

# Lecture 22

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# Repairs

- When speakers correct or clarify themselves or other speakers

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# Politeness

- Conventions for language use include implicit rules for expressing concern for another person's status and self-image.

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- Speakers of a language learn which words are appropriate for different politeness contexts.
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- Can you think of an English example in which morphology or syntax encodes politeness?

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## Terms of Address

- Terms of address include deictic pronouns, first names, last names, titles, nicknames, and other honorifics.
- What is no-naming and how do speakers use it as a politeness strategy?

## Politeness Conventions

### Cross-Linguistic and Cross-Cultural Politeness Conventions

- We know that cultural values vary from family to family, society to society, classroom to classroom, etc

## Politeness Conventions

### Pronouns

- The American English pronoun system does not encode politeness distinctions.
  - I, you, he, she, we, y'all/youz/you'uns, they
  - These do not vary with the social status of the speaker, interlocutor, or referent

## Politeness Conventions

### Pronouns

- Many languages encode politeness distinctions in the second person pronouns
  - Tu vs. Usted; Tu vs. Vous
  - Du vs. Sie
  - Omae vs. Anata