Conversation Analysis: Unit 4

Overview

Here is a handout that will help your students review key points from Unit 4. 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 65 by answering questions about it. By doing so, students will review the following:

- Open vs. closed questions
- Conversation strategies: *Getting Time to Think, Reacting*
- 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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Conversation Analysis: Unit 4

Name: _____

A: I went to Kyoto last weekend.
B: Really? That sounds nice. <u>How was it</u>?
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A: Oh, it was great. <u>The weather was perfect</u>, and <u>I did a lot of sightseeing</u>. <u>I took the night bus</u>.
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B: Fantastic. I'd love to go there myself.
A: Yes, you should!
B: <u>Is the night bus the best way to get there</u>?
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A: Well, you could also go by train, of course. It's more expensive but faster than the bus.
B: I see… <u>How long does it take by bus</u>?
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A: <u>Um</u>, around six hours.
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B: And <u>do you know how long it takes by train</u>?
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A: I'm not sure. Maybe two or three hours?
B: Wow, that's fast!
A: Yes, but it's much more expensive. <u>The night bus costs only 8,000 yen round trip</u>.
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Analyze the conversation above by answering these questions:

1. Is this question open or closed? *open   closed*

   Now write the opposite form here: _____
2. What implicit question does this sentence answer?   _____
3. What implicit question does this sentence answer?   _____
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 conversation strategy is this an example of? _____
8. Is this question open or closed? *open   closed*

   Now write the opposite form here: _____
9. What implicit question does this sentence answer?   _____
10. Underline or highlight all of the *Reacting* expressions.
11. Circle two four-turn "Golden Rule 3" sequences.

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B: Fantastic. I'd love to go there myself.
A: Yes, you should!

B: <u>Is the night bus the best way to get there</u>?

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A: Well, you could also go by train, of course. It's more expensive but faster than the bus.

B: I see… <u>How long does it take by bus</u>?

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B: And <u>do you know how long it takes by train</u>?

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A: I'm not sure. Maybe two or three hours?
B: Wow, that's fast!
A: Yes, but it's much more expensive. <u>The night bus costs only 8,000 yen round trip</u>.

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Analyze the conversation above by answering these questions:

1. Is this question open or closed? *open*

   Now write the opposite form here: *What it (fun)?*

2. What implicit question does this sentence answer? *How was the weather?*

3. What implicit question does this sentence answer? *What did you do?*

4. What implicit question does this sentence answer? *How did you get there?*

5. Is this question open or closed? *closed*

   Now write the opposite form here: *What's the best way to get there?*

6. Is this question open or closed? *open*

   Now write the opposite form here: *Does it take long (by bus)?*

7. What conversation strategy is this an example of? *Getting Time to Think (p. 121)*

8. Is this question open or closed? *closed*

   Now write the opposite form here: *How long does it take by train?*

9. What implicit question does this sentence answer? *How much does it cost by night bus?*

10. Underline or highlight all of the *Reacting* expressions. *(See above)*

11. Circle two four-turn "Golden Rule 3" sequences. *(See above)*