

B. Discussion: spoken or written? (EL4252: Session 1)

(a) Friends' conversation (ICE-SIN S1a-005)

<A> <#>So so when's Mary coming back here
<C> <#>She's on the way <#>Any moment I'm waiting for the pager to buzz and
<A> <#>and pick her up from the
<C> <#>I'll go and pick her up <#>No on her way
<D> <#>On her way back
<C> <#>Yah
<D> <#>Oh I thought I thought she's uh
<A> <#>She she she went to what
<C> <#>Malacca
<A> <#>What is this a holiday or
<C> <#>Just a look-see and shop
<A> <#>Alone
<C> <#>With some small group members
<A> <#>Orh
<C> <#>Two other ladies
<A> <#>Malacca is quite a nice place
<D> <#>For sure they won't have a doubt
<C> <#><O>laughter</O> <#>Does it tally
<A> <#>Or does it done by coach or by train or something
<C> <#>Coach <#>Sans tours
<A> <#>So she can land up somewhere in that People's Park or something like that

(b) Friends' discussion

G: Ra-Rama's father is a teacher or something, right?
S: Hmm
G: I remember first time I asked him.
I said, 'Where is your father?'
He said, 'He's a principal.'
So I said, 'Where is he a principal?'
S: Haig Boys, I think.
G: No, said Oxford.

(c) Parliamentary debate (ICE-SIN S1B-053)

 <#> Mr Chairman Sir I beg to move that the sum to be allocated for head to be reduced by ten dollars in respect of code fifteen hundred of the main estimates <#>Sir my subject is uh fixing of airline fares <#>Sometime last year about twenty airlines which fixes air fares in Singapore in a cartel called the Intra-Marketing Programme collapsed in the process <#>uh air fares to London were literally halved what it was <#>But for the last several years in nineteen uh eighty nine there was a different programme called market development programme which again form a similar airlines uh to regulate set minimum prices for air fares <#>All this fixing of air fares out of Singapore is to the disadvantage of the consumers the Singaporeans especially <#>This fixing of air fares leads to ridiculous <unclear> word </unclear> whereby it's cheaper for Malaysians to travel from Kuala Lumpur to Singapore and to London than for Singaporeans to travel from Singapore to London

(d) From the play 'The Lift' by Heng Siok Tian

MAN. Jam?
WOMAN. If jam, how come can go up and down and door won't open.
MAN. That's why its [*sic*] jammed, door can't open.
WOMAN. Hah? Or maybe some naughty boy is playing with the lift inside.
MAN. Maybe.
WOMAN. Maybe one of those Ah Fei and their girlfriends playing. Nowadays all these boys and girls always fool around.
Only two weeks ago at the other block got girl jump from the top. Got baby some more people say. Tsk tsk young, you know. Maybe only 16 or 17.
MAN. Bodoh.
WOMAN. Yah (*Pause*). Hmm ... really, don't know who's inside. Maybe could be old man.
MAN. Old man?
WOMAN. Yah. There's an old man who always stand around here. He wears a white singlet. I see him all the time, usually at night when I come home from shift duties. Carries two bird cage, wears thick glasses.

(e) Singapore: The Encyclopedia (2006), p. 15

Ang Peng Siong (1962–) Sportsman. National swimmer and two-time Olympian. Ang Peng Siong recorded the world's best time (22.69 sec) for the 50-m freestyle in 1982. Unfortunately, that was before the event was officially recognized in the Olympics. A repeat of the feat in Seoul (1988), when the event was finally introduced to the Games, would have given him a bronze medal.

(f) The Linguistics Encyclopaedia (1990), p. 100

The term **discourse analysis** was first employed in 1952 by Zelig Harris as the name for 'a method for the analysis of connected speech (or writing)' (Harris, 1952, p. 1), that is, for 'continuing descriptive linguistics beyond the limits of a single sentence at a time', and for 'correlating "culture" and language' (p. 2).

(g) Rex Shelley (1995), *Island in the Centre*, p. 106

They met the next day, Vicky rushing back to the de Cruzes' from the beach picnic the girls had organised. She drove down to Singapore the next weekend. He met her tired and dirty from the drive. She didn't stay at the de Cruzes'. They collapsed into each other's arms and coalesced into an intimacy, consummating the fires that their collision on the trunk road had ignited.

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