

Trainer Guide – Ruth Meaning Map Practice

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Purpose

- Help analysts get familiar with the clause-level meaning map workflow.
- Practice using Register filtering and selecting Tripod categories.

Setup (5 minutes)

- Ask each analyst to open `Ruth_Meaning_Map_Practice.html` in a browser.
- Demonstrate the Register filter and search box.

Recommended Flow (15–30 minutes)

- 1) Pick a short section (e.g., Ruth 1:1–5).
- 2) For each clause:
 - Read Hebrew + word-by-word gloss
 - Read the English translation line
 - Select the correct Register (if not already set)
 - Fill: Clause type, Event category, Discourse function, Time frame
 - Fill mentions and participant links
- 3) Compare results across analysts and discuss differences.

Common Mistakes to Watch For

- Treating “clause type” as grammatical tense. It is semantic.
- Forgetting to update Register for direct speech.
- Confusing participant mentions with events or locations.
- Over-using “background” for mainline events.

Coaching Tips

- Encourage analysts to use the search box (verse numbers).
- Remind them that auto-filled values are drafts, not final.
- If unsure, mark “needs input” and leave a note.

Practice Session Agenda (Suggested)

- 5 min: Tool walkthrough
- 10 min: Individual mapping (Ruth 1:1–5)
- 10 min: Group review and discussion