

Strategy and Discourse of Questioning

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Phatic Interaction

- Communication which has the primary aim of forming and reinforcing social bonds.

Transactional vs. Interactional

- Transactional questions seek to gather specific information.

Examples: *What time is it?*

How much is this?

How do you open this file?

Answers tend to be concise.

Interactional Questions

- Suggest possible topics for discourse.
- Are often multi-faceted.
- Do not require concise answers.
- Answers may be only tangentially related to the question

Question Schema 1.

1. *I don't really play any sports,*
2. *I mean,*
3. *I like watching soccer and rugby on T.V. but I don't actually do any sports myself.*
4. *How about you?*
5. *Do you do any sports?*

Question Schema 2.

- 1. How do you mainly use your cell phone?*
- 2. You know, like*
- 3. Mailing, calling, internet,*
- 4. Something like that.*

Question Schema 3

- 1. What do you usually do after school?*
- 2. (I mean,)*
- 3. Do you have a part time job or anything, or do you just go straight home?*

Answer Schema

- Answer the question
- Discourse marker
- Give further factual information
- Discourse marker
- Give subjective information

Answer

- *Well, I go running and swimming, you know,*
- *I mean,*
- *I don't do any team sport, like soccer or baseball, anything like that*
- *To tell the truth,*
- *I mostly like exercising on my own.*