

Gender, Interaction and Meaning in Linguistic Variation:

Example Transcripts

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Transcription Conventions

	Bounds simultaneous speech.
=	Utterances produced with noticeably less transition time between them than usual.
...	Noticeable silence (when silence not measured)
(number)	Silences timed in seconds (when measured)
#	Bounds passage said very quickly.
TEXT	Upper case letters indicate noticeably loud volume.
*	Indicates low volume, placed around the soft words.
-	Indicates that the sound that precedes is cut off, stopped suddenly and sharply.
:	Indicates the sound that precedes it is prolonged.
,	Indicates a slight intonational rise.
?	Indicates a sharp intonational rise.
(text)	Transcript enclosed in single parenthesis indicates uncertain hearing.
((comment))	Double parenthesis enclose transcriber's comments.

Excerpt 1: NYPD Blue Wedding Announcement

1. Diane: Morning.
2. Jill: Morning Diane.
3. Diane: Hn I may get even jumpier
4. Jill: What are you jumpy about
5. Diane: hhhh Hyep Only reason I don't say is not to put you in an awkward position
6. Jill: Ah I got my quota of them.
7. Diane: If there's someone I've come to um appreciate and respect it's you.
8. Jill: Thanks back at you
9. Diane: Hnn and someone I like to confide in
10. Jill: Course positions that other people find uncomfortable I can uh I can get myself around
11. Diane: Bobby and I are getting married.
12. Jill: I was hoping it was gonna be that
13. Diane: Obviously we can't make it public cause of the job.
14. Jill: Oh I won't say anything
15. Diane: Oh I'm so glad to tell someone
16. Jill: Well how about your Mom and your brother
17. Diane: Ah I haven't told them either don't ask why because well I don't know
18. Jill: eh he he he Well how you going to do it
19. Diane: As much as we always have or I'm going to be really pissed off eh he he
20. Jill: eh he he
21. Diane: Oh you mean get married that that
22. Jill: No no that that that was a good answer
23. Diane: Yeah
24. Jill: Yeah
25. Diane: hhhhhh lunchtime tomorrow at City Hall Oh

Excerpt 2: NYPD Blue Consultation

1. Diane: Neither of us feels the guys the father gave us are likely candidates
2. Jill: Neither of em has a record and one's under psychiatric care but he's completely cooperative
3. Lt.: What about the child welfare complaints against the father
4. Diane: Never any indication of physical abuse they all had to do with possible truancy The hours she sings in the park
5. Lt.: hhhh hmmm I guess you are going to have to start going through the register of pedophiles.
6. Sect'y: Hi Mister Mentel
7. Father: My daughter's missing
8. Diane: Come on in Art.
9. Father: There's no progress is it.
10. Jill: Art this is our boss Lt. Fancy Art Mentel
11. Lt.: Yeah. How do you do Why don't you have a seat
12. Father: Is it any progress looking for my daughter
13. Lt.: We've got a lot of wheels turning. The different parts of our job have all started looking for Chloe. The transit police are doing sweeps of the subway and we're looking in all the parks.
14. Jill: Every cop has Chloe's photo now
15. Father: I've seen them on my street at least
16. Lt.: Yeah. They'll search the hallways the rooftops and the basements of all the buildings on your block. And if it's appropriate they'll widen out.
17. Father: What do you mean if it's appropriate
18. Diane: He just means if any more time goes by before we find Chloe
19. Lt.: Yeah. If we're still looking tomorrow the FBI will join the search and the TV stations will start to help.

Excerpt 3: NYPD Blue Interrogation

1. Todd: I understand why you have to do this
2. Diane: Uh huh
3. Todd: I wish in the past I hadn't had my former problems but I know I can't change that
4. Jill: Shut your mouth OK Todd
5. Todd: I understand.
6. Diane: Account for your last forty eight hours
7. Todd: Work Monday eight am to six thirty pm at the video store had a sprout avocado and tuna sandwich on pita at Healthy Outlook at seven fifteen after work
8. Jill: Are you being smart
9. Todd: No I swear I'm not uh b I went home
10. Diane: Alone
11. Todd: Alone yes. Watched a video of the Fifth Element. Watched Politically Incorrect on commercial television
12. Diane: Go through your day yesterday
13. Todd: Went to work at eight thirty
14. Jill: You open the store
15. Todd: Mr. Epstein's been kind enough to have a growing confidence in my managerial abilities that he allows me now to do that.
16. Diane: Did you walk to work yesterday
17. Todd: Well I thought about not because it was wanting to rain but my gamble worked out
18. Jill: hhhh You're going to get hurt if you don't start answering yes or no
19. Todd: Yes yes yesterday I walked to work
20. Diane: How close were you to the park at the closest point in the walk
21. Todd: I'd like you to consider if there isn't an unfair thrust in that question
22. Todd: You know that's really unfair
23. Diane: Did you see that little girl yesterday Todd
24. Todd: You know that was a vicious thing to do when I've done nothing but try to cooperate
25. Jill: Do you want to get hit again
26. Todd: Do I want to get hit again. Why would I want to get hit again.
27. Diane: Did you see her

- 28.Todd: If I did I guess that would make me a valuable person to your investigation
- 29.Todd: hhhhhh oh you are vicious
- 30.Diane: Do you know where that girl is
- 31.Todd: If I did I guess that would make me a valuable person to your investigation
- 32.Diane: Do you think you are into it Todd. We will kill you and bury you where no one will ever find you in a field in Nassau and then you won't be into anything
- 33.Todd: That little girl was wandering in a position of vulnerability She needed respite And she needed to be off the street.
- 34.Jill: Oh you sick son of a bitch
- 35.Diane: Where is she Is she alive?
- 36.Todd: Oh well Such a predatory and sick person I'm not sure
- 37.Lt.: I'll take care of this
- 38.Todd: Oh my god

Excerpt 4: Pete and Jen

93 Jen: God I haven't been here in a long time.
94 Um, what time do have to leave?
95 Do you really have to go to class?
96 Pete: |Yes.
97 Dan: |Can we have another glass? ((to waiter))
98 Jen: You do?
99 Dan: No rush. ((as if to waiter, who had been slow))
100 Pete: What time is it?
101 Jen: I'm parked over there is that OK?
102 (?)
103 Six twenty-five
104 Pete: Forty five?
105 Jen: Twenty-five.
106 Jen: What time do you have to leave?
107 Pete: I have to leave by seven.
108 Jen: No:. Seven fifteen. (.)
109 Do you have a test in your class?
110 Pete: Yes.
111 Jen: Oh well then OK (?)
112 Pete: I'll leave at (.) ten after.
113 Jen: Greta's coming here too.
114 Pete: Greg?
115 Jen: No.
116 Y'know what-?
117 Pete: Greg was s'posed to come.
118 Jen: Alex called, was like
119 Can you tell Greg to um
120 he owes us a hundred an twenty dollars for his bills.
121 I was like he doesn't live here now.
122 (3.1)
123 Pete: (Guess that's Greg's problem.)
124 Dan: You want another one?
125 Pete: Yeah I want another one. Huh.
126 (3.7)
127 Dan: I told him to get you a glass.
128 Jen: (I got kicked outta here one time)
129 Pete: Why? Were you being obnoxious and rowdy?

130 Jen: Oh: my God. I can't tell you how drunk I was.
131 Don't even remember anything.
132 Pete: Shouldn't drink so much.
133 Jen: Are they gonna card me? (.)
134 Pete: Huh?
135 Jen: Are they gonna card me?
136 Pete: Prob|bably.|
137 Jen: |I'm| nervous. he ha
138 Pete: I wouldn't worry about it too much.

Excerpt 5: Speed 1

82. Mick: Speed.
83. Speed: Ri:tchie. I like Ritchie 'cause he's smart
84. and he probably (writes really good) too:.
85. so let him do it dude.

Excerpt 6: Ram 1

119. Ram: um I'd like to endorse Kurt here, surprisingly
120. I mean the kid-
121. I don't want to see him fall into another-
122. and I'm not saying that he would
123. Kevin Fierst type thing,
124. I think we need to make him-
125. we need to strongly involve him now
126. I think he's pretty serious about it, y'know
127. and with a little guidance I mean he'll do a fine job.

Excerpt 7: Dude1

44 Pete: Fuckin' ay man.
45 Gimme the red Dave. Dude. (1.0)
46 Dave: No.
47 Pete: Dave dude, dude Dave hm hm hm hm
48 Dave: I'll give you the purple one
49 Pete: Oh that's a good trade

Excerpt 8: Dude2

1 Dan: I love playin' caps.
2 That's what did me in last-| |last week.
3 Pete: |that's-|
4 Everybody plays that damn game, dude.

Excerpt 9: Dude3

1 Speed: Ri:tchie. I like Ritchie 'cause he's smart
2 and he probably (writes really good) too:.
3 so let him do it dude.

Excerpt 10: Dude4

1 Rush: Junior Burroughs is tough he's gonna be (tough to beat)
2 Saul: Oh HELL yeah dude

Excerpt 11: Dude5

60 Mack: You've been getting dude, what-
61 and this is, again what I'm coming down to
62 SK: ??
63 Mack: It really- the guys have been telling you what is supposed to happen
64 they don't know.