

Conversation Analysis: Unit 6

Overview

Here is a handout that will help your students review key points from Unit 6. 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 91 by answering questions about it. By doing so, students will review the following:

- Open vs. closed questions
- Conversation strategies: *Reacting, Closings, Getting Time to Think*
- 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: _____

A: I like watching comedy when I'm tired. Laughing a bit helps me relax.

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B: Yeah, I know what you mean. I find reading a good book is also very relaxing.

A: Oh yeah? Me, too. But I don't have much time for reading these days.

B: I usually read while commuting on the train.

A: Yeah, I do that sometimes, but I usually play games on my phone.

B: Sounds fun! What's your favorite?

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A: Well, these days I'm into "Candy Crush".

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B: Oh yeah, I heard about that. I'd like to try it.

A: It's really addictive! Watch out!

B: Yeah...It's not good to play too much, I guess.

A: Oh, listen- I gotta run. Message me on Facebook, okay?

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B: Okay, sounds good! See you later!

A: Bye!

Analyze the conversation above by answering these questions:

1. What implicit question does this sentence answer? _____

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 conversation strategy is this an example of? _____

5. Underline or highlight all of the *Reacting* expressions.

6. In this conversation, several topics flow from one to another. Rank them in the order they are talked about:

_____ Favorite game

_____ Playing games on train

_____ Playing games too much

_____ Place of reading

_____ Reading

1 _____ How to relax when feeling tired

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A: Bye!

Analyze the conversation above by answering these questions:

1. What implicit question does this sentence answer? *Why (do you like watching comedy)?*
2. Is this question open or closed? *open*
Now write the opposite form here: *Do you play (GAME)? Is (GAME) your favorite?*¹
3. What conversation strategy is this an example of? *Getting Time to Think*
4. What conversation strategy is this an example of? *Closings*
5. Underline or highlight all of the *Reacting* expressions. (*See above*)
6. In this conversation, several topics flow from one to another. Rank them in the order they are talked about:
 - 5 Favorite game
 - 4 Playing games on train
 - 6 Playing games too much
 - 3 Place of reading
 - 2 Reading
 - 1 How to relax when feeling tired

¹ There are other possible answers, so mark this liberally. As long as students have a closed question, they have a chance of being correct.
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