

## Assignment No. 17

### Due: 13:15 on Thursday 14 May 2015 via email

There is no word limit/requirement for these exercises. Your responses may be in English, French, Spanish, German, Arabic, or any other language you are comfortable writing in. The grammar, spelling, and prescriptive conventions are not evaluated for the assignment. You do not need to edit, revise a number of times, or attend in any special way to form or language. You should just write in a way that is clear to you. You are welcome to use bullet points. You do not need to write complete sentences or in paragraph form complete with transitions.

Homework should be submitted by 15:15 on the day it is due. There is no late homework accepted. All written assignments must be typed using 12 pt Times New Roman or 11 pt Arial font with 1" margins. All assignments must be send in one of the following formats: .doc, .docx, .txt, .tex, .pdf, .rtf, .odt, .dot. Remember to cite all sources and use APA guidelines for the citations. Homework must also include your name, class, date, and assignment.

## 1 Real-world conversation observations

For this homework, you are to observe (eavesdrop) on conversations of which you are not a part. You can do this for any language. In class we covered the following rule-governed aspects of conversation:

- Opening sequences
- Closing sequences
- Routines
- Repairs
- Adjacency Pairs
- Politeness

For this assignment, find five examples of rule-governed conversation. Use the list above to help guide you in picking something. You do not need to do one of each. Just find five examples of anything, which can be of the same type (e.g. five examples of just opening sequences). Include example of the rule-governed exchange in a conversation you eavesdropped on. Make sure to detail where you heard the conversation and include a short snippet of the conversation.

For example:

- **Type:** Closing Sequence
- **Details:** In the Second Language Acquisition at the CUNY Graduate Center. A conversation between co-workers, one of which who is leaving on a trip.
- **Excerpt:**
  - A: Well I'm out
  - B: Ok. Have a good trip
  - A: Thanks. Will do. See you when I get back.
  - B: Ok. Bye. Be safe.