

Conversation Analysis: Unit 3

Overview

Here is a handout that will help your students review key points from Unit 3. It can be done in class as an expansion activity, as a short quiz, or as a homework assignment.

In this task, students must analyze the Listening Practice dialog on page 53 by answering questions about it. By doing so, students will review the following:

- Open vs. closed questions
- Conversation strategies: *Getting Time to Think, Reacting, Asking for Repetition, Disagreeing Politely*
- Implicit questions (Golden Rule 2)
- Talking about yourself (Golden Rule 3)

The final page contains the answers you'll need to check the student papers. Alternatively, you could provide a photocopy of the answer page and have students check their own work.

If you would like a modifiable copy of this handout (.docx format), please get in touch and I can email it to you: talandis@gmail.com

Good luck! Let me know how it goes.

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Name: _____

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B: I'm from Chicago. How about you?

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B: Oh, I see. Is your hometown famous for anything?
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A: Well, it's close to the mountains, so there are many good ski areas nearby.

B: That sounds great. Are there any other fun things to do?
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A: No, not really! There is nothing to do at night. I don't like it there. It's too boring.
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B: Really? That's too bad. Where would you like to live in the future?
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A: I'd like to live abroad, in a big city like London.
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B: Well, that's cool, but I hear it can be a stressful place to live.
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A: Yeah, I suppose, but it's also very exciting. There are people from many cultures there.
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B: Yeah, it's a multicultural society, that's true.

Analyze the conversation above by answering these questions:

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2. Is this question open or closed? *open closed*
Now write the opposite form here: _____
3. What conversation strategy is this an example of? _____
4. What implicit question does this sentence answer? _____
5. Is this question open or closed? *open closed*
Now write the opposite form here: _____
6. Is this question open or closed? *open closed*
Now write the opposite form here: _____
7. What implicit question does this phrase answer? _____
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10. What implicit question does this sentence answer? _____
11. What conversation strategy is this an example of? _____
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14. Circle a five-turn "Golden Rule 3" sequence.



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Analyze the conversation above by answering these questions:

1. What conversation strategy is this an example of? *Getting Time to Think* (p. 123)
2. Is this question open or closed? *open*
Now write the opposite form here: *Are you from ~?*
3. What conversation strategy is this an example of? *Asking for Repetition* (p. 121)
4. What implicit question does this sentence answer? *Where is that?*
5. Is this question open or closed? *closed*
Now write the opposite form here: *What is your hometown famous for?*
6. Is this question open or closed? *closed*
Now write the opposite form here: *What are (some) other fun things to do?*
7. What implicit question does this phrase answer? *Do you like living there?*
8. What implicit question does this phrase answer? *Why not?*
9. Is this question open or closed? *open*
Now write the opposite form here: *Would you like to live in ~ in the future?*
10. What implicit question does this sentence answer? *Where would you like to live?*
11. What conversation strategy is this an example of? *Disagreeing Politely* (p. 123)
12. What implicit question does this sentence answer? *Why (is it exciting)?*
13. Underline or highlight all of the *Reacting* expressions. (See above)
14. Circle a five-turn "Golden Rule 3" sequence. (See above)