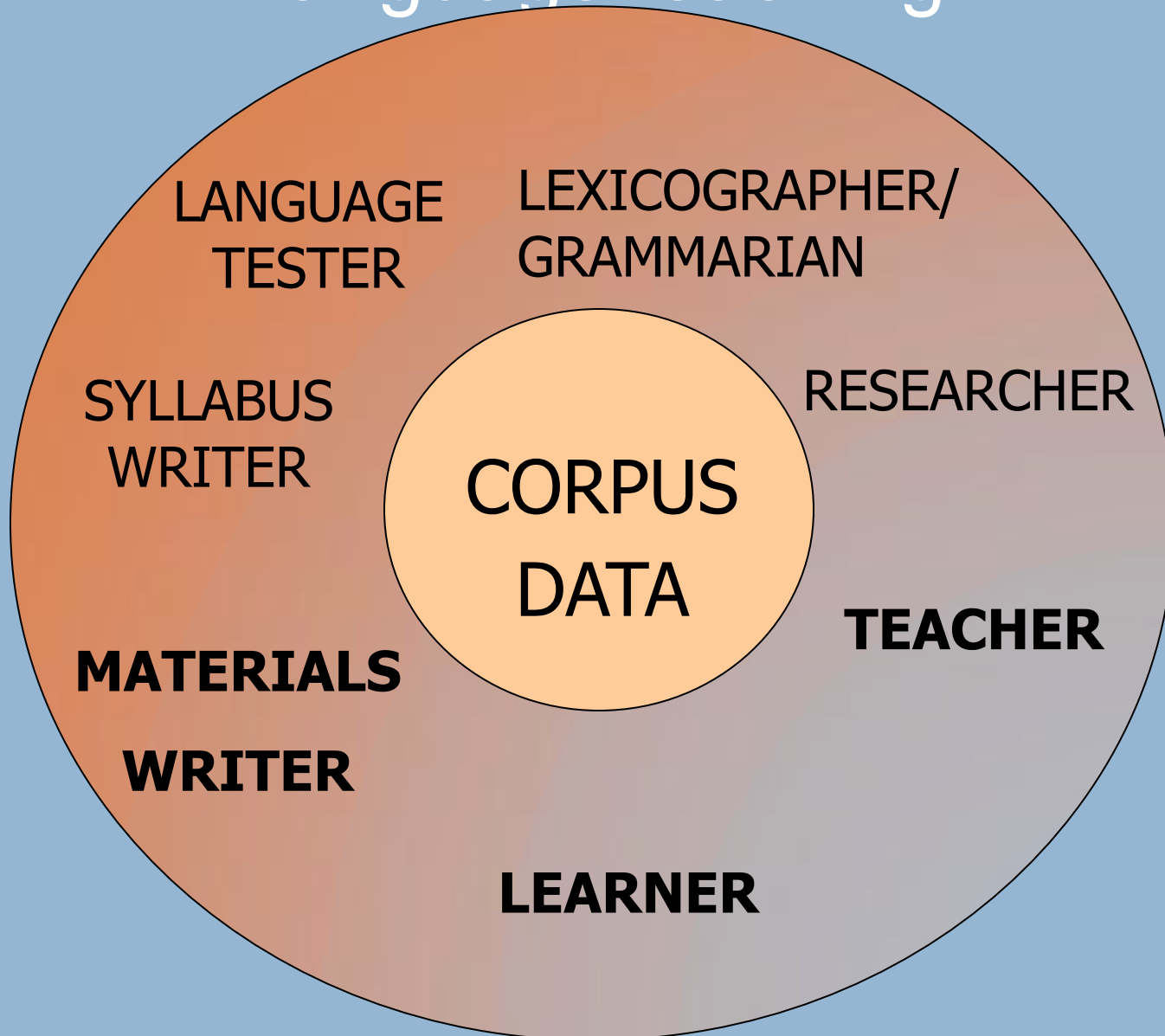Steve Walsh

A colloquium
TESOL 2012

Corpus: collection of texts

- Evidence of natural language use
- Finding out about frequency, patterning
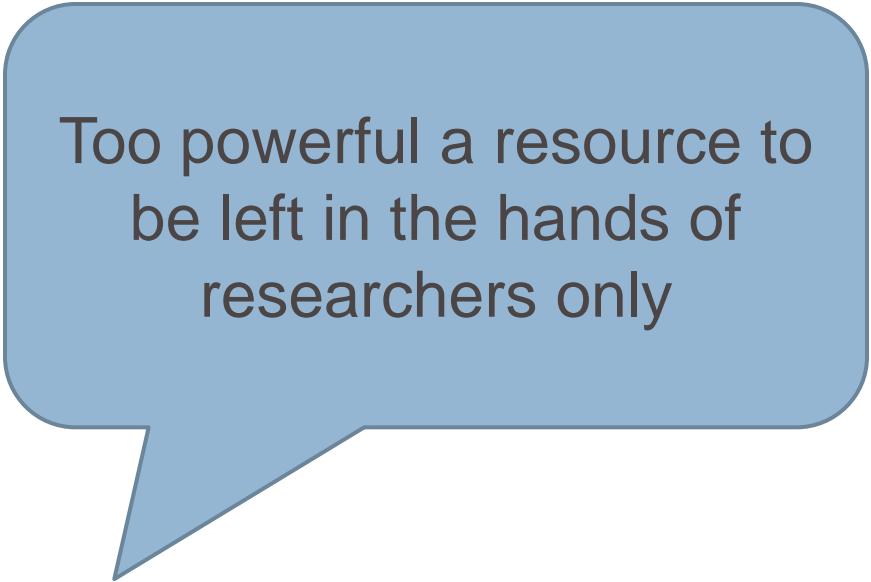- Tendencies
- Probabilities

Language teaching

LANGUAGE TESTER

LEXICOGRAPHER/ GRAMMARIAN

SYLLABUS WRITER

RESEARCHER

CORPUS DATA

MATERIALS WRITER

TEACHER

LEARNER

Teaching about language

Some corpora

- COCA
- BNC (British National Corpus)
- MICASE
- BAWE
- Sacodeyl
- Etc.

Too powerful a resource to be left in the hands of researchers only

written
language

spoken
language

using corpora
for learning about

vocabulary

grammar

Menu for this colloquium

1. Gena Bennett
   What does it mean to use corpora?
2. Steve Walsh
   Using corpora to teach speaking skills
3. Randi Reppen
   Teaching vocabulary and grammar with corpora
4. Tom Cobb
   10 uses of a million word corpus in ESL
5. Silvana Dushku and Paul Thompson
   An example of corpus-informed materials development

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Handouts

http://paulslals.org.uk/tesol.htm