Conversation Analysis: Unit 7

Overview
Here is a handout that will help your students review key points from Unit 7. 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 105 by answering questions about it. By doing so, students will review the following:
- Open vs. closed questions
- Conversation strategies: *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 7   Name: _____

A: Wow, I'm so full! <u>I had too much to eat for lunch</u>.
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B: Really? What did you have?
A: I had a big bowl of ramen, some gyoza, and cake for dessert.
B: Oh yeah? <u>Do you usually eat so much at lunch</u>?
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A: No, not usually, <u>but this morning I skipped breakfast</u>, so I was really hungry.
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B: Yeah, I do that sometimes, too.
A: <u>Normally I'll just have something light, like soup and salad</u>, but today was special.
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B: I had some Thai curry for lunch.
A: Really? Oh, I can't eat that. It's too spicy!
B: Oh yeah? It wasn't bad, though. I quite enjoyed it.
A: Yeah, well, I don't like spicy food.
B: Really? Too bad for you! <u>Have you ever tried Mexican food</u>?
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A: No, never. <u>Is it spicy</u>?
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B: It depends on the dish. You should try it. <u>There's a great Mexican place near the station. It's cheap,</u>
   <u>and the food is delicious</u>.   7
A: Alright, sounds great. I'll give it a try.

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 implicit question does this phrase answer?   _____

4. What implicit question does this phrase 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 questions do these sentences answer? _____

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

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

    _____ About Mexican food

    _____ Recommended Mexican restaurant

    __*1*__ What A-san had to eat for lunch

    _____ What A-san usually has for lunch

    _____ What B-san had for lunch

    _____ Why A-san ate so much

    _____ A-san's reaction to spicy food

Conversation Analysis: Unit 7 (ANSWER KEY)

A: Wow, I'm so full! <u>I had too much to eat for lunch</u>.
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B: Really? What did you have?
A: I had a big bowl of ramen, some gyoza, and cake for dessert.
B: Oh yeah? <u>Do you usually eat so much at lunch</u>?
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A: No, not usually, <u>but this morning I skipped breakfast</u>, so I was really hungry.
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B: Yeah, I do that sometimes, too.
A: <u>Normally I'll just have something light, like soup and salad</u>, but today was special.
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B: It depends on the dish. You should try it. <u>There's a great Mexican place near the station. It's cheap,
and the food is delicious</u>.
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A: Alright, sounds great. I'll give it a try.

Analyze the conversation above by answering these questions:

1. What implicit question does this sentence answer?   *Why (are you full)?*

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

    Now write the opposite form here: *Why did you eat so much?*

3. What implicit question does this phrase answer?   *Why did you eat so much?*

4. What implicit question does this phrase answer?   *What do you usually have for lunch?*

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

    Now write the opposite form here: *What kind of spicy food have you tried?*

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

    Now write the opposite form here: *How is it?*

7. What implicit questions do these sentences answer? *Where is it? Is it expensive? How's the food?*

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

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    _6_ About Mexican food

    _7_ Recommended Mexican restaurant

    _1_ What A-san had to eat for lunch

    _3_ What A-san usually has for lunch

    _4_ What B-san had for lunch

    _2_ Why A-san ate so much

    _5_ A-san's reaction to spicy food