

Lingua Inglese 2A

**Sentence Grammar issues
&
Technical Scientific Languages**

Plan of the day

- A few remarks about CP and politeness
- Technical Scientific Languages (part 3)
- Dabbling with register and Technical Scientific Languages

EXTRA-CLASS WORK: *Discovering*, Chp 8 (Adj & Det), Chp 13 (rel.clauses), Chp 20 (Gender), Chp 24 (ethnic).
Exercise 8.1 and 8.2 (p. 64), 13.1 (p. 104), 20.2 (p.146), 24.2 (p.164).

Working on maxims

Sample 1

There are only two types of people in this world. Those who can extrapolate from incomplete data.

Sample 2

B: Who's that at the door?
R: It's me Blanche

Sample 3

A: Where's Bill?
B: There's a yellow VW outside Sue's house

Sample 4

A (*to passer by*): I've just run out of petrol
B: Oh there's a garage just around the corner

Sample 5

A: Let's get the kids something
B: OK, but I veto I-C-E-C-R-E-A-M-S

Sample 6

A: Can you tell me the time?
B: Well, the milkman has come

Sample 7

The lone ranger rode into the sunset and jumped on his horse.

Sample 8

A: Teheran's in Turkey, isn't it, teacher?
B: And London's in Armenia I suppose.

Sample 9 If he does it, he does it.

On Vs Off record

(v. rɪ'kɔrd;
n., adj. 'rɛk ərd)

Directness

No option but rudeness

Indirectness

Option-giving

← Minimum solidarity

→ Maximum solidarity

E

C

B

A

D

A) "I don't want to be nuisance, but could you possibly tell me the address for that website we talked about this morning?"

B) "Help me find where on earth that website is"

D) "I wonder where on earth that website is. I wish I could remember the address" (*as if speaking to ourselves*)

C) "Mark, you're computer whiz-kid - I'd really appreciate if you'd tell me the address for that website we talked about this morning"

E) "Mark, tell me the address for that website we talked about this morning"

Place each sentence along the continuum

BACK

Politeness maxims (Leech 1983)

	Self	Other	Examples
Tact		Minimize cost Maximize benefit	1) <i>"Mark you're really efficient and make notes of everything- you must have the website address we talked about this morning"</i>
Generosity	Minimize benefit Maximize cost		2) <i>"I know I know I'm your pain in the neck, but you're my favorite class-fellow. Would you hand me on the website address?"</i>
Approbation		maximize praise minimize dispraise	3) <i>"You are right, I should make a note of everything said in class, but I simply missed the address of the website"</i>
Modesty	minimize praise maximize dispraise		4) <i>"Could I interrupt you for half a second - what was that website address?"</i>
Agreement	Minimize disagreement Maximize agreement		5) <i>"Could I copy down the website address? Just show me your notes"</i>
Sympathy	Minimize antipathy Maximize sympathy		6) <i>"oh I'm so stupid I didn't make a note of the website address! Did you?"</i>

Connect the example to the relevant maxim, e.g. tact → (#)

In-class activity



- **Start a worksheet**
- It **MUST** be a small notebook size sheet (A5)
- On top of the page, write:
 - LAST NAME & first name (BLOCK LETTERS, please)
 - ID#
 - today's date
 - NO

SIGNATURE

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About register and formality

- Let's consider the hearing in Star Trek
- START A WORK-SHEET (name, last name, st. ID#, date) and number 1 to 11 lines, **as follows**

1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

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11) _____

Fill in the numbered blanks in the captions.

Full

Fill-in-the-blanks

Rhetoric of T-SLs 1/2

Look at these ads.

Technology without technicality

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Technology with technicality

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TASK 2

Make a quick note on what technical features you spot in the ad.

Coordination and Subordination

Text-book p. 92

Text-book p. 96