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**Participation  
Pragmatics  
&  
Power**

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**PARTICIPATION**

- Being There
- versus
- Being a Player




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**PARTICIPATION**

- AAC systems
  - realistic design for language growth?
  - linguistic structure v *convenience*?
  - rapid access to core?
  - true independence?
  - implicit reliance on literacy?

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**PRAGMATIC**



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**sensible**



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**realistic**



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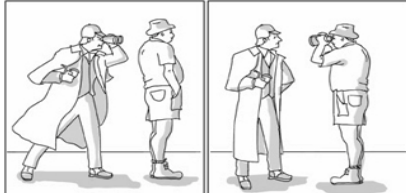
**practical**



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**PRAGMATICS**



Sherlock saw the man using binoculars.      Sherlock saw the man using binoculars.

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**PRAGMATICS...one definition**

The study of how words are used, or the study of signs and symbols.

1. An example of pragmatics is how the same word can have different meanings in different settings.
2. An example of pragmatics is the study of how people react to different symbols.

<http://www.yourdictionary.com/pragmatics>

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**SOCIAL LANGUAGE USE**

- Using Language
- Changing Language
- Following Rules:
  - for conversation & story-telling

• [www.asha.org](http://www.asha.org) › ... › Speech, Language and Swallowing › Development

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**Language - More than Requesting**

- Requesting
- Get attention
- Greeting
- Protest
- Ask for information
- Share information
- Complain, disagree
- Tattle, warn, demand
- Insult
- Correct, rebuke
- Comment
- Negotiate, bargain
- Tease
- Talk about past, future
- Tell stories
- Express feelings
- Assert independence
- Ask questions
- Answer questions
- Accept, Reject

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**Changing Language | Following Rules**

- **Match speech to the person** eg a child
- **Explain technical vocabulary**
- **Different settings:** pub v office
- **Taking Turns**
- **Topic intro & focus**
- **Paraphrasing**
- **Cues**
- **Proximity**
- **Facial expression**


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**English**

- “If the English language made any sense, lackadaisical would have something to do with a shortage of flowers.”
- “If the English language made any sense, a catastrophe would be an apostrophe with fur.” Doug Larson

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**CORE**



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**LANGUAGE ACQUISITION**

- **CORE.....80%**
- **FRINGE...20%**

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**CORE**

number of high frequency words	represented as a % of total
• 50	• 45%
• 100	• 60%
• 200	• 70%
• 400	• 80%

Vanderheiden & Kelso (1987)

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## 174 core words covered 72% of total

- **Places:** participants' home, restaurants, apartment complexes, community rooms, stores, malls, hospitals, churches, cars, friends, and relatives' homes, senior citizen centers, and outdoors.
- **Activities:** talking on the telephone, eating, household projects, shopping, church study, playing games, reviewing hobbies, volunteer work, watching movies, transportation to events, and "visiting."
- Stuart, S., Vanderhoof, D. and Beukelman, D.R. (1993). Topics and vocabulary use patterns of elderly women. *Augmentative and Alternative Communication*, 9, 95-110.

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## 100 frequently used words

yes no thank-you please okay I me you he she it we they all more big little hot cold same different pretty new right more little cold different old wrong about for up on to in with at of down off from out not here much now there very this that if but because and am be is are can could do did have had was were will would ask buy call clean come eat feel find get give go help know like look make need put remember say start take tell think try turn use want wish work

Pam Elder, 1992

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## The Power of...PHRASAL VERBS



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## PHRASAL VERBS

- **VERB + PREPOSITION**
- OR
- **VERB + ADVERB**
- not pre-stored phrases
- spontaneous, generative language

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## PHRASAL VERBS...Polysemy

- **MULTIPLE MEANINGS** ...context
- **put down** 8 different meanings
- **give up** 12 different meanings
- wordnet-online.freedicts.com

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## Multiple-Meanings or Polysemy

- "The word 'good' has many meanings. For example, if a man were to shoot his grandmother at a range of five hundred yards, I should call him a good shot, but not necessarily a good man."

G. K. Chesterton

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### PHRASAL VERBS

- I backed up my car
- I backed up my hard-drive
- The traffic was backed up
- I was backed up against the wall
- The understudy backed up the star

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### PHRASAL VERBS

- 100 M word British National Corpus
- 519 K phrasal verb occurrences
- Half of these can be generated by combining 20 verbs & 8 prepositions
- Due to the 160 combinations having so many "variant meaning senses"

Gardner and Davies 2007

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### PHRASAL VERBS

break bring carry come find get  
give go hold look make move pick  
point put set sit take turn work

back down in off on out over up

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### PHaVE LIST

- 150 most commonly used phrasal verbs
- % rankings of meanings within each

Garnier, M., & Schmitt, N. (2014). The PHaVE List: A pedagogical list of phrasal verbs and their most frequent meaning senses. *Language Teaching Research*, 1-22. Published online before print <http://ltr.sagepub.com/content/early/2014/12/08/1362168814559798.abstract>


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### 28. TAKE OFF

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- 1. Remove STH (esp. piece of clothing or jewellery from one's body) (41%)
- I took off my shirt and went to bed.
- 2. Leave or depart, especially suddenly (28.5%)
- They jumped into the car and took off.
- 3. Leave the ground and rise into the air (14%)
- The plane took off at 7am.

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### Donald Trump in the wild



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**PHaVe List: TOP 5 in frequency ranking order**

- 1. Go on
- 2. Pick up
- 3. Come back
- 4. Come up
- 5. Go back

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**TOP 5 to 10**

- 6. Find out
- 7. Come out
- 8. Go out
- 9. Point out
- 10. Grow up

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**TOP 10 to 15**

- 11. Set up
- 12. Turn out
- 13. Get out
- 14. Come in
- 15. Take on

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**TOP 15 to 20**

- 16. Give up
- 17. Make up
- 18. End up
- 19. Get back
- 20. Look up

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**PHRASAL VERBS LAMP Words for Life**



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**Mix It Up**

Put it down



Give it up

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