

**A micro-study of English as an international lingua franca
in a Korean context**

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Abstract

This study is aimed at describing and interpreting the communication strategies (CS) used by speakers of English as an international lingua franca (EILF). The participants in the research were members of an EILF focus group that met once a week during the northern summer of 2006, near a university in Seoul, South Korea. The group included one Mongolian and five Korean university students.

The focus group's meetings were videotaped and transcriptions from three recorded encounters, totalling about two-and-a-half hours of data, were scanned for the presence of CS. These CS were then described and interpreted using the methods of conversation analysis (CA). Participants were replayed parts of the data and interviewed about their motivations in using different CS at particular moments in the talk. The analysed data is discussed under five rubrics based on interrelated aspects of CS use: locating, avoiding, replacing, fixing and ignoring troubles.

The findings indicate that the participants' motivations in using different CS largely centre on striking a balance between the competing demands of linguistic clarity and pragmatic concerns about 'face'. Other possible factors influencing CS selection that were identified include: interpersonal factors such as group size; the level of discourse at which a trouble occurs; the location of a trouble in the development of a topic; and the perception of the current interaction as 'small talk' or otherwise.

Recommendations are made for future, more focused research that could further explore the tentative findings of the current study.

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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The underlying significance of English as an international lingua franca

A growing proportion of English use around the world today is as a lingua franca. Non-native speakers of English now outnumber its native speakers, and it is the language of choice for international communication in many fora (Brutt-Griffler 1998: 384; Alexander 1999: 35; House 1999: 73; Wallraff 2000: 52, 58; Graddol 2001: 33; Seidlhofer 2001: 139; Knapp 2002: 217; Vollstedt 2002: 87-88; Mauranen 2003: 513; McArthur 2003a: 54; 2003b: 20; Pözl 2003: 3; Llorca 2004: 314; Ranta 2004: 5). Epitomising these trends is the situation in South Korea, where, for example, at a human rights consultation session held in Seoul in September 2004, most of the Korean representatives from local NGOs, as well as a Bangladeshi man representing foreign workers in Korea, spoke directly in English without interpreters to the U.N. High Commissioner for Human Rights, Louise Arbour, herself a native French-speaker (Park 2004).

While such official encounters between non-native English speakers exemplify the use of English as an international lingua franca (EILF)¹ in the “influential frameworks” of politics and business (House 1999: 74), most EILF occurs in rather more “quotidian” contexts (Firth and Wagner 1997: 292; James 2000: 22, 35), such as on university campuses (Mauranen 2003); in workplaces ranging from company offices (Vollstedt 2002) to cargo ships (Sampson and Zhao 2003); at cafés, bars and restaurants frequented by international travellers and students (Meierkord 1998, 2000, 2002; James 2000: 33-34); and even within private homes (Crystal 2003: 6; Pözl 2003). The research described in this study focuses on use of EILF by a small group of young adults from one such ‘quotidian’ context, namely a university in Seoul, South Korea.

¹ Like Firth (1990: 270; 1996: 240, n.7), I use the term ‘English as an *international* lingua franca’ (EILF) to distinguish this use of English from the *intra*-national lingua franca use of “indigenised varieties of English” (IVEs) (Sridhar and Sridhar 1992) *within* countries like Nigeria (Bamgboṣe 1992), Singapore (Lee-Wong 2001) and Fiji (Mugler and Tent 1998; Tent 2001).

1.2 Conceptual debates

Is EILF a territory of its own?

With the spread of EILF worldwide, there has been growing discussion over its possible codification and, by extension, its role in English language teaching.

Some linguists, like Seidlhofer (2001: 150), argue that EILF and English as a native language (ENL) are in fact “different ‘territories’ deserving mutual respect, and with their own ‘legislation’” (cf. Kachru 1985: 14; Widdowson 1994: 385). Likely features of EILF ‘legislation’ identified to date include: an avoidance of idioms and cultural allusions (James 2000: 35; Crystal 2001: 56-57; Jenkins 2001: 35; Seidlhofer 2001: 136; Mauranen 2003: 515-516), and in phonology, a tendency towards non-reduction of unstressed syllables (Jenkins 1998: 123; Alexander 1999: 29) and non-pronunciation of third person ‘-s’ (Jenkins et al. 2001: 16; Breiteneder 2005).

A growing number of commentators further argue that EILF, rather than ENL, is the most appropriate pedagogical model for those students learning English primarily for instrumental purposes, such as to work in international hotels (Smit 2003), rather than to identify with an ENL culture (Shaw 1981: 25, 33; Smith 1983a: 2; Rampton 1990; Kachru 1992: 54; House 2002: 262; Meierkord 2002: 126; McKay 2003: 2). Of course, there remains an important pedagogical role for ENL, not least because many English language students themselves expect this (Smith 1983b: 18; Kachru 1992: 52; Seidlhofer 2001: 152; Timmis 2002). However, setting “native-like competence” (McKay 2003: 6) as the only goal of language learning can give non-native students and teachers alike a “resigned and defeatist” self-image as English users (Widdowson 1994: 387; Gnutzmann 1999: 160; Seidlhofer 2001: 136; Alptekin 2002: 62), as such a goal is unattainable by most adult EFL learners (Medgyes 1992: 342-343; Nickel 1998: 3; Cook 1999: 187; McKay 2003: 11-12; Mauranen 2003: 517; Ranta 2004: 9). “The learners are thus confined to life-long apprenticeship in the second language without any hope for sociolinguistic emancipation” (Bhatt 2002: 75).

On the other hand, teaching EILF could help students “recognise their unique status as standing between two worlds and two cultures” (Cook 1999: 204), and allow teachers to focus less on their own ‘non-native’ status (Widdowson 1994: 387), and more

on their role as “competent and authoritative users of E[IL]LF” (Seidlhofer 2001: 152) “endowed with the privilege of bilingualism”, whose “experience of switching back and forth from their own language to the target one enhances their understanding of the learning situation” (Llurda 2004: 318) and makes them ideal models for their students. As a result, all involved could get on with the job of learning and using the English they need without feelings of inferiority (Smith 1983b: 20; Cook 1999: 200; Alptekin 2002: 62; Mauranen 2003: 517-518; McKay 2003: 9-10; Llurda 2004: 320; Ranta 2004: 16).

To date, the most elaborate example of an EILF-based pedagogical program comes in the field of phonology, where Jenkins’ (1998; 2001; 2002) proposed pronunciation syllabus focuses on “areas that appear to have the greatest influence on intelligibility in [EILF]”. Within this syllabus, certain ‘typically’ English phonological features, like the dental fricative [ð] and [θ], are seen as not essential for intelligible EILF communication (Jenkins 2001: 137), and are thus “dealt with purely at a receptive level” (Jenkins 1998: 121). Following on Jenkins’ lead, there remains a huge potential for broader shifts towards EILF-focused pedagogy in EFL education (eg. Smit 2003; Ranta 2004; Seidlhofer 2004: 224-227).

This particular study does not attempt to answer wider questions over “the possibility of a codification of ELF with a conceivable ultimate objective of making it a feasible, acceptable and respectable alternative to ENL” (Seidlhofer 2001: 150)¹. The current study’s primary aim is to contribute, albeit in a modest way, to the ongoing description and interpretation of EILF in its various forms and contexts. This is an area of research “which has recently gathered considerable momentum” (Seidlhofer 2004: 209), moving beyond conceptual discussions (House 1999: 74) into actual implementation of empirical research.

¹ For recent views on this complex issue, see Rampton (1990); Lowenberg (1992); Strevens (1992); Medgyes (1992); Andreasson (1994); Widdowson (1994, 1997, 1998); Firth and Wagner (1997); Brutt-Giffler (1998); Deneire (1998); Jenkins (1998, 2001, 2002); Alexander (1999); Cook (1999); Gorlach (1999); Jenkins, Modiano and Seidlhofer (2001); Modiano (2001); Seidlhofer (2001, 2004); Alptekin (2002); Bhatt (2002); Keys and Walker (2002); Mauranen (2003); McKay (2003); Llurda (2004); and Ranta (2004).

2. LITERATURE REVIEW

2.1 EILF research

Surveying the territory

This study adds to a growing body of EILF research.¹ EILF-related studies to date can largely be divided into two broad categories: intelligibility-focused and communication strategies (CS)/pragmatics²-focused. These two strands have largely taken a ‘glass half-empty’ and a ‘glass half-full’ approach, respectively. The ‘glass half-empty’ approach focuses on what goes wrong to cause misunderstandings and breakdowns in EILF communication (eg. Smith and Rafiqzad 1979; Smith and Bisazza 1982; Smith 1992; Jenkins 1998; 2001; 2002; House 1999); whereas the ‘glass half-full’ approach focuses on what ‘goes right’, so that successful EILF communication is achieved (eg. Firth 1996; Wagner and Firth 1997; Meierkord 2000; 2002; Haegeman 2002; Lesznyák 2002; Pölzl 2003).

A second line of categorisation that bisects the ‘glass half-empty’/‘glass half-full’ division is based on whether studies take a comparative approach, using ENL communication as baseline data, or else primarily aim to describe EILF in its own right, as “interactions that are actually *sui generis*” (House 1999: 74). (See Tables 1 and 2)

¹ For an overview see Seidlhofer (2004), and for examples of very recent work, *VOICE: Vienna-Oxford* (n.d.).

² See Kasper and Blum-Kulka (1993: 4) on the idea that CS and pragmatics are part of one integrated subsystem of language use.

Table 1: Selection of EILF-focused studies.

Primary focus Methodological framework	'Glass half-empty' – intelligibility and causes of miscommunication	'Glass half-full' – pragmatics, communication strategies, achieving successful communication
Comparative	Smith and Rafiqzad (1979) Smith and Bisazza (1982) Gass and Varonis (1984) Smith (1992) Major, Fitzmaurice, Bunta and Balasubramanian (2002)	Varonis & Gass (1985) Meierkord (1998) Cheng and Warren (2001) Mackey, Oliver and Leeman (2003)
<i>Sui generis</i>	Meeuwis (1994) House (1999; 2002) Jenkins (2001; 2002) Pitzl (2005)	Meeuwis (1994) Firth (1990, 1996) Wagner and Firth (1997) Meierkord (2000; 2002) Haegeman (2002) Lesznyák (2002) House (2002) Pözl (2003)
<p>Note: There is no hard and fast division between these four strands. Meeuwis (1994) and House (2002) focus on both 'glass half-empty' and 'glass half-full' aspects of EILF communication, and Meierkord applies both comparative (1998) and <i>sui generis</i> (2000; 2002) analysis to the same data. Most studies have, however, displayed a clear tendency in one methodological direction or another.</p>		

Table 2: Examples of research questions explored in EILF-focused studies to date

	BROAD RESEARCH QUESTION:	SPECIFIC ASPECTS EXPLORED
	What are the common lexicogrammatical, phonological and pragmatic features that, while deviant in standard ENL, are generally unproblematic in EILF, and may indeed facilitate communication? (Seidlhofer 2001: 147)	Convergence (Firth 1996; Jenkins 2001; Haegeman 2002). 'Foreigner talk' (Haegeman 2002)
	"What are the factors which tend to lead to 'ripples' on the pragmatic surface, misunderstandings or even communication breakdown [in EILF]?" (Seidlhofer 2001: 147)	Phonology (Jenkins 2001; Pitzl 2005) Operationally-based misunderstandings (House 1999) Communicative 'self-centredness' (House 1999) Pragmatic mismatches (Meeuwis 1994)
	"What strategies do [...] individuals use in repairing problems in comprehensibility [in EILF]?" (McKay 2003: 7)	Bottom-up listening strategies (Jenkins 2001)
	More broadly, which gambits and communication strategies are commonly used in EILF?	'Letting it pass' (Firth 1996) Laughter and pauses (Meierkord 2002; Lesznyák 2002) Use of L1 expressions (Pözl 2003)

2.2 Comparative EILF intelligibility studies

Who is intelligible to whom?

In the first category of EILF studies outlined above, some researchers have used comparative quasi-experiments to investigate the question: “In international situations where people wish to communicate with one another in English, how intelligible are speakers of different national varieties?” (Smith 1992: 76). Smith and Rafiqzad (1979), Smith and Bisazza (1982), Gass and Varonis (1984), Smith (1992) and Major et al. (2002) have used various tests to measure how well native and non-native listeners understand recordings of English speakers from a range of backgrounds. Their results suggest that sometimes non-native English speakers are more understandable to, and better understand, other non-native speakers, as opposed to native speakers (Smith and Rafiqzad 1979: 375-378; Smith 1992: 80-88). However, these studies’ use of unidirectional measures of understanding, such as listening cloze tests, may limit the external validity of their findings. For, as noted by Smith (1992: 76) himself, in more authentic situations of EILF use, understanding typically occurs through interaction *between* the speaker and the listener (see **subsection 2.3**).

2.3 *Sui generis* EILF intelligibility studies

What is intelligible to whom, and why?

Under the second category of EILF studies, other researchers (eg. Jenkins 2001; 2002; House 1999; 2002) have looked at EILF intelligibility in interactional terms, using a more *sui generis* analysis of authentic EILF communication.

Probably the most prolific researcher in this area is Jenkins (2001: 56-67; 80-87), who observed students in her multilingual classes engaged in social conversations, information-exchange tasks and joint problem-solving tasks in English. Jenkins finds that most cases of miscommunication are due to phonology, with misplacement of nuclear stress (the main stress in a word group) the most salient single cause of misunderstanding (Jenkins 2001: 45, 87, 123). Jenkins’ conclusions need to be tested on a wider range of data. For example, she finds that the non-native speakers in her study rely almost exclusively on ‘bottom-up’ processing to deal with breakdowns in understanding (Jenkins 2001: 75, 78-82,

89), but it cannot be presumed that this holds true in all EILF situations. For one thing, it is conceivable that, since Jenkins' students were interacting within an English language classroom, they may have been predisposed to focus more on individual linguistic units than would have been the case in a non-classroom environment. More broadly, Jenkins' claim that "pronunciation is possibly the greatest barrier to successful communication" in EILF (Jenkins 2001: 83, 88) should not blind us to other possible causes, such as pragmatic mismatches (see below).

Pragmatic sources of misunderstanding have been explored by Meeuwis (1994). Analysing technical training sessions conducted in English by Flemish-speaking Belgian instructors with Tanzanian and South Korean junior engineers, Meeuwis identifies pragmatic sources for most of the misunderstandings in the data. For example, confusion often arises when Tanzanian and South Korean trainees transfer the 'agreement-disagreement answering system' from their native languages into English when responding to yes-no questions from the Belgian instructors. In other words, the trainees answer 'yes' when they want to confirm the negation in a negative question. Meanwhile, the instructors' native language, like English, uses a 'positive-negative answering system' in which a 'yes' response to a negative question contests the negation in the question. This leads to a sense of confusion, as in:

FT: what happened to the other group
you don't know?
KS₁: yeah/
FT: [looks up, puzzled]
KS₂: yeah we don't know/

Meeuwis 1994: 67

(FT = Flemish-speaking teacher
KS₁, KS₂ = Korean students)

In addition, Meeuwis believes that many misunderstandings are due to the trainers and trainees having "different 'schemata' about the social-hierarchic characteristics of teacher-student relationships and the [...] sociolinguistic norms to be observed in teacher-student conversations" (Meeuwis 1994: 75). For example, instructors often ask direct questions that are not answered by the trainees. Meeuwis believes this happens because in the instructors' culture student-teacher interaction is valued, whereas in the trainees' cultures, verbal intervention by students can be seen as inappropriate, even rude (Meeuwis 1994: 70-75).

In another approach to EILF intelligibility, House (1999; 2002) analyses two 30-

minute recordings of EILF data, one from Dutch, Hungarian and German students engaged in a simulation game on the European Monetary Union and the other from a group discussion between a German, a Korean, a Chinese and an Indonesian student at Hamburg University. House finds that most misunderstandings in the data occur at what she terms the “operational” level, where “mutual dis-attention” between EILF speakers leads them to “engage in non-aligned, ‘parallel talk’ [...] without listening to their interlocutors” (House 1999: 80-82; also House 1993: 176). This is exemplified by instances from her data where direct questions are not answered (House 2002: 256) and where one speaker brings up as a new topic something that another person has already been talking about immediately beforehand (House 1999: 80).

This behaviour leads House to posit a “self-centredness hypothesis” (House 1999: 84). According to this hypothesis, the operational challenge of speaking in a foreign language “prevents [EILF users] from listening, anticipating and generally ‘throwing themselves[...] into their interlocutors’ minds” (House 1999: 85). This echoes Cherry’s (1978: 326) view that “[i]f a listener’s verbal habits [...] are not similar to those of the speaker, it may be necessary for him to ‘switch off’ his attention at times, so as to create his own pauses as he needs them for his cognitive activity (extraction of meaning). He may then lose the thread of the conversation.” In response to this phenomenon, House recommends that teachers help learners develop pragmatic fluency in, for example, responding and replying, and taking ‘substantive turns-at-talk’, so as to better manage the flow of conversation and thus achieve deeper understanding (House 2002: 262-264).

House’s consideration of communication strategies that can be used in EILF situations brings us to the CS/pragmatics, ‘glass half-full’ strand of EILF research, where there have been a number of studies using what might be called ‘mini-corpora’ of EILF use. For an outline of selected CS/pragmatics EILF studies, see **Appendix 1**.

2.4 Comparative CS/pragmatics EILF studies

Measuring the half-full glass

Some EILF CS/pragmatics studies have taken a comparative approach; for example, counting how often specific pragmatic features occur in stretches of EILF discourse, and then comparing these tallies with their frequency in ENL data.

Meierkord (1998), for example, recorded 23 small talk conversations among EILF speakers at a British university hall of residence (dormitory) and compared the occurrence of certain pragmatic features in the data with those found in discourse studies of native speaker conversations (Meierkord 2002: 126). She finds that the EILF speakers in her study use appealers¹ (eg. ‘right?’, ‘you see?’), cajolers² (eg. ‘I mean’, ‘you know’), and sentence completion and restatement of their interlocutors’ utterances, significantly more often than do the native speakers in the studies she cites (Meierkord 1998, 4.2.2. Backchannels). In addition, a large proportion of the backchannels in her data are laughter (Meierkord, 1998, 4.2.2. Backchannels, Table 2), a phenomenon also noted by Lesznyák (2002: 189) in her EILF study, but not in the cited studies of native speakers. Meierkord believes these findings reflect the premium that EILF interactants place on “creat[ing] a friendly and cooperative atmosphere”.

Meierkord also sees pauses as performing pragmatic functions generally taken on by verbal gambits³ in native speaker conversations. She notes that “[EILF] speakers made a long pause to indicate their desire to end a talk”, whereas British native speakers generally use ‘extractors’⁴ to signal the same desire (Meierkord, 1998, 4.1.1 Conversational phases, para. 2). More generally, “[p]auses serve to indicate topic changes and to mark the transition between different phases of a[n EILF] conversation” (Meierkord, 1998, 5 Summary, para. 2), whereas native speakers tend to use verbal equivalents for these purposes (see also Wagner and Firth 1997: 339).

¹ See **glossary** on pages 66-67 I have glossed terms that may not be familiar to all readers, and whose meaning is not available either from the context or from a general dictionary.

² See **glossary**.

³ See **glossary**.

⁴ See **glossary**.

2.4.1 Limitations of the comparative approach

This comparative approach to pragmatics has evoked an ambivalent response from other EILF researchers. While on the one hand it can suggest features of EILF pragmatic ‘legislation’, in Seidlhofer’s (2001: 152) sense of the word (eg. Cheng and Warren 2001: 276-277), on the other hand it can tend to present EILF interactions as deficient versions of ENL discourse. For example, Meierkord (1998, 4.2.2 Backchannels, para. 4) speaks of EILF speakers’ “excessive use” and “over-use” of certain pragmatic features, rather than simply their ‘different’ use of them.

For some (eg. Firth and Wagner 1997: 288, 291-292), such terminology is symptomatic of a wider bias against non-native speakers. Bhatt (2002: 79) speaks of the “rhetorical and ideological sleight of hand” of English language education policy makers and academics who use concepts like ‘interlanguage’ and ‘fossilisation’ to marginalise non-native speakers and “to maintain the autonomy and privilege of agents and agencies invested in selling English world-wide” (Bhatt 2002: 82). To counter this bias, some commentators emphasise that:

what is frequently reported as ‘overuse’ or ‘underuse’ of certain expressions in learner language as compared to ENL could also be regarded as a feature characterizing successful ELF use (Seidlhofer 2001: 144);

and

[f]eatures of talk that are initially perceived and categorized as interference or fossilizations may be more appropriately viewed as adroit, local responses to practical and discursive exigencies that have arisen in the unfolding talk (Firth and Wagner 1997: 293).

Accordingly, typical features of EILF should be seen as “evidence not of linguistic deficit, but, if intelligible, of successful communication” (Seidlhofer 2001: 144; cf. Mauranen 2004: 514).

2.5 *Sui generis* EILF CS/pragmatics studies

Studying the effectiveness of EILF communication

A number of *sui generis* studies of EILF pragmatics have indicated that successful EILF communication does indeed often occur (eg. Lesznyák 2002: 178, 184, 186, 189). Such findings support Jordan and Fuller’s (1975) conclusion from their pioneering study of

Maya and English native speakers' lingua franca use of Spanish, that, "though fraught with hazard more than others, [lingua franca language use] does not, by and large, break down" (Jordan and Fuller, 1975: 24).

A key aspect of successful lingua franca use is cooperation. Numerous EILF studies have echoed House's (2002: 259) finding that "data [...] display a marked solidarity and consensus-orientation[,] with participants forever ready to help one another out of formulation difficulties" (eg. Firth 1990: 276). For example, Korean trainees in Meeuwis's (1994) study, presumably aware of the intelligibility problems arising from the 'yes/no' question-answer exchanges discussed above, often answer using repetition of the question in its positive or negative statement form, thus avoiding the pragmalinguistic minefield of selecting either 'yes' or 'no' (Meeuwis 1994: 65. Cf. Bremer and Simonot 1996b: 186-87). Similarly, in her study of EILF at a student conference, Lesznyák (2002: 178) observes participants directly cooperating to overcome communication gaps, with more competent EILF speakers helping less competent speakers to jointly complete turns. Likewise, Haegeman (2002) finds that more competent EILF speakers often use 'foreigner talk' to ease comprehension for less competent interlocutors.

Within such situations, workable alternatives to ENL pragmatic norms are regularly used to achieve communicative goals. For example, House (2002: 255) finds that, in order to 'lubricate turn changes', students participating in an EILF discussion "make up for the lack of gambits" such as appealers¹ (eg. tag questions) and uptakes² (eg. 'hmm, yes'), by making abundant use of "utterance-initial conjunctions such as *and* and *but* providing logical linkage between utterances". Meanwhile, a fluent English-speaking Nigerian student in Meierkord's (1998) data pauses after uttering each key piece of information "to give his interlocutors a chance to either indicate their understanding [...] or [...] ask for clarification", and more generally, to "sort of structure the whole information process and divide its context (sic) into smaller, more-easy-to-process, units" (Meierkord, 1998, 4.1.4 Pauses, para. 3. Cf. Bremer and Simonot 1996b: 188; Wagner and Firth 1997: 339). This use of pauses to "make sure that even less competent participants of the conversation will understand what he says" (Meierkord, 1998, 4.1.4 Pauses, para. 3) is also observed by Jordan and Fuller (1975: 12), and again highlights the motif of cooperation and mutual support in lingua franca discourse.

¹ See **glossary**.

² See **glossary**.

Another facet of EILF collaboration is interlocutors' convergence towards one another's linguistic and pragmatic features. Such convergence often occurs at the level of phonology (Jenkins 2001: 168-174; 2002: 91-96). Haegeman (2002: 140-141), for example, finds that a Flemish-speaking participant in her study adopts the non-native pronunciation of 'zero' used by the EILF interlocutor with whom he is speaking on the phone. Convergence also occurs at the level of lexicogrammar, with Firth (1996: 244, 246) noting that a Danish participant is initially confused by his Syrian interlocutor's marked use of the word 'blowing' to refer to cheese fermenting, but then, having ascertained its intended meaning, himself uses it in later exchanges. Convergence thus often moves away from, rather than towards, ENL norms.

EILF users also utilise communication strategies when listening. In his study of international business phone calls, Firth (1990: 275; 1996: 243) identifies instances where a listener does not seem to understand parts of what their interlocutor is saying but chooses not to display this non-understanding, instead "let[ting] the unknown or unclear action, word or utterance 'pass' on the (common-sense) assumption that it will become clear or redundant as talk progresses" (see also Wagner and Firth 1997: 328-329; Lesznyák 2002: 181-182, 190). Firth (1996: 248) argues that a large proportion of EILF talk is 'interactionally robust', in the sense that it can be 'let pass' in this way without full understanding of everything that is said. There are, however, some situations where communication becomes more 'fragile' and this 'let it pass' principle needs to be waived, such as when the listener is asked direct questions about misunderstood lexical items (Firth 1996: 244) or when names are being spelled (Firth 1996: 248-250).

A wider aspect of EILF communication, which can only be touched on fleetingly here, is the role of 'culture'. Noting that "ELF is felt to be simply an instrumentally opportune medium of communication, not a cultural symbol to identify with in an affective and integrative way", House (2002: 260) argues that cultural norms are practically irrelevant to EILF. Along similar lines, Widdowson (1997: 144; 1998: 399) and James (2000: 33) describe EILF as a collection of registers for specialist communication. The true situation would seem to be more complex than this "cultural irrelevance hypothesis" (House 1999: 84) would suggest, however (cf. Meierkord 2002: 110). Pölzl (2003: 11-20), for example, observes EILF speakers often using greetings, terms of address, honorific titles and other culturally-laden expressions from either their own or their interlocutors'

first languages, epitomising how “ELF users have the freedom to either create their own temporary culture, to partly ‘export’ their individual primary culture into ELF or to reinvent their cultural identities by blending into other linguacultural groups” (Pözl 2003: 5).

Undeniably, then, EILF is characterised by phonological, lexicogrammatical, pragmatic and cultural hybridity. This hybridity is ever evolving with each EILF interaction (Meierkord 2002: 119-120; Lesznyák 2002: 188), since “speakers who do not form a stable speech community [...] need to negotiate the norms for every individual conversation” (Meierkord, 2000, 1 Introduction, para. 2). This dynamic hybridity is one of the fascinating features of EILF that have led me to develop this research project.

2.6 Justification and rationale for the current study

In South Korea today millions of people are involved in English language education, whether as learners, parents, teachers or other stakeholders. Most English language programs give pre-eminent status to native speaker models, especially from North America (Shim 1999: 247; Park 2004). However, much of the English that Koreans use outside the classroom is likely to be with other non-native speakers, especially with people from Japan, China and other countries in Asia, the continent that McArthur (2003b: 22) has described as “the centre of gravity of English as a second language or lingua franca”.

A case in point is the situation at ‘Q’¹ University (Seoul), which attracts over 2,000 international students a year, largely from China and Japan, but also from as far a field as Mexico and Romania. Some of these international students cannot yet communicate freely in Korean when they arrive, and thus often use EILF when interacting with teachers, office staff, fellow students and with their ‘Doumi’ / 도움이 (Korean student volunteer ‘helpers’ who assist them in adjusting to Korea and campus life). This multilingual environment was the starting point for ideas about data-collection for this dissertation, as well as part of the underlying rationale for the research.

Given the growing frequency of EILF interactions in Asia and elsewhere,

¹ A pseudonym.

numerous commentators (eg. Firth 1996: 240; James 2000: 36; Seidlhofer 2001: 136; 145-147; Mauranen 2003: 519-525) have stressed the need for more research into this kind of communication, particularly through the collection of corpora and application of the principles and methods of conversation analysis (CA) as developed by Sacks, Schegloff and Jefferson (1974), Edmondson (1981), Gumperz (1982) and others. To date, these two research approaches have almost exclusively relied on data from interactions between native speakers sharing “stable, endonormative codes”¹ (James 2000: 26; Firth 1996: 239, 252-255; Firth and Wagner 1997: 294. See for example, Carter and McCarthy 1995).

In contrast to ENL situations, EILF interactants often have relatively little that is either shared or stable, sociolinguistically speaking. Besides their contrasting cultural backgrounds and experience (Jordan and Fuller 1975: 30-31; Campbell et al. 1983: 35; Varonis and Gass 1985: 86; Aston 1993: 235; Roberts 1996: 24; Meierkord 2002: 113-114), EILF interlocutors often have starkly different pronunciation patterns when speaking English (Jenkins 2001), as well as differing degrees of lexical and grammatical knowledge of the lingua franca (Haegeman 2002; Roberts 1996: 24), and may interpret lexical items and pragmatic cues differently from one another (Meeuwis 1994: 67; Bremer and Simonot 1996a: 160-161; Kachru and Nelson 2001: 17, 21; Meierkord 2002: 115-116; Bae 2002: 196 n2). Therefore, it is crucial for EILF interactants to find ways of overcoming these potential and actual gaps in understanding. Indeed, when using English in what Yoshida (2004: 15-16) terms “the open seas” outside the language classroom, these ‘ways’ – variously termed ‘communication strategies’ (Tarone 1980; 1981), ‘comity strategies’ (Aston 1993), ‘discourse (management) strategies’ (Gumperz 1982; Bae 2002; Suh 2002) and, collectively, ‘strategic competence’ (Canale and Swain 1980: 29-31) – may well be as crucial to communicative success as many of the lexicogrammatical and pragmatic details typically focused on in language classrooms (Alptekin 2002: 61; Seidlhofer 2004: 220).

These issues led to the choice of communication strategy use as the key focus for this EILF study.

¹ Note, however, three major EILF corpus projects currently being developed in Europe (James 2000: 36; Seidlhofer 2001: 146-147; Mauranen 2003: 519-525).

3. METHODOLOGY

This micro-study of EILF was conducted during the northern summer of 2006, using data from a small focus group of non-native English speaking university students who met at a café near ‘Q’ University¹ in Seoul, South Korea. The overall purpose of this study was to use a ‘glass half-full’ approach (see **Section 2**) to identify and describe the strategies used by the participants in achieving successful lingua franca communication.

3.1 Research questions and key constructs

The research questions are:

(RQ 1) What communication strategies are used “in locating, avoiding, replacing, fixing, ignoring, [and] talking about [...] troubles [...] in [EILF] situations”? (Jordan and Fuller 1975: 11; cf. McKay 2003: 7).

(RQ 2) Why/how do individuals choose particular communication strategies at particular moments?

The term ‘troubles’ in **RQ1** denotes “anything which the participants judge is impeding their communication” (Seedhouse 2004: 34) and includes cases of both ‘non-understanding’ – “when the listener realises that s/he cannot make sense of (part of) an utterance” – and ‘misunderstanding’ – “where the listener achieves an interpretation which makes sense to her or him – but [which isn’t] the one the speaker meant” (Bremer 1996: 40; cf. Varonis and Gass 1985: 73). These ‘troubles’ are defined using an ‘emic’ approach (Frake 1969: 28-29; 38-39; Seedhouse 2004: 4-5, 21, 33), that is, with the understanding that significance is in the eye and ear of the beholder (cf. Edmondson 1981: 50; Gumperz 1982: 33, 171; Firth 1996: 247, 252; Seedhouse 2004: 7, 15-16). In other words, “what participants [...] perceive as a misunderstanding [or non-understanding] counts as such” (House 1999: 76. Cf. Jordan and Fuller 1975: 12), and conversely, if participants indicate they are satisfied with the outcomes of an exchange or interaction, it qualifies as successful communication (Seidlhofer 2001: 148-150).

¹ A pseudonym.

For both research questions, the starting point was Tarone's definition of 'communication strategy' (CS) as "a mutual attempt of two [or more] interlocutors to agree on a meaning in situations where requisite meaning structures do not seem to be shared" (Tarone 1980: 419). However, whereas Tarone (1980: 422-423) and others "define [...] instances of talk as CS if, and only if, the participants themselves make public an encoding-related problem and [...] engage [...] in attempts to resolve the problem" (Wagner and Firth 1997: 325-326), in this study the term CS is also applied to situations where troubles have not yet been "flagged" (Jordan and Fuller 1975: 12-13; Wagner and Firth 1997: 326) in this way. In other words, CS include not only 'post-hoc' strategies¹, used in response to indications of mis- or non-understanding (Tarone 1980: 419, 424-426; Long 1983: 132-136; Bremer and Simonot 1996b:184-198), but also 'preventative strategies', used to smooth the communication process and avoid troubles in the first place (Long 1983: 132-136; Varonis and Gass 1985: 73-81; Bremer and Simonot 1996a: 159-180; Kasper 1997: 351-352; Williams et al. 1997: 305, 313, 316, 320).

3.2 Participants

The participants for this study were recruited from among the student body at 'Q' University and are "adult speakers [of English] whose primary and secondary education and socialization did not take place in English" (Seidlhofer 2001: 146). Their proficiency in English ranges from intermediate to highly advanced.

The focus group included one Mongolian and five Korean members. Four of the Korean participants were members of 'Q' University's English language debating club, 'QED'². The fifth Korean member, 'Jay', a friend of one of the other participants, attended only one focus group meeting. The Mongolian participant, 'Rainbow', is a personal friend. The participants' demographic details and attendance at the focus group meetings are presented in **Appendices 2 and 3**.

¹ Long (1983: 132) terms these 'tactics' rather than strategies.

² A pseudonym.

3.3 Data collection

The focus group met six Friday afternoons in a row during July and August 2006 in a private seminar room at a café near the university campus¹. The meetings mainly involved “unscripted (though partly pre-structured) [...] face-to-face communication” (Seidlhofer 2001: 146), namely free discussion around a range of topics that the members themselves brought up.

Several of the focus group’s meetings were videotaped for analysis (cf. Johnson 1992: 86; Meeuwis 1994: 64). The participants were left alone during the recording, because, as in the corpora being developed by Seidlhofer (2001: 147; 2002: 295) and Mauranen (2003), the aim was to collect data from ‘pure’ EILF situations (i.e. with no native English speakers present).

The recordings of three ‘encounters’ (Edmondson 1981: 80) were transcribed using the transcription conventions listed in **Appendix 6**, and amounted to about two-and-a-half hours of data (see **Appendix 7**). Subsequent analysis is firmly based on these verbatim transcriptions (cf. Aston 1993: 224-225; Firth 1996: 253; Wilkes-Gibbs 1997: 251).

As an outside observer, making judgements about “what a speaker ‘meant’ by some utterance or specifying precisely what the communicative effect of the utterance was for the listener” (McGregor 1985: 2-3) is a highly speculative endeavour (Gumperz 1982: 170; Wagner and Firth 1997: 339; Firth and Wagner 1997: 294-295). Hence, to triangulate data-gathering, participants were interviewed individually² about the communication strategies they had used in the meetings (cf. House 1993: 170, 178-179; Jenkins 2002: 87). During the interviews, parts of the recordings where misunderstanding or non-understanding seems to have occurred and/or been resolved³ were played back (sometimes more than once), and participants were asked open-ended questions about their thoughts and behaviour at the time. Interview questions centred on the key CA concern of “why that,

¹ On some of the Fridays, for 90 minutes before the discussion session started, I facilitated a workshop lesson on presenting in English, using material from Powell (2002). These presentation lessons were a pro bono service to show my gratitude to the participants for their involvement.

² Interviews were held on 11 August (‘Wind’), 17 August (‘Cabbage’), 23 August (‘Rainbow’) and 25 August (‘Ladder’ and ‘Cloud’).

³ There is no claim here that all such instances were detected; one of several reasons why quantification of tokens in this study must be interpreted cautiously.

in that way, right now” (Seedhouse 2004: 16) and included:

- What was your aim at this point in the conversation?
- What were you thinking now?
- Why did you say that?
- Did you understand here?
- When did you start understanding?
- What helped you to understand?

This incorporation of participants’ own understandings into the analysis was particularly important, given that I was observing and interpreting communication among people with whom I do not share a common cultural or linguistic background, and thus could not draw on linguistic-cultural co-membership as an analytical tool (Firth 1990: 271-272; 1996: 238). For parts of the discourse where no follow-up interview data is available, the conclusions are based on participants’ “displayed orientations” (Firth 1996: 244; Seedhouse 2004: 8-9) in the video recordings themselves. The latter conclusions are thus more tentative and speculative (Firth 1990: 272; House 1993: 179).

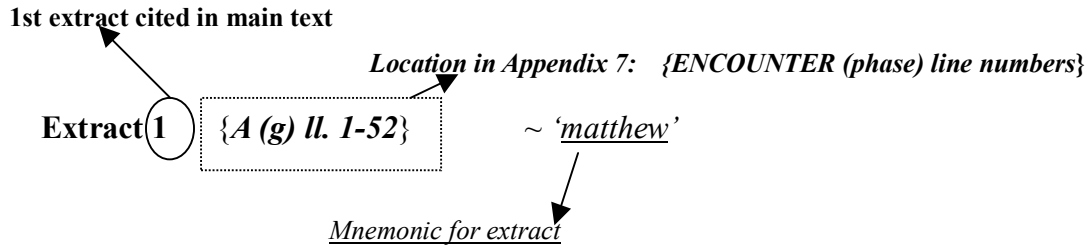
3.3.1 A cautionary word on the data

While the study aimed at eliciting communication in the meetings that was as naturalistic as possible, the resultant data is not immune from threats to validity.

For one thing, the participants’ awareness of being recruited for a research project possibly led them to behave more self-consciously than if they had been unaware of being under study (cf. Lesznyák 2002: 170). A certain level of subject expectancy¹ is suggested in the following ‘phase’ (Edmondson 1981: 80) from **Encounter A – Extract 1 {A(g) ll. 1-52}** ~ ‘*matthew*’, especially lines 18 to 25 (See **Figure 1** for explanation of citing conventions).

¹ See **glossary**.

Figure 1: Explanation of in-text labelling of extracts



Extract 1 {A(j) ll. 1- 52} ~ \u201cmatthew\u201c

1 (cloud) well how- how about
 2 (wind) yes ((nods))((looking at mobile phone))
 3 (cloud) now (.) getting- ca- calm a little bit down
 4 (ladder) uh
 5 (cloud) and talk
 ((wind looks up from mobile phone)) ((wind looks at cloud))
 6 (ladder) okay=
 7 (cloud) =well I think the-
 8 (ladder) yeah okay okay ((gestures to cloud)){you are right}
 9 (cloud) {the- this} is more like a debate { # # }
 10 (wind) why {this is}
 11 good {?I think?} why @@@@
 12 (ladder) {@@@}
 13 (cabbage) {@@@}
 14 (cloud) well {I don't-} I don't- I don't find this- I don't find
 15 any problem with this but=
 16 id♀ =ahah
 17 (ladder) yeah yeah=
 18 (cloud) =I might- I might wo- I m- might-
 19 I might worry about ah:: ((raises hand to ceiling))
 20 (ladder) becoming= ((raises fist))
 21 (cloud) =matthew=
 22 (wind) why why why = ((rainbow nods))
 23 =matthew
 24 (ladder) {@@}
 25 (cloud) {matthew} might not want this kind of debate
 26 (wind) really
 27 (cloud) I- I- I- =
 28 id♀ = #
 29 (wind) {why}
 30 (ladder) {@@}
 31 (cloud) {I think}- ah- well- ah- ((leaning back)) ((holding out hands)) I- I- I
 32 don't know but we have spent some time debating so- we- I just
 33 thought=
 34 (cabbage) =it's kind of discussion=
 35 (ladder) =okay anyway I will be calm down @yeah@ okay @@=
 36 (wind) = no no no no=
 37 (cloud) = I- I- =
 38 (wind) =there's no problem at all I think- ((gesturing to cloud))
 39 I don't know (.) what you mean but I'm not sure what
 40 (cloud) uh=
 41 (wind) =he's concentrate on but {just I think}
 42 id♀ {?conversation?}
 43 (cloud) uh
 44 (wind) ((holding hands near cheeks))((wiggling fingers)) just say something
 45 everything

46 (cloud) if so- I'm sorry
 47 (cabbage) @@@
 48 (cloud) I'm sorry but{I- I was just a little bit worried about}=
 49 ss {@@ # # @@}
 50 (ladder) okay- yeah- and
 51 (wind) ((counting off fingers)) conversation {everything} anything
 52 (jay) {# }

To mitigate the influence of subject expectancy, participants' foreknowledge of the content and purpose of the study was kept fairly unspecific. The consent forms they signed when joining the study stated only that the purpose was 'to discover the strategies and styles used by people from different national backgrounds when they communicate with each other in English', and that the group meetings would 'include free talking, get-to-know-you activities and discussion on various issues' (see **Appendix 3**). Overall, the participants were given freedom to choose the topics for discussion and were encouraged to speak as naturally as possible. The first topic discussed during **Encounter A** – the recently completed soccer World Cup – had been suggested the week before by the researcher¹, and an English language newspaper was left on the table prior to **Encounters B** and **C** to provide possible input for discussion. Otherwise, topic selection was entirely in the hands of the group themselves.

A second threat to the study's validity is that the use of English as a lingua franca may have been an artificial choice for this group, because 'Rainbow', the one non-Korean member, could confidently communicate in Korean from her years of studying in Korea². This artificiality was an unavoidable result of my opportunity sampling. Although the project had been advertised with English-, Korean-, Japanese- and Chinese-language flyers (**Appendix 5**), it was not possible to recruit participants from a wider range of nationalities or proficiency levels in Korean.

Thirdly, the presence of a video camera introduced a further element of artificiality to the meetings. However, it is hoped that "if [...] recordings are made regularly over an extended period of time, the inhibiting and other effects of the intruding machines are likely to lessen" (Johnson 1992: 86; cf. Stubbe 1998, Outcomes, para 2). To give time for this to happen, the camera was left turned off during the first focus group meeting, and the

¹ 'Rainbow' mentioned that she had made a special effort to read up about this topic in order to prepare for the meeting (interview data).

² On the other hand she has a strong instrumental motivation to communicate in English, as she sometimes needs to present in English at international conferences, especially in Japan, and also hopes to study in an English-speaking country in the future.

recording of the first videoed session was discarded.

3.4 Paradigm for analysis

In this study conversation analysis was applied to a “micro-context of naturally arising informal oral conversations between [EILF] speakers” (James 2000: 35), with the aim of describing and interpreting the use of communication strategies by the participants.

Conversation analysis (CA) was developed to investigate the ways in which conversation – or “talk in interaction” (Sacks et al. 1974: 720) – is “sequentially structured and interactionally managed” by speakers in order to achieve and maintain a sense of ‘normality’ (Firth 1996: 238, 242-243; Sacks et al. 1974: 698; Heritage and Watson 1980: 245; Gumperz 1982: 158; Seedhouse 2004: 6). According to CA, “talk in interaction is systematically organized and deeply ordered and methodic” (Seedhouse 2004: 2) and “the meaning or the function of [each] utterance is interactively determined and *displayed* in the turns that participants have at talk” (Firth 1990: 273). The basic units of analysis are not individual utterances, but rather sequences of negotiation (Seedhouse 2004: 15), for, as noted by numerous exponents of CA (eg. Edmondson 1981: 115; Gumperz 1982: 160, 163, 167, 206; McGregor 1985: 1-2; Aston 1993: 227; Williams et al. 1997; Wilkes-Gibbs 1997: 243-244; 251; Seedhouse 2004: 21-22), “conversation is a joint activity, [and] the processes of understanding (or not) have to be interpreted by looking at the activity from the perspective of all participants” (Roberts 1996: 16).

Apart from some simple counting of tokens to estimate the frequency of certain pragmatic features, a quantitative analysis of the data is not attempted. The sporadic occurrence of many pragmatic features in natural EILF discourse makes them difficult to quantitatively analyse without access to very large databases (Mauranen 2003: 523; Seidlhofer 2004: 217-218), and so “the slim data base [in this study] obviously forbids any wild generalizations” (House 2002: 251). Instead, a qualitative analysis is attempted, based not on statistical generalisations but on ‘thick description’ (Davis 1992: 606) and ‘sympathetic introspection’ (Patton 1978: 208, 221, 222) about specific examples of communication (Seedhouse 2004: 13), thereby identifying aspects that may be of wider significance and worthy of further exploration.

4. FINDINGS AND DISCUSSION

4.1 The data

The data analysed in this dissertation comprise three videoed ‘encounters’ (Edmondson 1981: 80) between members of the focus group (see **Table 3**). The first recording (71 minutes) is from the 14 July 2006 focus group meeting, which was attended by all 6 participants. The second recording (29 minutes) is of a conversation between two participants (‘Rainbow’ and ‘Wind’) on 4 August 2006 before the start of the presentation lesson. The third recording (59 minutes) is of ‘Rainbow’, ‘Wind’ and ‘Cloud’ during the 4 August 2006 focus group meeting, later that same afternoon.

Table 3: Outline of analysed encounters

	Encounter A 14 July 2006 4 – 5.30 pm	Encounter B 4 August 2006 2.30-3 pm	Encounter C 4 August 2006 4-5.30 pm
Participants	n = 6 University students. Ages = 20s.	n = 2 University students. Ages = 20s.	n = 3. University students. Ages = 20s.
Context of culture	5 Korean and 1 Mongolian.	1 Korean and 1 Mongolian.	2 Korean and 1 Mongolian.
Context of situation	Private seminar room at a café. Informal setting with beverages and snacks.	Private seminar room at a café. Informal setting with beverages and snacks.	Private seminar room at a café. Informal setting with beverages and snacks.
Field	Small talk about soccer, personal life and ‘QED’. Discussion of wider social, philosophical and educational issues.	Small talk about cultural differences and personal life, eg. overseas experience.	Small talk about personal life, eg. travel plans; cultural norms; cultural differences; and news events.
Tenor	‘Cloud’, ‘Wind’, ‘Ladder’ and ‘Cabbage’ knew one another quite well via ‘QED’. ‘Jay’, a friend of ‘Cabbage’, had not met the other participants. ‘Rainbow’ had met ‘Cloud’, ‘Ladder’ and ‘Cabbage’ at the first focus group meeting, but was meeting ‘Wind’ and ‘Jay’ for the first time.	The two participants had met each other once before, at an earlier focus group meeting.	‘Cloud’ and ‘Wind’ knew each other through ‘QED’. ‘Rainbow’ had met ‘Cloud’ twice, and ‘Wind’ once, at previous focus group meetings.
Mode	Face to face, unstructured conversation	Face to face, unstructured conversation	Face to face, unstructured conversation

Figures 2-4 give a schematic summary of topics covered in the recorded encounters. These diagrams are based on impressions only, and do not aim to give an exact representation of topic management, which is not a primary focus of this dissertation. In the figures, ‘sub-section’ refers to the location of each phase in the transcriptions in **Appendix 7**.

FIGURE 2: Outline of topics talked about in Encounter A

Meta-level topics	Global topics	Sub-topics	Sub-section
Timing of meeting=>			
Topic selection =>	SOCCER	World Cup => Zinedine Zidane ¹ => Italian soccer coach → Ronaldo Luiz Nazario de Lima ² => Park Ji Seong ³ => World Cup → Park Ji Seong =>	A (a)
	SCREEN QUOTA⁴→	(Topic not taken up)	
	‘QED’⁵	Reason for cancellation of previous mtg=> Ladder’s attendance at earlier meeting => Organisation of ‘QED’ meetings =>	A (b)
	PERSONAL NEWS 1	Rainbow =>	A (c)
	LANGUAGES	Mongolian language => Reasons for studying languages=> Rainbow and Cloud’s language skills =>	A (d)
	PERSONAL NEWS 2	Jay =>	A (e)
	LEARNING LANGUAGES	Reasons for studying languages => English and competition=> Competition in Korea ⇔	A (f)
	⇔	⇔Reasons for studying languages/ Studying English=>	
	COMPETITION	Competition in Korea=>	A (g)
Topic selection / interaction style=>	PERSONAL NEWS 3	Jay’s study plans=>	A (h)
	EDUCATION 1	Korean education system=> Reasons for ‘QED’’s popularity=>	A (i)
	SOCIETY	Good and bad points of society=> Attitudes to competition =>	A (j)
	EDUCATION 2	Comparisons between education systems→ ((Interrupted by researcher’s return))	A (k)

NOTES:

Meta-level topics – Topics related to management of focus group meetings.

Global topics – Broad topics to which sequences of **sub-topics** are related.

=> Topic change – old topic closed by mutual consent.

→ Topic interruption – old topic closed off by one participant unilaterally.

→ Topic shift – old topic closed off unilaterally, but new topic closely related.

(Lesznyák 2002: 172-174)

⇔ Conversation shifts back and forth between two related topics

¹ French soccer player.

² Brazilian soccer player.

³ Korean soccer player.

⁴ Law requiring cinemas to show Korean movies at least 146 days a year.

⁵ English language debating club at ‘Q’ University.

FIGURE 3: Outline of topics talked about in Encounter B

Meta-level topics	Global topics	Sub-topics	Sub-section
	PREVIOUS FOCUS GROUP MEETINGS	Previous presentation class => Topics covered at previous focus group meeting => Reasons for Rainbow's absence =>	B (a)
	RAINBOW 1	Rainbow's major=> Rainbow's interest in practising speaking → ((Interrupted by phone call))	B (b)
	PASTIMES AND PERSONAL LIFE	Wind's pastimes => Rainbow's pastimes => Museums => Rainbow's upcoming visit to museum => Rainbow's living situation => Mongolian festival =>	B (c)
	RAINBOW 2	Rainbow's future plans => Job opportunities in Mongolia →	B (d)
	WIND'S EXPERIENCE IN ENGLAND	Wind's lifestyle in England => Practicalities of going to England=> Life in England => Reason for coming back to Korea =>	B (e)
	OVERSEAS STUDY	Difficulty getting scholarships=> U.S. universities giving scholarships=>	B (f)
	CULTURAL DIFFERENCES	Korean work ethic => Length of holidays in different countries =>	B (g)
	FUTURE TRAVEL	Wind's future travel plans → ((Interrupted by researcher's return))	B (h)

FIGURE 4: Outline of topics talked about in Encounter C

Meta-level topics	Global topics	Sub-topics	Sub-section
	FOCUS GROUP MEETINGS	Air conditioning → Decision on when to eat cake=> Topics covered at previous mtgs →	C (a)
	⇔ WEATHER	Hot weather → Reasons for Rainbow's absence → Climate in Mongolia => Comparison with Korean weather => Climate in Mongolia → Discussion of what snacks to eat =>	
	NEWSPAPERS	Reading newspapers=> Vocabulary in newspapers => Rainbow getting Korean visa → (Topic not taken up) Discussion of when to eat cake=>	C (b)
	<i>PRIVATE TOPIC =></i>	<i>(Not transcribed)</i>	
	SPECIAL DAYS	Lunar vs solar calendar → Traditional days in Mongolia => Birthday celebrations in Mongolia => Preferred seasons=>	C (c)
	<i>PRIVATE TOPIC =></i>	<i>(Not transcribed)</i>	
	TOPICAL NEWS	Controversies involving Education Minister and geneticist =>	C (d)
	FOOD	Reasons for ramyeon ¹ 's lack of popularity in Mongolia => Ramyeon ² => Spicy food=> Japanese food=> Japanese honorific words=>	C (e)
	CLOUD'S TRAVEL TO CHINA	<i>Private topic (not transcribed) →</i> Travel plans=>	C (f)
	INTERNATIONAL MARRIAGE	International marriage pros and cons=>	C (g)
	CULTURAL DIFFERENCES	Cultural differences between Korea and Japan=>	C (h)
	TALKING TO STRANGERS	Different attitudes to talking to strangers → (Interrupted by phone call)	C (i)
	SMALL TALK	Wind's electronic dictionary=>	C (j)
	Participants exchange phone numbers=>		
	KOREAN NAMES	Word order in Korean names=>	
	Getting another drink	((Video tape runs out))	

¹ Korean instant noodles.

² Korean instant noodles.

4.2 A preliminary word on categorising instances of CS use

As the first step to answering the research questions, the recorded data was scanned and participants' reflections considered in order to identify instances where participants had used strategies "in locating, avoiding, replacing, fixing, ignoring [or] talking about" communication troubles (**RQ1**).

The gerund verbs in **RQ1** ('locating, avoiding, replacing, fixing, ignoring, talking about') refer to interconnected facets of communication that can coexist at any one given moment in the talk. For example, comprehension checks may be used for simultaneously 'locating' and 'avoiding' troubles (Bremer and Simonot 1996a: 167); the use of backchannels may involve both 'locating' and 'ignoring' troubles (Varonis and Gass 1985: 82); temporarily 'ignoring' a trouble is often one step in an overall strategy of delayed 'fixing' (Bremer and Simonot 1996a: 176); and accepting an unintentional topic-switch can entail both 'replacing' and 'ignoring' a trouble (Long 1983: 136).

In this dissertation, the analysed extracts are organised into the following subsections according to which aspect, or aspects ('locating', 'avoiding' etc), seem to have had the greatest salience for the participants at the time. *A fortiori*, given the interrelatedness mentioned above, extracts will sometimes be referred to in more than one subsection.

4.3 Locating troubles

Under the rubric ‘locating troubles’ will be considered those strategies used by participants to check whether or not they have understood one another. These strategies are an important aspect of the inferential groundwork upon which conversational interaction depends (Gumperz 1982, 100-101).

Strategies for locating troubles in understanding fall under three broad categories. Firstly, *qua* listeners, interactants continually make and test inferences to verify that their understandings match the intended meaning of the speaker (Baxter 1983: 106; Wagner and Firth 1997: 340). Secondly, *qua* speakers, interactants scan their listeners’ responses for any signs of non- or misunderstanding (Vasseur, Broeder and Roberts 1996: 77). Thirdly, *qua* listeners, interactants provide direct indications to the speaker as to whether they have understood.

4.3.1 Listeners’ inferential work

While listening, participants in the study made and tested hypotheses as to their interlocutors’ intended meaning, not only by scanning the content of utterances, but also based on their own contextual knowledge and underlying schemata regarding the interaction (Gumperz 1982: 36-37, 130, 160, 186, 205-209; House 1993: 176-177; Roberts 1996: 24-26). These inferential processes are largely invisible, and so were not readily identifiable in the videoed data. The interview data did, however, provide some glimpses into the inferential strategies used.

One strategy used is to infer the meaning of unknown vocabulary from linguistic context. For example, in **Extract 2** ~ ‘*tax*’, Wind is initially confused when she misunderstands Jay’s ‘paying for’ as ‘painful’ on **line 216**, but upon hearing him add ‘to government’ she correctly hypothesises that he is talking about ‘tax’ (**line 220**) (interview data).

Extract 2 {A(a) ll. 216-223} ~ ‘*tax*’

216 (jay) and (.) players in britain- britain/ is paying for s- (.) ((grasping air with
217 left hand)) so much money so much money to government
218 (wind) ah

219	(jay)	yeah
220	(wind)	tax you mean tax=
221	(jay)	=yeah tax
222	(rainbow)	tax ah

Such hypothesis-formation does not, however, always lead swiftly to shared understanding. In **Extract 3** ~ '*moderate*', for example, Wind first hypothesises that Cloud's utterance at **lines 130-131** is related to 'modern' in some way, but realises that this does not make sense in the context (interview data). She then needs to reprise¹ the unknown phrase as a clarification request (**line 136**).

Extract 3 {A(d) ll. 128-138} ~ '*moderate*'

128	(cloud)	=I can speak korean
129	id♀	yeah=
130	(cloud)	=I can speak korean in a moderate way but I can speak english in a
131		moderate way I can speak ah::=
132	(rainbow)	=chinese/
133	(cloud)	chinese
134	(rainbow)	japanese/=
135	(cloud)	=?in a? (.) ?in a?:: intermediate level chinese=
136	(wind)	=in a ?modern? way/
137	(rainbow)	int- intermediate #/ intermed-
138	(cloud)	intermediate level chinese (.) well-

More fundamentally, in **Extract 4** ~ '*position*', Rainbow and Wind make a succession of mismatched hypotheses about what it is they are actually discussing.

Extract 4 {B(f) ll. 23-73} ~ '*position*'

23	(wind)	so:: if you pass the toefl test ² (.) so- so american government will
24		support you for the scholarship I mean- ah=
25	(rainbow)	=yeah some universities
26	(wind)	ah some universities=
27	(rainbow)	=yeah yeah universities I'm not apply- the- eh- united government
28	(wind)	oh =
29	(rainbow)	=only- only uni- <u>universities</u> - some universities
30	(wind)	why do you think university support you
31	(rainbow)	::hh ah:: I think- I- I thought that if I applied=
32	(wind)	=ahah
33	(rainbow)	study=
34	(wind)	=ahah
35	(rainbow)	=universities
36	(wind)	ahah=
37	(rainbow)	=so maybe ah- that university- ah- can give a::ny scholarship for me I
38		th- I- I thought that (-2-) so I applied some universities
39	(wind)	if they give you a scholarship (.) mm:: which could be (.) good for
40		them
41	(rainbow)	what
42	(wind)	I mean- (-1-) I think there must be obvious reason to give <u>you</u> a 21:00
43		scholarship- I mean give s- some foreign students
44	(rainbow)	yeah
45	(wind)	a scholarship=
46	(rainbow)	=yeah yeah # foreign students

¹ See **glossary**.

² [tast]

47 (wind) yeah =
 48 (rainbow) =yeah
 49 (wind) so (.) it must be:: good effect
 50 (rainbow) yeah
 51 (wind) in:: considering to their position- I mean in their position
 52 (rainbow) oh- oh- con- condition/ ?provision?/
 53 id? # #
 54 (wind) I mean like good- ah:: good points I mean=
 55 (rainbow) =yeah yeah yeah
 56 (wind) reason I mean
 57 (rainbow) hh::=
 58 (wind) =why they support foreign students (-1-) in their position
 59 (rainbow) ah- (.) mm- I found some scholarships ah:: conditions that made
 60 (wind) ah hah
 61 (rainbow) really- ah- high- ah- opportunity for united states students eh:: they-
 62 eh- united- ah- nations- nations (.) people (-3-) I- I- I saw that

(-2-)

63 (rainbow) ah- it's- it's- ah- more po- possibility for- ah- for united states- ah-
 64 united- ah- peoples/=

65 (wind) =hmm=
 66 (rainbow) =than ah foreign students
 67 (wind) more opportunity
 68 (rainbow) more- yeah- more opportunity=
 69 (wind) =what kind of opportunity do you mean
 70 (rainbow) to get- ah- to get a scholarship
 71 (wind) ah (.) eh

(-12-)

((wind has a drink from her cup)) ((rainbow has a drink from her cup))

72 (wind) I'd also like to keep studying (.) not right now- not- not right grad-
 73 after graduating but in the future

At **lines 52** and **59** Rainbow believes that Wind is asking her about the ‘conditions’ of U.S. scholarships (interview data), whereas in fact Wind wants to know whether, by granting scholarships to students with high TOEFL scores, universities benefit their own ‘position’ (**line 51**) (interview data). Rainbow never intends to imply that U.S. universities grant scholarships in this way (interview data), having hypothesised that the word ‘support’ in Wind’s questions at **lines 24** and **30** simply means ‘to accept as a student’ (interview data). Having failed to resolve this ongoing mutual misunderstanding through numerous turns (**lines 23-71**), Wind and Rainbow finally take an extended break from talking (**line 71**) and implicitly agree to change the topic (**lines 72-73**) (interview data).

Thus, sometimes listener inferencing on its own is not enough to ensure that misunderstandings are effectively located and resolved.

4.3.2 Speakers' inferential work

To check that their listeners understand what they are saying, interactants *qua* speakers also carry out ongoing inferential work, based on a variety of evidence, ranging from indirect symptoms to direct signalling by the listener (Vasseur et al. 1996: 77; Pitzl 2005: 55-56).

At some points in the data, participants are able to promptly identify indirect symptoms of non- or misunderstanding. In **Extract 5** ~ '*weather*', for example, Cloud immediately locates a trouble in understanding (interview data) when Rainbow 'over-rides' (Vasseur et al. 1996: 75, 77) his topic-changing question about weather (**line 52**) and provides a *non sequitur* response (**lines 53-54**).

Extract 5 {*C(a)* ll. 44-58} ~ '*weather*'

- 44 (cloud) =well we talked about soccer- ah::- education system
45 (rainbow) soccer ah =
46 (cloud) =soccer and (.) ah:: last time was just a:: (.) just the free talking
47 (rainbow) ah free talking=
48 (cloud) =but it was- it was not recorded=
49 (rainbow) =ah @yeah@=
50 (cloud) =we just talk about=
51 (rainbow) =mm::=
52 (cloud) =anything (-1-) eh- well the weather is quite hard for you right
53 (rainbow) yes @l@- I was really busy to- eh- ah- last week- ah- two weeks ago
54 so I couldn't come here
55 (cloud) ah hah well=
56 (rainbow) =I really- ah:: ::hh sent email to matthew hh::@=
57 (cloud) =ah hah
58 (rainbow) really @sorry@ hh::@ hmm

(-2-)

After 2-second pause, Cloud asks the question again in a different way (see **Extract 33** ~ '*summer*' **lines 59-61**).

In other instances, speakers locate understanding troubles through their listeners' 'lack of uptake' or 'minimal feedback', such as "[s]ilence, [...] shoulder-shrugging, head-shaking, [...] laughter, coughing, mumbling or any 'filler': er, hm, you see" (Vasseur et al. 1996: 78. Cf. Meeuwis 1994: 67; 69-70; Suh 2002: 3-4). Such evidence is particularly salient when it comes after the first part of an adjacency pair (Gumperz 1982: 162, 176; Seedhouse 2004: 20), such as Cabbage's question at **line 24** in **Extract 6** ~ '*curious*'.

Extract 6 {*A(c)* ll. 24-29} ~ '*curious*'

- 24 (cabbage) {what makes you}learn other languages so hard
25 (rainbow) @@@@=

- 26 (cabbage) =really you've got ?about? languages
 27 (cloud) uh huh=
 28 (cabbage) =you can speak ?about?
 29 (cloud) I'm- I'm {I'm also curious about it}

Cabbage interprets Rainbow's laughter and facial expression at **line 25** as signs that she has not understood and so immediately elaborates on her original question (interview data). Likewise, in **Extract 7** ~ 'want', the momentary silence following her utterance of a key assertion – 'what you do is what you want' at **line 345** – leads Ladder to utter a comprehension check, 'can you understand?', and to begin a reformulation (**line 346**) (interview data) (cf. Jordan and Fuller 1975: 18; Long 1983: 136; Bremer and Simonot 1996a: 167; Williams, Inscoc and Tasker 1997: 312-313).

Extract 7 {A(f) ll. 343-347} ~ 'want'

- 343 (ladder) you really want to study english and you- your self thinking that
 344 english is much beneficial than philosophy (.) he said that so- no no I
 345 don't think that- that- ?I say? but he said what you do is what you want
 346 (.) so- can you understand (.) if you- okay- if you said I don't want to
 347 study english

In the above instances, "noticeable, accountable, and sanctionable" (Seedhouse 2004: 20) listener responses provide evidence for non- or misunderstanding, illustrating how the turn-by-turn structure of conversation itself can provide a pointer for locating troubles (Seedhouse 2004: 10, 17-20).

4.3.3 Listeners' signalling strategies

Alongside the inferential processes discussed above, interlocutors *qua* listeners also directly signal whether they have understood (Gumperz 1982: 163; Kasper 1997: 352; Meierkord 1998, 4.2.2. Backchannels; 2000: 117), particularly through backchannels that encourage the speaker to continue.

There is no lack of such signalling in the data. An informal tally suggests that from a quarter to a third of all the turns at talk in the data are backchannels, most commonly 'supports' (Meierkord 1998, 4.2.2. Backchannels) such as 'yeah', 'ah hah' and 'hmm'; restating of vocabulary (eg. **A(a) ll. 45, 55, 222; A(b) l. 187; A(d) l. 30; A(h) l.86; B(b) 23; B(c) l. 21; B(f) l.26; C(a) ll. 12, 50; C(d) ll. 15, 58; C(e) ll. 36, 38, 112**); and sentence

completion (eg. **A(f) ll. 31, 143, 250; B(d) l. 20**) (cf. Meierkord 1998, 4.2.2. Backchannels, para. 1)¹. Particularly when a topic has been established and a given speaker is elaborating on their ideas, the talk in interaction is commonly characterised by “synchronous phases [during which frequent] back-channel signals stand in regular relationship to points of maximum information content in the speaker’s message, as marked by stress and intonation contour” (Gumperz 1982: 176). **Extract 8** ~ ‘*resources*’ provides an example of this.

Extract 8 {**A(f) ll. 122-143**} ~ ‘*resources*’

122	(cloud)	okay competition itself does not matter because the materials- the
123		natural material- ah- not material- resources- natural resources are
124		remi- are limited
125	(ladder)	yeah ((rainbow nods slightly))
126	(cloud)	and there are many people
127	(ladder)	yeah=
128	(cloud)	=so they have to work
129	(ladder)	hmm=
130	(cloud)	=harder than one another
131	(ladder)	hmm
132	(cloud)	to get- a- part of=
133	(ladder)	=hmm
134	(cloud)	resources
135	(ladder)	hmm
136	(cloud)	it’s clear that not everyone of them can get the part of the resources
137	(ladder)	yeah
138	(cloud)	not everyone because- just the number thing=
139	(ladder)	=yeah
140	(cloud)	there are not enough
141	(ladder)	yeah
142	(cloud)	so they have to compete they have to work
143	(ladder)	yeah work harder= {yeah}

For other instances see **Appendix 7: A(e); A(f) ll. 1-50; 201-280; 295-360; 396-483; A(m) ll. 8-24; 65-79; A(n); B(a) ll. 13-48; B(c) ll. 79-123; B(e) ll. 76-144; C(a) ll. 62-94; C(d) ll. 34-90; C(e) ll. 118-157; C(g) ll. 66-122; C(h) ll. 46-86.**

Signalling understanding is often a two-way process in which the original speaker responds to a listener’s backchannel with one of their own, before moving on to their next contribution. This interactive ‘grounding’ process (Wilkes-Gibbs’ 1997: 239-241) is evident in **Extract 9** ~ ‘*holland*’, where most of the utterances seem to be backchannels.

Extract 9 {**A(a) ll. 305-320**} ~ ‘*holland*’

305	(jay)	hah ((leans forward and clicks fingers)) an- an- and holland holland
306	(rainbow)	holland
307	(jay)	yeah
308	(wind)	holland=
309	(cloud)	=ah hah=

¹ Compared to the findings of Meierkord (1998), use of laughter as a backchannel is relatively rare in the data (less than 5% of total backchannels, compared to over 30% in Meierkord 1998, 4.2.2. Backchannels, Table 2)

310 (rainbow) =holland ah=
 311 (wind) =ah:: yes {yes}=
 312 (jay) {?ronaldo?} was-
 313 (rainbow) yeah
 314 (jay) was a player=
 315 (wind) =yes {yes}
 316 (jay) {in holland}
 317 (cloud) {ah} ah hah=
 318 (wind) =eindhoven¹
 319 (jay) yeah eind- eindhoven
 320 (wind) eindhoven

Backchannel behaviour must be interpreted cautiously, however. For one thing, interlocutors sometimes use backchannels when they are ‘faking’ understanding (Aston 1993: 230) (interview data). Hence, simply tallying the frequency of backchannels per stretch of conversation is “a meaningless measure of conduct in ordinary interaction” (Schegloff 1993: 105) unless we also explore the meanings that such backchannels have for participants in specific conversational situations (Schegloff 1993: 105-108). In the current study, the interview data on backchannels suggests that their frequency in given situations can be related to the listener’s level of interest in the topic; individual personality; and participants’ cultural backgrounds, with Wind noting that Korean and Japanese students in her language classes in England were seen by European students as having relatively frequent backchannel behaviour (interview data).

Explicit signalling of non-understanding, meanwhile, such as when a listener asks the meaning of an unknown word (Vasseur et al. 1996: 86-87; Roberts 1996: 18), will be considered under the rubric of ‘fixing troubles’ (**Subsection 4.6**), as these strategies are generally used to initiate repair sequences.

¹ Dutch city and soccer team name.

4.4 Avoiding troubles

In lingua franca conversation, troubles in understanding are avoided through the “efforts of [interactants] to break down the task into manageable and comprehensible chunks and to limit the scope of interaction with extensive use of conversational adjustments to negotiate meaning” (Williams et al. 1997: 319). In this study, participants’ interview responses and ‘displayed orientations’ in the recordings suggest they used such preventative strategies (Long 1983: 132-136; Bremer and Simonot 1996a) particularly when introducing new topics.

4.4.1 Raising expectability of new topics

Strategies used by speakers to make new topics more ‘expectable’, and thus easier for their listeners to understand, include: ‘pre-announcing’ the new topic; making an explicit link with the previous topic; and linking the new topic to the listener’s personal experience and interests.

Pre-announcing a new topic saves listeners the need to deduce meaning purely from contextual clues (Bremer and Simonot 1996a: 167-171; Wagner and Firth 1997: 339, 341). One way of pre-announcing is to cite a ‘warrant’¹ (Aston 1993: 244) – namely, to give a reason for making the topic-introducing utterance. For example, in **Extract 10** ~ ‘*teacher*’, Cabbage mentions her major – ‘kind of related to languages’ – and her interest in languages (**lines 1 and 7**), before introducing a new topic of reasons people learn languages (**lines 7-8**).

Extract 10 {A(f) ll. 1-14} ~ ‘*teacher*’

1	(cabbage)	I’m majoring in (.) kind of related to languages so
2	(wind)	yes
3	(cabbage)	{so}
4	(ladder)	{yeah} you gonna be tea- teacher
5	(cabbage)	I <u>hope</u> so @@=
6	(ladder)	=@@@@
7	(cabbage)	so I’m keen on learning other languages and I’m wondering why other
8		people have (.) have a tendency to learn other
9	(ladder)	eh=
10	(cabbage)	=second languages
11	id?	hmm::=
12	(cabbage)	=too hard
13	id♀	eh
14	(cabbage)	what ?they? focus of- ?o::f-? ?language?

¹ See glossary.

Pre-announcing is sometimes supplemented with strategies to make explicit the new topic's connection to the conversation so far (Aston 1993: 227; Bremer and Simonot 1996a: 170-171). In **Extract 11** ~ 'reason' **lines 1-2** and **7-8**, as Ladder asks Jay about his study plans, she makes reference to the preceding talk about competition in the Korean education system (**A(f) ll. 440-483**).

Extract 11 {A(h) ll. 1-10} ~ 'reason'

- | | | |
|----|-----------|--|
| 1 | (ladder) | ((gestures across to jay)) I think and- as- ah- you might listen what we |
| 2 | | said so- and I think you said you gonna study in usa |
| 3 | (jay) | uh |
| 4 | (ladder) | ah- so what is the reason |
| 5 | | {why do you want to study in 'Q' university} for more |
| 6 | (cabbage) | {@@@ @ ah 웃겨 ~[okjɔ] ¹ } |
| 7 | (ladder) | I mean do you have any special reason which connected to what we |
| 8 | | said |
| 9 | (jay) | n::o I- I'm- I'm going to- I wanna get a- (-1-) ah- (-2-) sp- I- I- I |
| 10 | | have {a special purpose} {##} |

Ladder uses this strategy to encourage Jay's participation in the ongoing talk, as he has not had a turn at talk for over 7 minutes (interview data). Her strategy opens the way for Jay to hold the floor for much of the next few minutes (**A(h) 15-130**).

Besides making topics salient in the above ways, participants sometimes choose topics that are already salient in terms of their listeners' experience and interests (Long 1983: 133). In **Extract 12** ~ 'newspaper', Cloud chooses the topic of reading newspapers because there is an English-language newspaper lying on the seminar room table, and he surmises that, as Rainbow is also studying English at the time, such newspapers will be a salient topic for her (interview data).

Extract 12 {C(b) ll. 1-7} ~ 'newspaper'

- | | | |
|---|-----------|--|
| 1 | (cloud) | (.) ah well- I don't- I usually read newspaper |
| 2 | (rainbow) | ah::= |
| 3 | (cloud) | =I don't read |
| 4 | (rainbow) | ah::= |
| 5 | (cloud) | =because= |
| 6 | (rainbow) | =@ {why } |
| 7 | (cloud) | {I was-} I'm a little lazy @= |

The most common way to link a new topic to the listener's experience is through a direct question. Overall, 15 out of 29 main topic changes in the data are signalled using such questions, as in **Extract 11** ~ 'reason' **line 5**, above (see **Table 4**).

¹ Funny! ((Korean))

Table 4: Questions used in the data to nominate major topic change

PHASE	SPEAKER	QUESTION
A(c)	(cabbage)	what's the- eh- most interesting thing (.) you these days
A(d)	(wind)	how similar are they between sim- ah- russian and mongolian [...] how similar can you understand everything not everything
A(f)	(cabbage)	I'm wondering why other people have (.) have a tendency to learn other languages
A(h)	(ladder)	ah- so what is the reason why do you want to study in 'Q' university for more
B(a)	(rainbow)	did you- ah- presentation- ah- last week/
B(b)	(wind)	you're a graduate student right
B(c)	(rainbow)	do you like- ah- what do you like- ah- doing (.) weekends/ on the weekends/
B(d)	(wind)	I can remember you said you wanna be a scientist right no/
B(e)	(wind)	is there anything you want to ask me
B(h)	(rainbow)	@ where do you g- ah- like to go:: eh- for s- ?land?
C(c)	(rainbow)	is the lunar day or (.) solar day for birthday
C(d)	(rainbow)	do you- do you watch the- ah- news- en- about kim- kim byung-joon
C(e)	(cloud)	in mongol [...] I wanna know- ah- there- is there- are there many people who eat ramyeon
C(f)	(rainbow)	what is your purpose go (to China)
C(g)	(wind)	are you interested in international marriage/ (.) no

Long (1983: 135) argues that such use of questions to encode topic nominating moves makes the responding task easier for non-native speakers (cf. Bremer and Simonot 1996a: 164-165, 167). For example, in **Extract 13** ~ '*england*', Rainbow's extended question about England provides Wind with three possible sub-topics (friends, interesting experience, foreign lifestyle) to pursue, thus making it easier for her to respond (interview data) (cf. **A(d) ll. 1-3**).

Extract 13 {B(e) ll. 8-11} ~ '*england*'

8 (rainbow) mm (-1-) ah- did you- ah- did you made many friends in england for-
 9 for {during} the studying
 10 (wind) {yes } ((claps hands together))
 11 (rainbow) that was very interesting/ ?for? exciting for- eh- foreign lifestyle

The significance of preventative strategies in topic change is perhaps best illustrated by the troubles that can occur when such strategies are *not* used (Bremer and

Simonot 1996a: 170). In **Extract 13** ~ ‘*these days*’, because most of the previous 7 minutes – see **A(b)** – have been spent discussing the QED meetings held on Tuesdays and Thursdays, Rainbow is thrown by Cabbage’s question (**lines 1-2**), and at **line 3** wonders if she may be asking her something about Tuesdays (interview data).

Extract 14 {**A(c) ll. 1-5**} ~ ‘*these days*’

1 (cabbage) ((gesturing across to rainbow)) what’s the- eh- most interesting thing
 2 (.) you these days
 3 (rainbow) tue- ah- these days/ tuesdays/
 4 (cabbage) these days
 5 (rainbow) ah- these days ah::

A pre-announcement of some kind might have prevented this momentary misunderstanding.

4.4.2 The ambiguity of preventative strategies

Since preventative CS are not triggered by disruptions to communication, but rather by expectation of possible disruptions, they are difficult to firmly identify without detailed ongoing introspective data from the interlocutors (Bremer and Simonot 1996a: 162).

Interview data in the current study highlights the challenges in interpreting these strategies. For example, what ostensibly look like two manifestations of the same preventative strategy – repetition of parts of one’s own utterance (Long 1983: 138; Aston 1993: 225-227) – are shown in fact to be different phenomena. On the one hand, in **A(f)**, Ladder’s repetition of key vocabulary – such as ‘competition’ and ‘professor’ – is a conscious strategy to help listeners follow her line of argument (interview data). Likewise, in an effort to make her metaphorical use of the term ‘a monk’ clearer, she uses it two times, the second time in reference to a specific example (**Extracts 15** ~ ‘*monk 1*’ **line 496** and **Extract 16** ~ ‘*monk 2*’ **line 60**) (interview data).

Extract 15 {**A(f) ll. 328-332**} ~ ‘*monk 1*’

328 (ladder) yeah but you know the- when- when we- how can I say- the- because
 329 of character that- you know that- the method is to:: be a monk (.) not
 330 @living@ in this capitalist society (.) although okay as you said- as my
 331 professor said if you- eh- ladder you don’t- if you don’t want study
 332 english you- you should don’t

Extract 16 {**A(h) ll. 56-60**} ~ ‘*monk 2*’

56 (jay) but my way is @my way@ {yeah}
 57 (ladder) {I think} we- your are really like a monk
 58 and be a::- kind of a- ?you know?- your- your absolute standard and to

59 live with that I think it is good (.) but in my case I'm- I'm not that
 60 brave person I live just as majority people @live@ yeah hmm

At first glance, in **Extract 17** ~ '*problematic*' and **Extract 18** ~ '*lost*', Cloud seems to be using the same listener-oriented strategy in repeating 'that's problematic' and 'those lost people'.

Extract 17 {A(f) ll.157-159} ~ '*problematic*'

157 (cloud) {yeah-} yeah- that- that- that's high- that- that's problematic but- that's
 158 problematic but it- it is not a good- a good idea to solve that problem by
 159 abolishing competition (.) competition itself should remain=

Extract 18 {A(f) ll.163-168} ~ '*lost*'

163 (cloud) well- well I think that is not a good way because it's better- it's better
 164 to take care of those people who lost in competition than to abolish
 165 competition itself (.) we can take care of and provide what they need
 166 to- ah- those (-1-) lost people
 167 (ladder) ah
 168 (cloud) those lost people

In fact, however, Cloud needs a moment to put together the second part of his utterance in each case and is using repetition at **lines 157-158** and **lines 166, 168** to buy time for himself and "soothe his tension" (interview data). Of course, a spin-off from this may be that his listeners are able to understand him better.

In cases where troubles in understanding cannot be avoided, interactants may resort to *post hoc* CS, including: 'replacing' the trouble through topic change; 'fixing' the trouble through a repair sequence; 'ignoring' the trouble and 'letting it pass'; or 'talking about' the trouble through meta-linguistic comment¹. These *post hoc* CS are discussed in the following subsections.

¹ In this dissertation, the last of these strategy types is subsumed under the rubric of 'fixing' troubles, as it is typically used as part of a repair sequence.

4.5 Replacing troubles

Troubles are sometimes replaced through a joint strategy of ‘message abandonment’ (Tarone 1980: 429) in which participants implicitly agree to drop problematic topics, on the grounds that when “talk itself is endangered, a thing we can do is to talk about something we know we can bring off together” (Jordan and Fuller 1975: 28).

This strategy of simply side-stepping a trouble occurs several times in the data. In **Extract 19** ~ ‘*speaking*’, a trouble arises when Rainbow says she wants to get more practice speaking (**lines 14-18**) and presumes that Wind realises from their shared context (English language focus group) that she means speaking in English (interview data). However, Wind has not made this assumption, and repeatedly tries, without success, to find out which language Rainbow wants practice in¹ (**lines 19, 21, 31, 33, 35-36**) (interview data).

Extract 19 {**B(b) ll.14-39** [...] **B(c) ll.1-7**} ~ ‘*speaking*’

14 (rainbow) mm I- ah- I’m worried little bit because I {have} no- ah:- much 5:00
 15 more experience in- ah- speaking/ so ::hh I worried but- ah- I think
 16 that- ah- many times- ah- how I- ah:- practises in- ah- speaking- ah-
 17 my practice- ah- will be- ah- advanced ::hh so I think- ah- so many
 18 times @
 19 (wind) you mean in english/ speaking- what kind of speaking you- what you-
 20 (rainbow) english speaking/
 21 (wind) what are you mean:: speaking
 22 (rainbow) ah- in free- ah- free topics
 23 (wind) ah free topics
 24 (rainbow) yeah

(-3-)

25 (wind) you need- you need to speak (-1-) in every- ah- every subject (.)
 26 (rainbow) ((shakes head)) no (-1-) I have no @any@ subjects ((nods slightly))
 27 (wind) ((nods)) hmm- do you think that you need a practice (.) for speaking
 28 (rainbow) yeah I have @no practice@ @@
 29 (wind) (-1-) why- why/- why do you need a-
 30 (rainbow) (-1-) ah::=
 31 (wind) =you mean in english/=
 32 (rainbow) = # # =
 33 (wind) =or in korean/ or in your languages
 34 (rainbow) (-1-) # # 6:00
 35 (wind) you need a practice:: you said ((looks at handbag)) that you need a
 36 speaking/
 37 (rainbow) ::hh mm-
 38 (wind) ((looks in handbag)) sorry ((takes out mobile phone)) (looks at
 39 phone)) ((looks at watch)) oh:: can I receive a call

¹ Presumably because of the rising intonation on Rainbow’s utterance at **line 20**, Wind does not take this as a statement that it is English that Rainbow wants practice in. It is unclear whether Rainbow indeed meant to confirm Wind’s hypothesis or make a clarification request.

[...]

1 (wind) =okay ((clapping hands once)) we can keep talking ((leans elbows on
2 table))
3 (rainbow) yeah

(-2-)

4 (rainbow) mm {@@@@@}
5 (wind) {@@@@@}
6 (rainbow) (-1-) ah- (-2-) do you like- ah- what do you like- ah- doing (.)
7 weekends/ on the weekends/

The two-second pause after **line 3** marks an implicitly agreed change to a less problematic topic (interview data). A similar ‘replacing’ strategy is used some 15 minutes later (**Extract 4** ~ ‘*position*’, **lines 71-73**), when Rainbow and Wind reach a similar impasse.

Sometimes the process of replacing a trouble is initiated by what appears to be a unilateral interruption, but then is accomplished through a joint strategy of topic change. For example, in **Extract 20** ~ ‘*ronaldo*’, after Rainbow introduces a topic on **lines 97-99** and **101-103**, and a 2-second pause (**line 103**) indicates a possible trouble in understanding, Wind introduces a different topic (**line 104**) before anyone else can respond.

Extract 20 {A(a) ll.97-110} ~ ‘*ronaldo*’

97 (rainbow) { @ } ah::- do you know- ah- the italia-
98 italian coach/- coach- ah- ?how to? (.) ehm- italian coach italian soccer
99 coach- italian soccer {coach}
100 (wind) {ah-hah}
101 (rainbow) replaced- replaced- ah- ?this?- ah- soccer team so ::hh why did he- ah-
102 replace- ah- his ?work? do you know/ hi- ((cloud shakes head)) his
103 reason

(-2-)

104 (wind) how the ronaldo¹ ronaldo
105 (rainbow) ah- ronaldo/
106 (wind) I think every british people don't like him
107 (cloud) h::@
108 (wind) and ronaldo want to:: (.)
109 (rainbow) who is ronaldo
110 (wind) ronaldo- ah:: he's a:: (.) {belong to} the manchester united

Wind makes this unilateral topic change because she feels the group may have more linguistic and factual knowledge about Ronaldo, since the Brazilian soccer player has been prominent in the news at this time (interview data). Rainbow implicitly supports Wind's strategy (interview data) by immediately asking about Ronaldo (**lines 105, 109**) and so

¹ Ronaldo Luiz Nazario de Lima, Brazilian soccer player.

Wind's action at **line 104** does not disrupt the flow of conversation. Thus, like many features of conversation, the strategy of replacing troubles is often carried out jointly by interactants.

4.6 Fixing troubles

Direct strategies used to fix troubles in understanding are evident when interlocutors initiate repair sequences that “help interlocutors regain their places in [the] conversation after one or both have ‘slipped’” (Varonis and Gass 1985: 73). These repair sequences can be crucial to continuing the talk in interaction.

As noted in other EILF studies (eg. Firth 1990: 276; House 2002: 259; Lesznyák 2002: 178), the responsibility for fixing troubles is often shared between interactants, reflecting a “structural bias toward cooperation” (Seedhouse 2004: 9) that is particularly evident in lingua franca conversations. This phenomenon calls into question one of the original CA maxims, namely that “repairs by other than [the] current speaker are not done until a turn's completion” (Sachs et al. 1974: 724). For, in some repair sequences, one interactant will make an incomplete contribution that another interactant collaboratively completes with them in order to achieve a basic information unit, or ‘wadan’ – a Japanese term (Meierkord 2000, 3.1.2 Co-participation and the floor, 3.1.3.1 Cross-cultural contrastive discourse analysis. Cf. Wilkes-Gibbs 1997: 240-244). For example, in **Extract 21** ~ ‘*advanced*’, when Jay's hesitant turn at **lines 264-265** leaves some of his listeners in a state of non-understanding, Rainbow takes up his turn (**line 266**), adding information and body language to co-create a ‘wadan’ about the fact that since South Korea was part of France's group in the World Cup, and South Korea drew 1-1 in their match with France, a French victory will advance the South Korean team's final result, even though they have already been eliminated.

Extract 21 {A(a) ll.250-276} ~ ‘*advanced*’

250 (jay) =because (-1-) our- (.) our team is {switzerland ((counts off fingers))}
 251 [...]

252 (rainbow) switzerl=
 253 (jay) =france= ((counts off fingers))
 254 (rainbow) =yeah
 255 (jay) togo
 256 (rainbow) togo= ((nods))
 257 [...]

258
 259 (jay) {=and us} so- ah - if- if france (.) win this world cup ((cloud hangs up

260		phone)) korea team
261	(rainbow)	((nods and smiles)) ah=
262	(jay)	=@=
263	(rainbow)	=i- i- @
264	(jay)	is (-2-) ((does juggling or balancing action with both hands)) hh:: I don't know
265		don't know
266	(rainbow)	a little ad-advanced ((lifts left hand twice))=
267	(jay)	=yeah= ((lifts left hand once))
268	(rainbow)	=yeah=
269	(jay)	((holding up index finger of both hands)) =because one versus one=
270	(rainbow)	=yeah yeah
271	(cloud)	ah=
272	(rainbow)	= <u>one</u> and <u>one</u> yeah ((holds up left index finger twice))
273	(jay)	yeah
274	(rainbow)	victory yeah=
275	(cabbage)	((smiles and nods)) =yeah hmmm
276	id♀	hmmm((jay and rainbow nod))

Thanks to Rainbow's intervention, Cabbage comes to understand (**line 275**) Jay's intended meaning (interview data).

The troubles discussed in the following subsections occur at various levels of understanding. In a three-level schematisation of understanding in verbal communication developed by Smith (1992: 76), *intelligibility* refers to understanding at the level of the speaker's individual words and word groups – the level that can be tested through a cloze dictation listening test; *comprehensibility* refers to understanding of the speaker's sentences and utterances – the level that can be tested through direct translation tasks; and *interpretability* refers to understanding of the interlocutor's underlying intent or purpose in saying what they say. The extracts are considered according to which of these levels of understanding seem most relevant to the troubles in question.

4.6.1 Fixing troubles at the level of intelligibility

In the data, when a trouble occurs at the level of intelligibility – individual words and phrases – it is often “worked through where and when it occurs, directly after it has been revealed and in a way which demands least effort” (Bremer and Simonot 1996a: 176). Interlocutors indicate intelligibility troubles by repeating the problematic item, reprising the understood part of the utterance containing the item, or making a meta-linguistic comment, such as a ‘minimal query’ like ‘what?’ (Vasseur et al. 1996: 88). The trouble is then repaired by repeating the item, reformulating the utterance, explaining the item with synonyms, definitions, paraphrase or examples, or linking it to the previous talk (Bremer and Simonot 1996b: 193-195).

As an indicator non-understanding, repetition can take several forms. Sometimes, as in **Extract 22** ~ ‘*cold*’, the listener simply repeats the non-understood item by approximating its pronunciation (**line 145**).

Extract 22 {*C(j)* ll. 144-147} ~ ‘*cold*’

144 (rainbow) mm ((reopens menu)) do you want cold
 145 (cloud) oh- ah- co- code/
 146 (wind) do you need a cold one or hot water
 147 (cloud) cold one (.) co=

At other times the listener makes a modified repetition based on hypotheses they have made about the intended meaning, in order to guide their interlocutor to the source of the trouble (Vasseur et al. 1996: 84, 86-87). In **Extract 14** ~ ‘*these days*’, Rainbow utters ‘these days’ and ‘tuesdays’ in succession with rising intonation, thus displaying to Cabbage two hypothesised meanings for the non-understood item. Cabbage is then able to simply confirm the correct hypothesis with a further repetition of ‘these days’. Another example of targeted repetition is Wind’s reprise – at **line 59** in **Extract 23** ~ ‘*sad*’ – of a part of Rainbow’s utterance at **line 58**, with the unknown item replaced with a ‘minimal query’ – ‘pardon?’.

Extract 23 {*B(j)* ll. 57-71} ~ ‘*sad*’

57 (wind) =are you living alone=
 58 (rainbow) =I- ah- yes alone sometimes- ah- ah- time is sad¹- sad for me
 59 (wind) time is pardon/
 60 (rainbow) ah:: s::ad
 61 (wind) what
 62 (rainbow) I am sad sometimes
 63 (wind) sad
 64 (rainbow) yes sad
 65 (wind) why why
 66 (rainbow) mm
 67 (wind) you mean sad
 68 (rainbow) yeah yeah
 69 (wind) S A D=
 70 (rainbow) =some- sometimes- {sometimes}
 71 (wind) {sometimes}sometimes why

This exemplifies how a minimal query, unspecific in itself, can be strategically placed in order to point out a specific non-understood item. Similarly, in **Extract 24** ~ ‘*theory*’, when Wind asks ‘what?’ (**line 186**) after a tone group ending with the word ‘theory’ (**line 184**), Rainbow immediately identifies this word as the non-understood item (**line 187**).

Extract 24 {*B(j)* ll. 177-} ~ ‘*theory*’

177 (rainbow) I think that- ah- in korea- {ah-} education system is- ah:-

¹ [sʌdə]

178 very si- ah- similar {in} japanese and {united} states=
 179 (ladder) {eh} {eh} =yeah
 180 (rainbow) but- that- ah::- education system is very different in jap- in- ah- russian
 181 and german- ah- american education system is
 182 (ladder) mm {eh} {eh}
 183 (rainbow) related to {experience}and {practice-} ah- russian and german
 184 education- hh::- system is related of theory¹ {but-} ah=
 185 (ladder) {eh}
 186 (wind) =what what
 187 (rainbow) theory² theory³ theory⁴ not exper- ah- little- ah- {# #}
 188 (wind) {ah theory}=
 189 (rainbow) yes theory
 190 (wind) ah theory
 191 (rainbow) yeah yeah

In cases where the non-understood item is not a one-off instance but rather a motif threaded through a interlocutor's talk, the listener may use "a more specific metalinguistic question [that] specifies the precise object (linguistic unit or block of units) that is not understood" (Vasseur et al. 1996: 88). This occurs in **Extract 25** ~ '*dissertation*' when Wind asks the meaning of 'dissertation' (**line 28**), because Rainbow has used this word several times in her turn (**lines 22-27**) (interview data).

Extract 25 {C(d) ll. 22-35} ~ '*dissertation*'

22 (rainbow) I just eh- ah- read- ah- ehm- about his plagiarism in newspaper ::hh
 23 hmm (.) first- ah- his students- ah- ah- wrote the dissertation that
 24 topics then after- ah- this- ehm- education minister kim- eh- kim
 25 byung-joon ::hh write- ah- write and- and submitted dissertation that
 26 same topics ah- also he borrowed- ah- so many results of- from- his-
 27 ah- students' dissertations' results=
 28 (wind) ((leaning forward))=?excuse me? what the dissertation
 29 (rainbow) dissertation {thesis}
 30 (cloud) {it is}- eh- {thesis}
 31 (rainbow) {thesis}] thesis
 32 (wind) thesis ah ((sits back))((nods))
 33 (rainbow) thesis
 34 (wind) thesis
 35 (cloud) dissertation ah

Rainbow and Cloud then explain the unknown item with a synonym, 'thesis' (**lines 29-31**). Similarly, in **Extract 26** ~ '*conditions*', Wind uses an explicit metalinguistic question 'what do you mean' (**line 51**) to indicate that she does not understand the repeated word 'conditions', as used in this context.

Extract 26 {A(j) ll. 44-51} ~ '*conditions*'

44 (cloud) ah I- I define structure as the- ah::- as the pre- ah- disposed
 45 conditions the members- the mi- members have to adjust themselves to
 46 (ladder) mm
 47 (cloud) the conditions I mean- the conditions are the structure

¹ [tʃi:ri]

² [tʃi:ri]

³ [tʃi:ri]

⁴ [tʃi:ri]

48 (ladder) eh=
 49 (cloud) =and I think we cannot deny the conditions in the society we really live
 50 in that=
 51 (wind) =conditions what do you mean conditions environment/

Repetition is also used as a method of fixing intelligibility troubles. For example, in **Extract 24** ~ '*theory*', Wind comes to understand the word 'theory' after its third repetition by Rainbow (**line 187**), and then repeats it herself in a phonetic form more familiar to Korean speakers (**lines 188, 190**), thereby fixing the understanding trouble for the other listeners in the group as well (interview data). In this case, perhaps simply the time lag created by the repetition itself was enough for Wind to scan her hypotheses for the intended meaning and fix the trouble (Bremer and Simonot 1996b: 190).

As a means of fixing troubles, repetition is often supplemented with some form of reformulation or link back to context (Bremer and Simonot 1996b: 190-192; 194-195; Williams et al. 1997: 313, 317). In **Extract 23** ~ '*sad*', Rainbow repeats the problematic item 'sad', first as an isolated word (**line 60**), and then as part of a reformulated sentence (**line 62**), at which point Wind signals her understanding (**line 63**). It is therefore plausible that Wind's understanding was facilitated by Rainbow's simplification of the linguistic structure of her original utterance from 'subject-copula-adjective-FOR-object pronoun' to the more straightforward 'pronoun-copula-adjective-adverb'¹. In **Extract 22** ~ '*cold*', after Cloud fails to understand 'do you want cold?' (**lines 144-145**), Wind puts Rainbow's question into a more explicit form, incorporating a contrast between 'cold' with 'hot' (**line 146**), which Cloud immediately understands (**line 147**). Finally, in an example of using a link back to context, when Rainbow signals non-understanding of the term 'IELTS' at **line 98** of **Extract 27** ~ '*ielts*', Wind not only repeats 'IELTS' (**line 99**), but also refers back to the previous topic, TOEFL (**B (f) lines 14-24, 88-94**), and uses an analogy to explain the non-understood item (**lines 101, 103**).

Extract 27 {B(f) ll. 96-106} ~ '*ielts*'

96 (wind) hmm- I think that- no- to enter the (.) graduate school in england you
 97 have to:: take ielts
 98 (rainbow) ielts/
 99 (wind) yeah ielts
 100 (rainbow) hmm
 101 (wind) yeah (.) toefl for american school
 102 (rainbow) yeah
 103 (wind) ielts is for english school
 104 (rainbow) ah yeah yeah mm

¹ However, in her interview, Wind noted only phonetic modification and repetition per se as important here.

105 (wind) yes it is academic one
 106 (rainbow) yeah

4.6.2 Fixing troubles at the level of comprehensibility

At the level of comprehensibility – where a listener misses the meaning of a whole utterance – the most important fixing strategy used in the data seems to be reformulation.

Reformulation typically moves in the direction of greater explicitness and specificity (Williams et al. 1997: 317). For example, when a question has been misunderstood, it is often rephrased in a narrower, less open form (Bremer and Simonot 1996b: 184). This occurs in **Extract 28** ~ ‘*studying*’, after Rainbow seems to misunderstand Wind’s open question at **line 49**.

Extract 28 {**B(a) ll. 49-63**} ~ ‘*studying*’

42 (wind) =how about you- why didn’t you come- why couldn’t- why you
 43 couldn’t come
 44 (rainbow) @@ ::hh ah- I had- ah- any- ah- problem/- ah- for private work
 45 (wind) ah
 46 (rainbow) so- mm- I went to any places ::hh @@=
 47 (wind) =ah
 48 (rainbow) so for them@ so I couldn’t come here@@
 49 (wind) hmm:: (.) so what have you been doing these- these days
 50 (rainbow) ((clears throat)) these days were- were generally well@
 51 (wind) are you working/
 52 (rainbow) ::hh no=
 53 (wind) =studying
 54 (rainbow) no:: ::hh only studying and ah- ::hh going any- any other places
 55 (wind) for- can I ask for what what’s for
 56 (rainbow) @@@@hh:: ah::-
 57 (wind) is it too private/
 58 (rainbow) @ yes @@ yes@ {private@ @@@@}
 59 (wind) {sorry sorry @@@@}
 60 (rainbow) but- ah- just now- ah- any ah- any one of these- ah- works- ah::- has
 61 not been decided so @ just still ?un?- still=
 62 (wind) =mm
 63 (rainbow) still private @@

Wind rephrases the question in yes-no form (**line 51**), and adds a second possible answer (**line 53**), thus increasing the explicitness of the question and easing the task of answering (Bremer and Simonot 1996b: 192; Pitzl 2005: 67). Likewise, in **Extract 29** ~ ‘*drink*’, when Cloud misunderstands Wind’s utterance at **line 133** as an offer to pour him a drink, she makes her question more explicit by using an ‘or’ construction and adds further detail in a

warrant¹ (**lines 135-136**), at which point Cloud understands (**line 138**).

Extract 29 {C(j) ll. 133-139} ~ ‘*drink*’

- 133 (wind) ((reaching toward jug)) we need another kind of drink/ ((holds jug))
 134 (cloud) ((holds out cup with both hands)) ah thank you
 135 (wind) #- another kind of drink or this one (.) I- I can change because I like to
 136 (cloud) go to the restroom (.) you {like another}
 137 (rainbow) {### another}
 138 (cloud) wha- what kind of-
 139 (wind) ((handing menu to rainbow)) we can see

Finally, in **Extract 30** ~ ‘*lunar*’, when Rainbow’s first question (**line 1**) elicits a minimal query from Cloud (**line 2**), she reprises it in a more explicit and conceptually accessible form.

Extract 30 {C(c) ll. 1-8} ~ ‘*lunar*’

- 1 (rainbow) is the lunar day or (.) solar day for birthday
 2 (cloud) (-1-) ah excuse me/
 3 (rainbow) ah do you celebrate your birthday on se- lunar (.) {calendar}
 4 (wind) {lunar calendar}=
 5 (cloud) =ah lunar no no not lunar {calendar} solar
 6 (rainbow) {solar}
 7 solar=
 8 (cloud) =solar calendar=

In her reprise, Rainbow adds the word ‘celebrate’ (**line 3**) and replaces the impersonal form ‘is-the-NOUN-for-NOUN’ (**line 1**) with the more concrete ‘do you-VERB-OBJECT-COMPLEMENT’ (**line 3**) (Bremer and Simonot 1996b: 187-188).

While such reformulation generally allows for prompt resolution of troubles, the situation can be made more complex when non-understanding of an utterance is combined with unknown vocabulary. In **Extract 31** ~ ‘*abhor*’, Cloud uses the unfamiliar item ‘abhor’ in utterances that switch between negative (**line 38**) and positive (**line 46**) sentence forms, momentarily confusing Wind (interview data).

Extract 31 {C(c) ll. 38-49} ~ ‘*abhor*’

- 38 (cloud) well s- I guess- since my birthday is summer I don’t (.) abhor heat that
 39 (cloud) much (.) I {don’t} dislike heat that much well-
 40 (rainbow) {ah}
 41 (cloud) I can’t- I cannot- ah- bear too much cold (.) too much cold weather
 42 (wind) really
 43 (cloud) reall- I’m scared of it
 44 (wind) do you- do you prefer winter
 45 (cloud) no no no pre- not prefer (.) I prefer summer because I- I really- ah-
 46 (cloud) abhor (-1-) cold
 47 (wind) you mean you can’t bear the ho- the very cold weather
 48 (cloud) yeah yeah
 49 (wind) ah so you prefer summer @@@=

¹ See **glossary**.

This combination of incomplete understanding at two levels – intelligibility and comprehensibility – adds to Wind inferential task (interview data), and it requires several turns (**lines 44-49**) for her to clarify Cloud’s intended meaning.

4.6.3 Fixing troubles at the level of interpretability

Rather than simply a word or single utterance triggering misunderstanding, interpretability troubles arise from ongoing mismatches that emerge as “people make decisions about how to interpret a given utterance based on their definition of what is happening at the time of interaction” (Gumperz 1982: 130, 167, 207), such as when a listener misinterprets what topic is actually being talked about. These troubles can provide considerable challenges to the interlocutors, negative evidence for the principle that “the more localised the difficulty is, the easier [...] it is to resolve it (Bremer and Simonot 1996s: 177).

As discussed above (**Extract 4** ~ ‘*position*’ **lines 71-73** and **Extract 19** ~ ‘*speaking*’ **lines 38-38, 1-7**), one response to interpretability troubles in the data is simply to replace, or sidestep, the trouble via topic change. However, there are also instances in the data where interpretability troubles are not replaced, but rather fixed through turn by turn negotiation of the meaning in question, as in **Extract 32** ~ ‘*birthday*’. Rainbow’s response at **lines 12-13** overrides Cloud’s question (**lines 10-11**), presumably because Rainbow believes they are continuing the general topic from the previous turns (**Extract 30** ~ ‘*lunar*’) – namely lunar and solar calendars – rather than birthdays in particular, which is what Cloud wants to know about.

Extract 32 {*C(c) ll. 10-37*} ~ ‘*birthday*’

10	(cloud)	is- ah- is there something special about mongol traditions celebrating
11		birthday/ {eh}
12	(rainbow)	only- ah- white day ¹ / ah- ::hh em- {설날 ~[sɔlɑl] ² /} is- ah- celebrate
13		on lunar calendar
14	(cloud)	ah hah
15	(rainbow)	others celebrate solar {calendar}
16	(cloud)	{ah} so nothing=
17	(rainbow)	=anyone celebrates the birth- their birthday on solar days
18		{solar calendar}
19	(cloud)	{solar days} ah hah solar days ah hah

¹ In Korea, White Day is 13 March in the solar calendar. It is a kind of second Valentine’s Day when men give presents to women.

² Lunar New Year ((Korean))

((wind dips instant noodles up and down))

20	(wind)	@@@@=	
21	(rainbow)	=@@ please@ ((gestures to instant noodles))	((wind begins eating noodles))
22		noodles))	
23	(cloud)	is- is there something- something- ah- unique in your custom	
24	(rainbow)	::hh unique/	
25	(cloud)	ah- yeah ah- celebrating- eh- birthday	
26	(rainbow)	ah ::hh most of them celebrates generally- eh- european styles	
27	(cloud)	ah european	
28	(rainbow)	ah take a (.) cake eh- ah- eat a cake- cake and (-1-) eh- dancing @@=	45:00
29	(cloud)	=dance	
30	(rainbow)	yeah eh- dance # =	
31	(cloud)	=traditional dance you mean	
32	(rainbow)	(.) no @modern@ # # {modern dancing} yeah	
33	(cloud)	{modern just modern} ah hah	
34	(rainbow)	most of youngers celebrate- eh- their- # - eh friends	
35	(cloud)	ah hah	
36	(rainbow)	yeah	
37	(cloud)	ah	

After a delay (**lines 14-22**), during which Rainbow gives her *non sequitur* response and Wind's instant noodles arouse some laughter (**lines 20-22**), Cloud reprises his original question and this time Rainbow seems to understand, giving a detailed answer (**lines 26, 28, 30, 32, 34**). Cloud's reprised question uses the same overall structure as the original, but with some different vocabulary – 'unique' instead of 'special' and 'custom' instead of 'tradition' – and is also uttered more slowly, with pauses and fillers after each content word (Tarone 1980: 423; Bremer 1996: 48; Bremer and Simonot 1996a: 174). These factors may have aided in fixing this interpretability trouble.

Likewise, in **Extract 33** ~ 'summer', Cloud uses a combination of fixing strategies in response to the misunderstanding contained in **Extract 5** ~ 'weather'. As discussed earlier, Cloud immediately realises that Rainbow has misunderstood his question, 'the weather must be hard for you right?', but temporarily ignores this trouble, listening to her *non sequitur* answer and providing backchannel support – 'ahah' (**Extract 5** ~ 'weather', **lines 55, 57**). After this 'diversion' (Bremer and Simonot 1996a: 176), and a pause (Bremer and Simonot 1996b: 187), Cloud applies a fixing strategy of seeking the same information in a different way.

Extract 33 {C(c) ll. 38-49} ~ 'summer'

59	(cloud)	in mongol
60	(rainbow)	yeah
61	(cloud)	is summer hot like this
62	(rainbow)	(.) now it's ?the? twenty:: three or twenty five degrees=
63	(cloud)	=ah=
64	(rainbow)	= # any place is different in::=
65	(cloud)	=ah hah=

66	(rainbow)	=in desert it's- ehm- thirty or thirty five degrees thirty degrees
67	(cloud)	eh hm
68	(rainbow)	in- ((clears throat)) in the mountains region it's ah- mm- twen- ah ten
69		or twenty- ah- fifteen degrees=
70	(cloud)	=ah fifteen ah hah=
71	(rainbow)	=in the- ah- steppe # # regions=
72	(cloud)	=ah hah=
73	(rainbow)	=twenty- around twenty degrees=
74	(cloud)	=ah are you okay with this weather/ hot and humid
75	(rainbow)	::hh ah- in korea is- hh:: too humid
76	(cloud)	ah yeah yeah right=
77	(rainbow)	=and hot
78	(cloud)	ah hah=
79	(rainbow)	=yeah
80	(cloud)	so- ah- in mongol- ah- the city you are living in is not like this right
81	(rainbow)	yeah- yes yes
82	(cloud)	ah is it cool is it- ah- (.) well (.) does it feel (.) does it feel
83		<u>comfortable</u> when you go out in day (.) {#}
84	(rainbow)	{yeah} yes it very- ah-
85		comfortable- re- ah- season is- ah- autumn and=
86	(cloud)	=mm
87	(rainbow)	spring winter is- it's too- too cold=
88	(cloud)	=ah hah
89	(rainbow)	and summer a little hot
90	(cloud)	ah:: ?really?
91	(rainbow)	little hot yeah but- ah- ::hh- mm- mountains region's okay
92	(cloud)	ah {#}
93	(rainbow)	{#} yeah round fifteen degrees in summer july and august ::hh=
94	(cloud)	=mm=
95	(rainbow)	=in ((clears throat)) deep snow does not- ah- f- melt in summer =

Cloud's line of questioning at **lines 59, 61, 74** and **80** maintains the functional aim of his original utterance, but approaches it more indirectly (Bremer and Simonot: 1996b: 184, 192) and in a way that will facilitate Rainbow's ability to answer comfortably (interview data). He first asks about weather in Rainbow's home country, to which Rainbow provides a detailed reply (**lines 62, 64, 66, 68-69, 71, 73**). At **line 74**, Cloud then segues back to his original question, but in a more explicit form, adding the details 'hot and humid', and Rainbow provides the information he is seeking (interview data).

These instances illustrate how an interlocutor can "return to [an] unclarified question after a 'diversion'" and successfully make a "circuitous clarification" (Bremer and Simonot 1996a: 176).

4.7 Ignoring troubles

As noted by a number of EILF researchers (eg. Firth 1990: 275, 1996: 243; Wagner and Firth 1997: 328-329; Lesznyák 2002: 181-182, 190), some of the most commonly used CS in lingua franca situations involve choosing not to fix a trouble and ‘letting it pass’. The interview data in this study indicates that participants make ample use of these ‘ignoring’ strategies, both *qua* listener and *qua* speaker, and at various levels of the discourse, ranging from individual words to whole topics.

As found by Wagner and Firth (1997: 328) in their own study, “keeping a lexical or propositional problem unresolved is a prominent feature” in the data. In some cases, an interlocutor *qua* listener will choose not to signal non-understanding of an unfamiliar lexical item, either because they expect the meaning will become obvious in the ensuing turns, or else they feel it is not critical to developing shared understanding (Varonis and Gass 1985: 74; Wagner and Firth 1997: 328). For example, in **Extract 25** ~ ‘*dissertation*’, while Wind asks the meaning of ‘dissertation’, she ignores another unknown lexical item, ‘plagiarism’ (**line 22**), opting to depend on her background knowledge of the news item being discussed to make overall sense of Rainbow and Cloud’s utterances containing this word (interview data).

Conversely, an interlocutor *qua* speaker will sometimes choose not to fix a non-understanding displayed by their listener. In **Extract 3** ~ ‘*moderate*’, Cloud is aware of Wind’s clarification request at **line 136**, but thinks it indicates that she has not understood at the level of interpretability, that is, does not get his self-effacing joke at **line 130** about speaking his native language ‘in a moderate way’ (interview data). Seeing this interpretability trouble as unimportant to his main message, Cloud opts not to fix it, and Wind also decides to ‘let it pass’ (interview data). Hence, a speaker may opt to move on with their topic even when the listener’s understanding is incomplete. In **Extract 34** ~ ‘*structure*’, **lines 55-57**, Cloud senses that Wind still has incomplete understanding of his intended meaning of the term ‘conditions’, which she has sought clarification for in **Extract 26** ~ ‘*conditions*’ **line 51**.

Extract 34 {A(j) ll.52-74} ~ ‘*structure*’

52 (ladder) environment or {the social structure}

53 (cloud) {well environment}

54 social structure- ?so? the culture a::nd other {circumstances in general}

55	(wind)		{ah:: just condit- the state}
56	(cloud)	yeah states #- states of (.) culture or=	
57	(wind)	=okay okay=	
58	(cloud)	=things (.) we can't deny them (.) well if we do get unsatisfied with the	
59		conditions we have no other way but to live <u>here</u>	
60	(ladder)	mm	
61	(wind)	so- so what do you want to say	
62	(cloud)	what I want to say is (.) the current- the current structure	64:00
63	(wind)	uh huh	
64	(cloud)	has good points and bad points	
65	(wind)	yes of course=	
66	(cloud)	=and the members in the society	
67	(wind)	ah hah	
68	(cloud)	have to try hard- try hard to make the best of the good points	
69	(wind)	uh huh uh huh	
70	(cloud)	to live in the society	
71	(wind)	<u>yes</u> yes	
72	(cloud)	yeah that's the gist of my saying I- I- I:- I wanted to refute the	
73		argument that society is wholly- ah- full of bad points	
74	(wind)	of <u>course</u> not	

Rather than spend more time trying to explain the term, Cloud accepts that ‘near enough is good enough’ and continues with his ideas (**lines 58-59**). A moment later, when Wind makes a further clarification request, this time at the level of interpretability (**line 61**), Cloud reformulates his ideas using a dichotomy between ‘good points and bad points’ (**lines 62, 64, 66, 68**) and linking back to earlier comments by Ladder (**lines 72-73**). Cloud feels this helps clarify his intended meaning of ‘conditions’ (interview data).

The strategy of ignoring troubles is sometimes carried on beyond individual utterances into considerable stretches of talk in interaction. When the ongoing talk about a topic is not clear to a listener, they may adopt a ‘wait and see’ approach, scanning the ongoing talk for hints to make the meaning clearer or else simply waiting for the topic to change (Vasseur et al. 1996: 78, 82). For example, in stretches of the talk where many of the utterances are by Rainbow – eg. **A(c)** and **A(d)** – Ladder understands ‘only about 10 per cent’ of what was being said, largely because of her unfamiliarity with Mongolian pronunciation of English (interview data). She makes some attempt to infer Rainbow’s intended meaning by focusing particularly on her body language, but after some time gives up on trying to make sense of the talk at this point and sits back without making a single contribution for 4 minutes, waiting for the topic to change (interview data). Likewise, in **Extract 35** ~ ‘*ramyeon*’, neither Cloud nor Wind can follow much of what Rainbow is saying (interview data) but simply presume the main idea is that *ramyeon* is seen as unhealthy by Mongolians, and wait for the topic to change.

Extract 35 {C(e) ll.1-30} ~ ‘ramyeon’

1	(cloud)	in mongol	51:41
2	(rainbow)	yeah	
3	(cloud)	I wanna know- ah- there- is there- are there many people who eat	
4		ramyeon ¹ /	
5	(rainbow)	most of people don’t like it	
6	(cloud)	don’t like=	
7	(rainbow)	=ramyeon because- mm- before we- ah- had ne- never eat- ah-	
8		ramyeon/ ah- but- ah- ::hh- after- ah- nineteen ninety years- ah- some	52:00
9		peoples bring out export from china ((wind nods)) then- ah- peoples-	
10		mm- ate- ah:: ((wind looking around table)) ramyen but so many	
11		peoples died ah- caused by ramyen because- ((cloud turns to	
12		bag))((cloud puts hand on bag)) ah- some businessmen	
13	(wind)	((to cloud)) ㅇㄴ ㄴ ~[an ɪ] ² ((gets packet of tissues out of bag))	
14	(rainbow)	businessmen bring out bad r- ramyen from china ah- which- mm-	
15		((wind opens tissue packet)) produced very- mm- not high levels pro-	
16		((wind wipes mouth with tissue)) ah- indus- industry so that’s very-	
17		mm (.) very bad for ah- health ((wind leans elbows on table)) body	
18		health=	
19	(cloud)	=yeah yeah=	
20	(rainbow)	=so so many peoples died so then- ah- ah- most of peoples don’t like it	
21		ramyeon=	
22	(cloud)	=ah ah hah	
23	(rainbow)	also- mm- our (.) country’s people ::hh think that ramyen is not- ah-	
24		not food/ @@@=	
25	(wind)	=not food	
26	(rainbow)	yeah yeah only just ah-	53:00
27	(wind)	(-1-) side=	
28	(rainbow)	=si- yeah	
29	(cloud)	(to wind) ah do you- you- you seem to like ramyen	
30	(wind)	no no no I don’t like it	

While searching for tissues for Wind (**lines 10-16**), neither listener catches Rainbow’s point that some people in Mongolia died after eating badly produced ramyen (**lines 10-11, 20**), and therefore give no special kind of response to this serious matter, much to their embarrassment when the portion was played back and explained to them (interview data). Ignoring ongoing troubles does not necessarily entail simply giving up in this way, however. For example, in **A(a)**, even though Cabbage cannot make sense of much of the talk about the World Cup, which she ‘lets pass’, she does not want to be left out of the conversation, and so jots down notes on understood fragments – eg. **A(a) ll. 61** – and pays particular attention when a new person takes a turn – eg. **A(a) ll. 80-81** – in the hope of making sense of the new speakers’ utterances (interview data).

Another ignoring strategy used by speakers is accepting unintended topic change when their listener gives a *non sequitur* answer to their question or interrupts an utterance. In cases where such a *non sequitur* utterance continues the topic of the previous turns – eg. **Extract 5 ~ ‘weather’ lines 44-50** – it might even be considered “a more coherent

¹ 라면 - Korean instant noodles.

² No (it’s OK) ((Korean))

continuation of the conversation” (Bremer 1996: 47). Ignoring such misunderstandings can be a temporary measure, taken by the speaker before fixing the trouble – as in **Extract 32** ~ ‘*birthday*’, **Extract 5** ~ ‘*weather*’, and **Extract 33** ~ ‘*summer*’ – or else may be the first step toward abandoning the original topic altogether – as in **Extract 5** ~ ‘*position*’ and **Extract 19** ~ ‘*speaking*’. An example of such topic abandonment following an interruption occurs in **Extract 36** ~ ‘*abandon*’.

Extract 36 {C(f) ll. 6-34} ~ ‘*abandon*’

6	(cloud)	well yeah that’s the general purpose but to (.) to put it in a specific
7		terms the first the first- ah:: purpose is to (.) ah- experience other
8		circum- other culture and other circumstances
9	(rainbow)	mm
10	(cloud)	other than that of korea
11	(rainbow)	mm
12	(cloud)	and- that- that is- eh- the first thing and the second purpose was to- ah-
13		practise my chinese with
14	(rainbow)	ah= {mm}
15	(cloud)	=a real- real chinese person {that is my} second purpose my third
16		purpose was to just get to know how chinese young people think=
17	(rainbow)	=mm= {mm}
18	(cloud)	=of their lives {how} they- eh- plan to build their career well I wanna
19		talk:: about this- ah- this matter with them but well as (.) as I have
20		conversations with the- with- ah- some of my friends or seniors ¹ who
21		have been to china ah- I- I have to ah- abandon- ah- I- I’ve got to
22		abandon this third purpose (.) have conversation with the chinese
23		college student
24	(rainbow)	mm
25	(cloud)	ah about his life plan his li- his view of the life in general
26	(rainbow)	mm=
27	(cloud)	=@because@
28	(wind)	((leaning forward)) can you speak this in chinese
29	(cloud)	ah
30	(rainbow)	he can=
31	(cloud)	a little a little
32	(cloud)	hh::@
33	(rainbow)	ah- he studied in- until intermediate level of chinese #
34	(cloud)	maybe yeah maybe now intermediate level

Cloud is about to explain the reason he has abandoned part of his plans for his Beijing trip (**lines 19-23, 25**), but just as he signals the second part of his contribution with ‘because’ (**line 27**), Wind, who does not understand why Cloud is continuing to talk so long about his reasons (interview data), interrupts him with a question about his proficiency in Chinese. Cloud responds to Wind’s question (**lines 31, 34**) and never returns to his original topic.

¹ ‘Senior’ is commonly used to translate the Korean word 선배~[sɔnbɛɪ], which means a fellow student in a higher year at one’s university or a colleague in a higher position at one’s workplace.

5. SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

5.1 Research question 1: Which strategies?

(RQ 1) What communication strategies are used in locating, avoiding, replacing, fixing, ignoring, [and] talking about [...] troubles [...] in [EILF] situations?

The data in this study suggests that the answer to this first research question is, for this focus group at least, ‘a wide range of both preventative and post-hoc strategies’.

Locating troubles

As discussed in **Subsection 4.3**, the participants make use of numerous inferential strategies (Gumperz 1982: 100-101), both *qua* listeners and *qua* speakers. Because such inferencing is largely invisible, it is difficult to quantify in terms of the frequency of different types. Nevertheless, the instances of inferencing *qua* listener discussed in the interview data display a balance between bottom-up (cf. Jenkins 2001: 45, 87, 123; see **Subsection 2.3**, p. 9) and top-down processing (see **Subsection 4.3**). For example, in **Extract 2** ~ ‘*tax*’ and **Extract 3** ~ ‘*moderate*’, Wind first works bottom-up from phonetic input to hypothesise that her interlocutor is saying ‘painful’ and ‘in a modern way’, respectively, but then immediately draws on top-down knowledge of the immediate context to dismiss these interpretations. In **Extract 31** ~ ‘*abhor*’, meanwhile, Wind infers the meaning of ‘abhor’ purely from context.

There are two clear instances where Rainbow uses a bottom-up and a top-down approach, respectively. In **Extract 4** ~ ‘*position*’, Rainbow’s (mistaken) interpretation of Wind’s questions is based almost exclusively on bottom-up processing from the individual lexical item ‘support’ and on her mishearing of ‘position’ as ‘conditions’. On the other hand, in **Extract 5** ~ ‘*weather*’, when she overrides Cloud’s change of topic from the previous meeting to the weather, she seems to be interpreting his question purely top-down, based on a ‘frame’ (House 1993: 176-177) of expectations set up in her encounter with Wind an hour or so earlier, when the same topic about the previous meeting had been followed by Wind asking Rainbow about her absence (**B(a) ll. 32-42**).

These instances, while not numerous enough to make firm generalisations, do suggest that top-down processing is a key part of the inferential strategies used by at least two of the participants, throwing into question Jenkins' (2001: 20) assertion that EILF interlocutors tend to have "an over-reliance on bottom-up skills which, in turn, leads them to focus too firmly on the acoustic signal".

Another, more visible, aspect of locating troubles, discussed in **Subsection 4.3**, is backchannels. The frequency of backchannels – about 33%, 30% and 26% of all turns at talk in **Encounters A, B** and **C**, respectively – approaches the level of around 40% noted by Meierkord (1998, 4.2.2. Backchannels) in her study of EILF small talk conversations. However, there is a considerable difference in terms of the relative frequency of different kinds of backchannels. Whereas Meierkord (ibid.) notes that only 48.4% of all backchannels in her data are 'supports' such as 'yeah' 'ahah' and 'right' – a proportion starkly lower than the level of 90% found in equivalent native speaker discourse – in the current study 'supports' do in fact represent around 90% of all backchannels. The main reason for this discrepancy in percentages seems to be the much greater frequency in Meierkord's data of laughter used as a backchannel – 33% of the total, as opposed to less than 5% in the current study. While these differences raise more questions than they answer, the overall frequency of backchannels seems to reflect the premium that EILF interlocutors place on signalling understanding as well as non-understanding (Kasper 1997: 352).

Avoiding troubles:

The data contains numerous instances where participants use preventative strategies in topic management (**Subsection 4.4**). In fact, in most of the 29 main topic changes in the data, the speaker uses strategies to raise expectability of the new topic, most commonly by linking it directly to the interlocutor's experience through a direct question (15 instances), and sometimes by preannouncing it (2 instances). These preventative strategies have been discussed by Long (1983) and Bremer and Simonot (1996a), mainly in relation to the behaviour of native speakers interacting with non-native speakers. The findings in the current study underline the equally active role taken by non-native speakers themselves in avoiding troubles in this way (cf. Meeuwis 1994: 65; Meierkord, 1998, 4.1.4 pauses, para. 3).

When troubles do occur in the data, participants make use of a variety of post-hoc CS. A salient feature of these post-hoc CS is their cooperative nature, echoing the findings of Firth (1990: 276), House (2002: 259), Lesznyák (2002: 178) and Haegeman (2002).

Replacing troubles

There are three clear instances in the data – **Extract 4** ~ '*position*', **Extract 19** ~ '*speaking*' and **Extract 20** ~ '*ronaldo*' – where topic abandonment is used as a strategy to deal with troubles. As discussed in **Subsection 4.5**, this occurs without noticeable disruption to the flow of conversation, with the interlocutor almost immediately taking up the new topic. This suggests that the decision to replace troubles is a joint one. In all three cases, an extended pause seems to be mutually interpreted as a signal of topic change, echoing previous findings by Meierkord (1998, 5 Summary, para. 2) and Wagner and Firth (1997: 339) that such pauses are a key non-verbal gambit¹ used by EILF interlocutors.

When dealing with troubles that are neither avoided nor replaced, participants “find a balance between continuing the interaction and frequently halting it for clarification” (Vasseur et al. 1996: 89). Sometimes they use repair sequences to fix the trouble (**Subsection 4.6**), and sometimes they simply let the trouble pass (**Subsection 4.7**).

Fixing troubles

As found by Meierkord (2000, 3.1.2 Co-participation and the floor), House (2002: 259) and Lesznyák (2002: 178) in other EILF contexts, the fixing of troubles is characterised by cooperation. Repair sequences commonly involve not only the original speaker and the listener who has not understood, but also other participants as well. Among 14 repair sequences documented in the data – a tally excluding those from situations where only 2 participants are present – participants other than the original speaker participate in the repetition, reformulation and/or explication of troublesome utterance in 6 cases (**A(b) line 161**, **A(j) line 52**, **Extract 21** ~ '*advanced*', **Extract 22** ~ '*cold*', **Extract 23** ~ '*dissertation*', **Extract 30** ~ '*lunar*').

Participants' choice of different fixing strategies may have some correlation with

¹ See **glossary**.

the type of trouble that has occurred. In all 8 analysed instances where troubles occur at the level of intelligibility – due to non-understanding of individual words or word groups – repetition of the item is the initial fixing strategy used, including once in combination with a simile (**Extract 25** ~ '*dissertation*'), once as part of a more explicit reformulation of the original utterance (**Extract 22** ~ '*cold*'), and once along with an explanation (**Extract 26** ~ '*conditions*'). In those cases where the repetition does not resolve the trouble within one turn at talk, the speaker either resorts to reformulation of the original utterance (**Extract 23** ~ '*sad*'), or makes an analogy linking back to the preceding talk (**Extract 27** ~ '*ielts*'), or to shared knowledge (**A(e) ll. 11-23**). Meanwhile, for comprehensibility troubles, at the sentence level, speakers are more likely to opt directly for reformulation to fix the problem. This occurs in all four cases discussed in **Subsection 4.6.2**, with the speakers respectively changing an initial question from an open to a closed form (**Extract 28** ~ '*studying*'), changing the vocabulary used (**Extract 30** ~ '*lunar*', **Extract 31** ~ '*abhor*'), and adding an 'or-' structure to make a question more explicit (**Extract 29** ~ '*drink*'). Finally, as discussed in **Subsection 4.6.3**, where troubles occur at the level of interpretability of whole topics or stretches of talk, they are dealt with either by abandoning the topic (**Extract 4** ~ '*position*', **Extract 19** ~ '*speaking*') or temporarily ignoring the problem, before approaching the topic with a different line of questioning (**Extract 32** ~ '*birthday*', **Extract 33** ~ '*summer*').

Ignoring troubles

As discussed in **Subsection 4.7**, participants commonly use a 'let it pass' strategy to ignore troubles in the talk. At different times this strategy is applied to individual non-understood lexical items (**Extract 25** ~ '*dissertation*' **line 22**) and to interlocutors' *non sequitur* responses (**Extract 5** ~ '*weather*') and symptoms of non-understanding (**Extract 3** ~ '*moderate*'). At other times, longer stretches of discourse are let pass. For example, Cabbage and Ladder choose not to signal their non-understanding of most of what is being said during **Phase A(a)** and **Phases A(c) to A(e)**, respectively. Wind and Cloud similarly 'let pass' most of what Rainbow is saying in **C(e) lines 7-24**. These stretches of discourse alone comprise about 25 minutes, or almost one fifth, of the videotaped data, and represent only what was actually stated in the interview data. This common use of ignoring strategies in encounters where, notwithstanding, communication breakdown does not occur, gives credence to Firth's (1996: 248) argument that a large proportion of EILF talk is 'interactionally robust' and can be unproblematically 'let pass' without full understanding

of everything that is said.

The overall findings on **RQ1** thus paint a picture of CS use that is versatile, cooperative and flexible, lending support to the conclusions of earlier studies (eg. Firth 1996; Wagner and Firth 1997; Meierkord 2000; 2002; Haegeman 2002; Lesznyák 2002).

5.2 Research question 2: Why that, in that way, right now?

(RQ 2) Why/how do individuals choose particular communication strategies at particular moments?

This second research question was more difficult to answer except in general terms, since interviewing each participant in sufficient detail to make comprehensive conclusions on this would only have been practicable by making a larger imposition on their time than seemed reasonable. The recorded and interview data did, however, allow for some tentative findings about the motivations underlying some of these CS.

The clearest data on motivations concerns the last two kinds of CS considered (**Subsections 4.6 and 4.7**), with the participants providing suggestive reflections on why they use ‘ignoring’ as opposed to ‘fixing’ strategies, and vice versa, at particular moments in the talk. Their interview responses give strong support to Firth’s (1990: 275) conclusion that the decision on whether or not to fix a trouble “is likely to be contingent on the perceived relevance of the problem itself vis-à-vis the progression of the discourse, the immediate contextual requirements and the relationship of the participants”.

At the level of both the immediate context and the overall discourse, participants regularly make cost-benefit decisions regarding the seriousness of a given trouble versus the potentially “laborious” process required in fixing it (Bremer and Simonot 1996b: 206). For example, in **Extract 25** ~ *‘dissertation’*, Rainbow’s frequent repetition of ‘dissertation’ in relation to a specific incident suggests to Wind that this unfamiliar item will be crucial to understanding the ensuing utterances, leading her to ask for its meaning (interview data). On the other hand, the non-understood term ‘plagiarism’ seems more tied to the general topic, about which Wind has some background knowledge. Wind concludes that this will

help her understand the utterances containing the term ‘plagiarism’, and so opts to let it pass (interview data).

At the level of discourse, meanwhile, participants seem more likely to ignore troubles seen as part of ‘small talk’. For example, Wind does not understand more than a few snatches of what Rainbow is saying in **Extract 28** ~ ‘*studying*’, **lines 44, 46 and 48**, but presumes Rainbow will not be talking about these points again, so lets this trouble pass. Likewise, in ignoring their inability to understand most of what Rainbow is saying in **Extract 35** ~ ‘*ramyeon*’, both Wind and Cloud presume Rainbow’s commentary is simply reiterating the truism among Koreans that ramyeon noodles are bad for health, and so they let it pass (interview data). The question of what clues interlocutors use to identify parts of an encounter as ‘small talk’ in this way would be an interesting question to explore further.

The location of troubles in the development of a topic can also play a role. For example, Wind notes (interview data) that if a trouble occurs as a new topic is first being introduced, she is more likely to try to fix it than if it is part of mismatched talk has been continuing for some time, in which case she is more likely to end up ignoring the trouble and/or abandoning the topic – as in **Extract 5** ~ ‘*position*’ and **Extract 19** ~ ‘*speaking*’. In the latter situations, when two interlocutors ‘have gone too far’ away from each other, fixing the trouble is seen as too difficult (interview data).

Interpersonal factors also seem to influence the decision of whether to fix or ignore. Wilkes-Gibbs (1997: 245-246, 265) posits that in group discussion participants tend to set a “lower criterion” for understanding and to ignore troubles more often than in one-to-one encounters. This may help explain the considerable stretches of time during which certain participants remain silent in **Encounter A**, when the group ranges in size between 4 and 6 members. However, ignoring troubles also occurs during considerable stretches of one-to-one talk in **Encounters B and C** (interview data), suggesting that group size may be less significant than other interpersonal factors.

A prominent reason given in the interview data for selecting to ignore a trouble is participants’ concern about either their own or their interlocutors’ ‘face’. This throws into question Varonis and Gass’ (1985: 82-84) characterisation of conversation between non-native speakers as “a non threatening forum” where interlocutors can feel free to stop the ongoing progress of talk to negotiate meaning without embarrassment. For the focus group

in this study, ‘face’ seems to have played an important role in discouraging the use of such fixing strategies. For example, Wind noted that she often resists interrupting someone to ask them about non-understood items, because it would ‘disturb’ them while they were in the midst of talking. For example, in **Extract 28** ~ ‘*studying*’, she did not want to make Rainbow feel uncomfortable by asking her for clarification at **lines 44-48**. Likewise, in **Extract 5** ~ ‘*weather*’, Cloud initially ignores the trouble evident in Rainbow’s *non sequitur* reply at **lines 53-54**, because he does not want to embarrass her by pointing out her misunderstanding. The importance of such ‘face’ concerns throws into question the ‘cultural irrelevance’ hypothesis (House 2002: 260) that EILF communication is simply used as an ‘instrumentally opportune medium of communication’ without concern for cultural norms.

Hence, participants’ motivations in fixing and ignoring troubles largely centre on striking a balance between the competing demands of linguistic clarity and pragmatic concerns about ‘face’.

5.3 Looking ahead: Continuing the survey

The research discussed in this dissertation is an exploratory study gathering preliminary data on some aspects of CS use by a small focus group of EILF speakers. As a predominately qualitative, descriptive study, it did not start with hard and fast hypotheses to test (Wolfson 1986: 693; Watson-Gegeo 1988: 4-5; Seliger and Shohamy 1989: 116-118; Wiersma 1991: 220-221; Johnson 1992: 179; McDonough and McDonough 1997: 205) and does not claim to make universally applicable findings about EILF use. However, it has generated some research questions that could be investigated in future research.

Locating troubles:

- For EILF interlocutors carrying out inferential work *qua* listeners, what is the relative importance of phonological content, contextual knowledge and schematic assumptions, respectively?
- How is this influenced by factors such as the topic being discussed and the cultural background of the interlocutors?

These questions could be investigated through post-hoc participant interviews, as in this study, but preferably with less of a time lag after recording the data, to allow for fresher memories. One goal of such research could be to test the conclusions of Meeuwis (1994: 75) and House (1999: 176; 2002: 256) that schemata play a sometimes overwhelming role in EILF interlocutors' listening strategies.

- Do different EILF interlocutors interpret symptoms of non-understanding differently from one another?
- What factors (eg. cultural background, topic) cause these differences in interpretation?

'Symptoms' of non-understanding can be ambiguous. For instance, silence can have opposite meanings in different cultures (Bae 2002: 196, n.2), and laughter can be used for a range of other pragmatic purposes, including as a supportive backchannel (Meierkord 1998) or as a means to compete for a turn at talk (Knapp 2002: 235). Hence, more cross-cultural research into the interpretation of such symptoms will be important to the understanding of EILF interactions.

- Do EILF interlocutors from different cultural backgrounds make differing uses of signals such as backchannels?

Given Wind's comment about the image of North East Asian students as more active 'backchannellers' than their European counterparts (**Subsection 4.3.3**, p. 39), analysis of data from a wider range of cultural backgrounds than in this study will be key to answering this question.

Avoiding troubles:

- What cultural, interpersonal and content-related factors affect EILF interlocutors' choices about when to use different preventative strategies?
- Which of these preventative strategies are most effective, and in which situations, for different interlocutors?

Replacing troubles

- What factors are important in interlocutors' decisions to abandon a topic?
- What signs from their interlocutors do EILF users draw on when making joint decisions to abandon a topic?

Fixing troubles/ Ignoring troubles:

- In what ways is the choice of whether to fix or ignore a trouble related to factors such as group size, cultural background, and stage of topic development?
- Which fixing strategies, in which situations, are most effective in achieving shared meaning?

To answer these research questions confidently will require research with more participants from a wider range of backgrounds, more thorough data collection and more replication than were possible in this study. It would also be worthwhile to gather data on a wider variety of encounter types, moving beyond casual conversation to include, for example, classroom discourse and formal meetings. This triangulation of data sources (Cohen and Marion 1994: 236, 238; Wiersma 1991: 232) would allow for the exploration of a wider range of variables such as power relationships and levels of formality. One approach would be to gain agreement from an institution – such as one of the many Korean universities where EILF is commonly used in classrooms, research seminars and other situations – to allow an on-site researcher to set up a longitudinal study. Research along these lines has begun in Europe. Mauranen (2003: 525), for example, is collecting 500,000 words of academic EILF data from two Finnish universities, and hopes to use concordancing and quantitative analysis to identify 'the patterns of discourse marking, formulaic expressions, simplification, and universally unmarked linguistic features' within this data. Gathering large quantities of corpus data in itself is not enough, however. Questions about motivation in CS use, in particular, also require ongoing introspective data collection. Hence, use of interview data and perhaps participant diaries, will have an important role to play.

Ongoing descriptive EILF research of this kind could feed into the development of appropriate language education programs for students who will primarily be using English as an international lingua franca. In this regard, a comparative research approach may be useful. As noted in **Subsection 2.2**, and by Seidlhofer (2001: 144) and Mauranen (2003: 517), such a comparative approach runs the risk of implying a ‘linguistic deficit’ view of EILF discourse. However, a comparative research paradigm based on “mutual respect” (Seidlhofer 2001: 150) will focus simply on delineating the key differences between two valid forms of communication, ENL and EILF. A spin-off of such an approach could be to identify aspects of ENL communication that have been inappropriately incorporated into ELT materials¹. For example, Alptekin (2002: 63) argues that in classroom listening materials, ‘[d]iscourse displaying exclusive native speaker use should be kept to a minimum’ (cf. Baxter 1983: 103; Cook 1999: 200). Meanwhile, there may also be important *sui generis* aspects of EILF that have yet to be incorporated into teaching materials. The selective use of ‘let it pass’ strategies (Firth 1996: 243) and collaborative repair strategies (Firth 1990: 276; House 2002: 259; Lesznyák 2002: 178) may be cases in point.

Thus, descriptive EILF research has an important role to play in the development of appropriate ELT materials for lingua franca situations. The current study was conducted in a part of the world where such situations are becoming more and more common, and this dissertation thus aims to make a small contribution to the endeavour of surveying this globally significant form of language use.

¹ My thanks to Jennifer Smith for pointing out this connection.

6. GLOSSARY

appealer

Gambit “used by a speaker whenever he or she wishes to appeal to his or her hearer’s benevolent understanding” (Rintell and Mitchell 1989: 285). **Appealers** come at the end of an utterance, and solicit a response from the listener. Examples in English include tag questions, ‘right?’, and ‘you see?’ (Edmondson 1981: 83-85).

cajoler

Gambit used to “increase, establish, or restore harmony between [...] interlocutors”, particularly when a request is being made (Rintell and Mitchell 1989: 284). **Cajolers** are “conventionalized speech items” with little semantic content in themselves, and “the commonest [examples in English] are *you know* and *you see*” (Edmondson 1981: 155).

extractor

Gambit used by a speaker to “anticipate [their] withdrawal from a conversation which has not really reached its conclusion” (Meierkord, 1998, 3.1 Analyzing discourse structure, para 2). An example in English is ‘Look at the time. I must be off.’

gambit

A verbal strategy used by speakers ‘to lubricate the ongoing conversation’. **Gambits** often add no content to the topic of a conversation, but are strategically used by speakers to “directly or indirectly support their conversational purposes” (Edmondson 1981: 81). Types of gambits include **appealers**, **cajolers**, **extractors**, **uptakes** and **warrants**.

reprise

Utterance that incorporates an interlocutor’s words into one’s own turn, such as through “lexical repetition (with prosodic modifications for instance) [or else] reformulation of the interlocutor’s utterance” (Vasseur et al. 1996: 83).

subject expectancy

The tendency of participants in a research project to alter their behaviour according to what they think the researcher is interested in (Brown 1999: 33-34).

uptake

Gambit used by a speaker to “reassure the previous speaker that [...] the Uptake-producer both can hear and is listening” and “to signal a willingness or readiness to assume the speaking role” (Edmondson 1981: 85). An example in English is the way U.S. Secretary of State Condoleeza Rice “fields questions by whispering ‘Yeah’, to signal she understands, then launches into answers” (Ratnesar 2005: 17).

warrant

Gambit used to cite grounds for why an utterance is being made (Aston 1993: 244). Examples include ‘grounders’, used by speakers to give reasons or justifications before making a request, as in ‘I missed class yesterday. Could I borrow your notes?’ (Rintell and Mitchell 1989: 287).

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APPENDICES

Appendix 1a: Selection of CS/pragmatics EILF studies

STUDY ^a	Participants (eg. number, ages)	Context of culture ^b (linguistic, national background of participants)	Context of situation ^b (specific background/setting of the interactions)	Field ^b (what is talked about, goals of the interactions)	Tenor ^b (relationships between interactants)	Mode ^b (kind of interaction)	Quantity of data
Meeuwis (1994)	n=? Class groups of 10-15. For highly specialised sessions, class groups of 2 students.	Nationalities: (Junior engineers/trainees): South Korean and Tanzanian. (Engineers/instructors): Belgian-Flemish.	Instruction sessions held during 1990 at a company in Antwerp, Belgium, to prepare foreign engineers to set up and manage telephone exchanges in their own countries.	(a) Theoretical discussion on computerisation of telecommunication systems; (b) practical sessions solving simulated problems on a personal computer; (c) practical computer programming activities.	Trainers and trainees.	Face to face workshop-style training sessions.	12 training sessions (between 22 mins and 3hrs each) <u>Total: 16 hrs.</u>
Firth (1990; 1996)	n = ?	Native speakers of Danish, Arabic, Japanese, Urdu. Nationalities include Danish, Indian, Syrian, Hungarian.	Naturally occurring work-related talk between Danish trading company employees and their international clients.	Negotiating export/import of foodstuffs and micro-electronics.	Export managers and their international clients	Business telephone calls.	? Focus on 2 (1990) and 7 (1996) extracts.

^a Where the studies are part of a wider research project, details of the latter are also given, where available.

^b These categories are based on functional linguistic concepts (see Butt et al. 2001, 3-5).

Appendix 1b: Selection of CS/pragmatics EILF studies cont'd

STUDY	Participants (eg. number, ages)	Context of culture (linguistic, national background of participants)	Context of situation (specific background/ setting of the interactions)	Field (what is talked about, goals of the interactions)	Tenor (relationship between interactants)	Mode (kind of interaction)	Quantity of data
Wagner and Firth (1997)	<u>Wider project</u> n = ? <u>This study:</u> n = 3 (1 Danish and 2 German engineers	<u>Wider project:</u> speakers of English, German, French, Spanish, Swedish, Danish. (Most lingua franca use English, plus some German.)	International communication between commercial companies.	<u>This study:</u> Discussing parts for a power station being built in Denmark.	International business partners	Telephone calls.	<u>Wider project:</u> Companies: n=? Each company: 1.5 – 10 hrs = 5-90 calls. <u>This study:</u> Focus on 9 extracts from 2 calls.
Meierkord (1998)	n = 48 Ages = 20-30.	Native speakers of 17 languages; European, Arab, Indian, Pakistani and East Asian students.	Naturally occurring conversation over the dinner table at a student hall of residence, Britain.	Small talk.	Fellow students / friends.	Face to face conversations.	13.5 hrs. 23 conver- sations. Focus on 9 extracts.
Meierkord (2000)	n = 48 Ages = 20-30.	As per Meierkord (1998)	As per Meierkord (1998)	As per Meierkord (1998)	As per Meierkord (1998)	As per Meierkord (1998)	As per Meierkord (1998) Focus on 2 extracts.

Appendix 1c: Selection of CS/pragmatics EILF studies cont'd

STUDY	Participants (eg. number, ages)	Context of culture (linguistic, national background of participants):	Context of situation (specific background/setting of the interactions)	Field (what is talked about, goals of the interactions)	Tenor (relationship between interactants)	Mode (kind of interaction)	Quantity of data
Meierkord (2002)	<u>Wider project:</u> n = 48 <u>This study:</u> n = 13	<u>Wider project:</u> as per Meierkord (1998) <u>This study:</u> Pakistani (n=3), German (n=3), Iraqi, Nigerian (Igbo speaker), Kenyan, French/Vietnamese, Korean, Egyptian, Chinese Malaysian. 42 native Cantonese-speakers and 34 native-English speakers living in Hong Kong.	As per Meierkord (1998)	As per Meierkord (1998)	As per Meierkord (1998)	As per Meierkord (1998)	As per Meierkord (1998) Focus on 10 extracts
Cheng and Warren (2001)	n = 76		Naturally occurring conversation.	Small talk and work-related topics.	Equal status friends and colleagues.	Face to face conversations.	<u>Total data</u> = 50 hrs. <u>Analysed data</u> = 10hrs.
Haegeman (2002)	<u>Wider project:</u> Employees (n=?) at 7 companies (n = ?) in Flanders, Belgium, and their international clients. This study: n = 6 or 7.	Belgian participants all Flemish Dutch speakers. Other participants' native languages not specified.	Communication related to business of Belgian textile and foodstuff importing companies.	Following up correspondence; checking contact details; confirming hotel booking arrangements and airport pickups; discussing shrimp exports.	International business partners.	Telephone calls.	>3 hrs 49 phone calls. Focus on 4 calls

Appendix 1d: Selection of CS/pragmatics EILF studies cont'd

STUDY	Participants (eg. number, ages)	Context of culture (linguistic, national background of participants):	Context of situation (specific background/setting of the interactions)	Field (what is talked about, goals of the interactions)	Tenor (relationship between interactants)	Mode (kind of interaction)	Quantity of data
Lesznyák (2002)	n = 11 European university students attending an international student conference; Ages = early to mid 20s	6 native Dutch speakers; 3 native Hungarian speakers; 1 native German speaker.	'European Parliament' simulation game at student conference in Holland, 1997. Attendees formed factions to develop proposed amendments regarding which EU countries should be allowed into the European monetary union.	Discussion of which countries meet criteria for Union membership; making a group decision on the wording of proposed amendments.	Fellow attendees at a student conference, role-playing as EU delegates. Had not met one another until 2 days before the study.	Face to face formal discussion at one 'faction meeting' – although many meeting rules such as 'speaker stands up' and 'chair gives right to speak' were either explicitly discarded or implicitly ignored.	40 minute discussion Focus on 7 extracts.
House (2002)	<u>Wider project</u> n = ? Ages 23-35. <u>This study</u> n = 4 (2 female, 2 male)	<u>Wider project:</u> Students from <u>Germany, Korea, China, Indonesia, Spain, Turkey, Cameroon, France, Denmark, Colombia</u> (This study's participants <u>underlined</u>)	<u>Wider project:</u> (a) Real life interactions amongst students; (b) simulated interactions between students and Hamburg University support staff.	<u>This study:</u> quasi-natural discussion on a short article from a German magazine, about English as a lingua franca.	Fellow students.	Face to face discussion.	<u>This study:</u> 30 minutes.

Appendix 1e: Selection of CS/pragmatics EILF studies cont'd

STUDY	Participants (eg. number, ages)	Context of culture (linguistic, national background of participants):	Context of situation (specific background/setting of the interactions)	Field (what is talked about, goals of the interactions)	Tenor (relationship between interactants)	Mode (kind of interaction)	Quantity of data
Pözl (2003)	n = ? Wider project: Academics, students, homemakers, tourist guides, a merchant, a doctor. This study: n = 15 Language lecturers (n=8); language students (n=5); a medicine lecturer; a pensioner; a judo instructor.	Nationalities in wider project include: Austrian, Egyptian, German, Greek, Italian, Jordanian, Japanese, Lebanese, Spanish, Turkish. Native languages this study: Arabic (n=6); Austrian (n=3), Japanese (n=3), Turkish, Greek, German.	Wider project included a variety of professional, educational and private settings in Jordan, Lebanon, Egypt, Australia, Singapore. Recorded in 2002. This study: informal settings in Jordan, Egypt and Lebanon.	Casual conversation.	This study: fellow academics and/or students.	Face to face conversations.	Wider project: 20 hours (each recording 2-90 minutes) This study: focus on 7 extracts.

APPENDIX 2: PARTICIPANTS' DEMOGRAPHIC DETAILS

'Rainbow' (Mongolia / Female)

A postgraduate student at 'Q' University with a science major, 'Rainbow' has been living in Korea for 3 and a half years. She first studied elementary English grammar at university in Mongolia, where, until the 1990s, the second language taught in schools was Russian (Cohen 2005: 204-207). When she first arrived in Korea she used EILF but now generally uses Korean to communicate in her daily life. She does, however, speak English when attending international conferences in Japan, and has written her PhD thesis in English. She plans to do research in Japan, where she will initially need to communicate using EILF. She has generally taught herself English through independent study and is currently studying Japanese. She has strong motivation to continue developing her English language skills for her future career.

'Cloud' (South Korea / Male)

A former student at 'Q' University, 'Cloud' now studies English Literature at a neighbouring university, but still remains an active member of 'Q' University's English language debating club, 'QED', usually attending three meetings a week. He studied English in primary and secondary school, and further developed his English language skills by watching American movies and following the dialogue. He describes himself as feeling 'comfortable with English'. The week after the final focus group meeting, he travelled abroad for the first time, to China, where he communicated in English and Chinese to make friends with Chinese university students. He has studied Chinese language for 5 years and is currently also studying Japanese.

'Cabbage' (South Korea / Female)

'Cabbage' is studying Korean Language Education at 'Q' University, where she is a member of 'QED'. Like 'Cloud', and all Korean young people, she studied English during her primary and secondary education and also studied English in the United States for 6 months in 2004-2005. At the time of the focus group meetings she was attending an English language institute three mornings a week, and also sometimes speaks English with a number of North American friends. She teaches Korean as a volunteer to foreign workers living on the outskirts of Seoul and is interested in conducting sociolinguistic research of her own in the future.

'Ladder' (South Korea / Female)

'Ladder' studies Philosophy at 'Q' University. She studied English in primary and secondary school, but says she gained a deeper interest in English when she was member of an English language discussion group facilitated by an U.S. English teacher at 'Q' University. Since then, she has regularly kept a journal in English as well as scrapbooks of English language newspaper articles. At the time of the focus group meetings she was vice-president of 'QED' and participated in the group's public debate at their biannual conference, and usually attends three meetings a week. She says 'When I speak in English, I feel good' and is interested in how Korean and other Asian people can 'use English in our own way'.

'Wind' (South Korea / Female)

'Wind' is a Business major student at 'Q' University and an active member of 'QED'. From early 2005 she spent 2 months in the Philippines and then 8 months in England studying English. Some of her classes for her major are conducted in English and she sometimes gives presentations in English. She studies English by herself most days, and at the time of the focus group meetings was attending a language institute class every weekday morning. The week following the final focus group meeting she attended an international conference as a volunteer English-speaking helper (eg. meeting international delegates at the airport). She enjoys speaking in English and has strong motivation to continue improving her English skills, especially in listening.

'Jay' (South Korea / Male)

'Jay' is an Economics major student and friend of 'Cabbage'. At the time of the project he was making plans to study in the United States, to get more practical experience in his major. He only attended one meeting and I did not have a chance to interview him or to gather more detailed personal information from him.

APPENDIX 3: SCHEDULE OF FOCUS GROUP MEETINGS

DATE	TIME	MEETING TYPE	PARTICIPANTS ATTENDING						COMMENTS
			Rainbow	Cloud	Cabbage	Ladder	Wind	Jay	
30 / 06 / 06	4-6pm	Focus group discussion	0	0	0	0			Get-to-know-you (GTKY) session. Researcher present for whole discussion.
07 / 07 / 06	6-8pm	Focus group discussion		0	0	0			Further GTKY. Discussed goals for group. Discussion videoed but recording discarded.
14 / 07 / 06	2.30-4pm	Presentation lesson	0		0				Lesson based on Powell (2002: 10, 12, 14)
	4-6pm	Focus group discussion	0	0	0	0	0		Discussion videoed and used in analysis.
21 / 07 / 06	2.30-4pm	Presentation lesson			0				Lesson based on Powell (2002: 15-17)
	4-6pm	Focus group discussion		0	0	0			Some private issues discussed. Discussion videoed but recording discarded.
28 / 07 / 06	4-6 pm	Focus group discussion		0		0			Researcher present for whole discussion. Meeting not videoed.
04 / 08 / 06	2.30-3pm	Focus group discussion	0						Discussion videoed and used in analysis.
	3-4pm	Presentation lesson	0						Lesson based on Powell (2002: 70-71; 94-95)
	4-6pm	Focus group discussion	0	0					Discussion videoed and used in analysis.

APPENDIX 3: CONSENT FORM (ENGLISH)

Name of Project:

A study of international communication in Korea

You are invited to participate in a study of international communication in Korea. The purpose of the study is to discover the strategies and styles used by people from different national backgrounds when they communicate with each other in English.

The study is being conducted by Matthew Watterson. My email is matthew.watterson@students.mq.edu.au. I am conducting this research to meet the requirements for the degree of Masters of Applied Linguistics at Macquarie University, Australia, under the supervision of Dr Jan Tent, Department of Linguistics, telephone number: 61 2 9850 9659; email: jtent@ling.mq.edu.au.

If you decide to participate, you will be asked to join a focus group of students (both Korean and international) for whom English is not a native language. This focus group will meet once a week during July 2006. You are encouraged to come to as many of these meetings as you can.

Each meeting will last about 1 hour, and will include free talking, get-to-know-you activities and discussion on various issues. Depending on the group's interests, you will also have a chance to develop your English presentation skills.

I will video- and/or audiotape most of the group meetings, transcribe these recordings and use this data to write about the communication styles and strategies used. You will be invited to view or listen to the recordings with me afterwards to discuss them, but this is not a requirement of your involvement in the study.

I will not be present during the group meetings, and you are encouraged to communicate with one another as naturally as possible. Outside the meetings you are free to get feedback from me on aspects of your English use, such as preparing English language presentations and writing English language resumes.

Participation in this research will not be paid, but I will provide snacks and beverages for the participants at each group meeting.

Any information or personal details gathered in the course of the study are confidential. The only person who may see or hear the recorded data is my supervisor, Dr Jan Tent. No individual will be identified in any publication of the results. When transcribing the data, I will not use your real name, and if you so wish, I will also conceal your nationality. The transcribed data will be included in the text of my final dissertation.

If you decide to participate, you are free to withdraw from further participation in the research at any time without having to give a reason and without consequence. If you request, I will delete any recording I take of you and not use it for this or any other research.

I, (participant's name) have read and understand the information above and any questions I have asked have been answered to my satisfaction. I agree to participate in this research, knowing that I can withdraw from further participation in the research at any time without consequence. I have been given a copy of this form to keep.

Participant's Name: _____ Investigator's Name: MATTHEW WATTERSON (block letters)
(block letters)

Participant's Signature: _____ Investigator's Signature: _____
Date: _____ Date: _____

The ethical aspects of this study have been approved by the Macquarie University Ethics Review Committee (Human Research). If you have any complaints or reservations about any ethical aspect of your participation in this research, you may contact the Ethics Review Committee through its Secretary (telephone 61 2 9850 7854; email ethics@mq.edu.au). Any complaint you make will be treated in confidence and investigated, and you will be informed of the outcome.

APPENDIX 3: CONSENT FORM (KOREAN) 동의서

프로젝트 명: 한국에서의 국제적 의사소통에 관한 연구

당신은 한국에서의 국제 의사소통 연구에 참여하게 됩니다. 이 연구의 목적은 다양한 국가적 배경 가진 사람들이 영어로 의사소통을 할 때 어떠한 전략과 유형을 사용하는지에 대해 알아보려고 하는 데 있습니다.

이 연구의 실행자는 Matthew Watterson (맷휴 워터슨) 이며, 나의 이 메일 주소는 matthew.watterson@students.mq.edu.au 입니다.

제가 이 연구를 하는 목적은 Macquarie University, Australia 에서 석사 학위에 (Applied Linguistics: 응용 언어학) 필요한 요구 사항을 취득하기 위한 것입니다. 이 연구는 Dr Jan Tent, Department of Linguistics (언어학 학과) 지휘 아래 이루어질 것 입니다. 전화 번호 는 61 2 9850 9659 이며, 이메일 주소는 jtent@ling.mq.edu.au 입니다.

만약 당신이 이 연구에 참여 하면 포커스 그룹 (focus group)에 동참하게 되며 이 그룹의 구성원들은 영어가 모국어가 아닌 학생들로 (한국 학생과 해외 학생) 이루어 지고, 여러 차례 모임에 참석을 해야 합니다. 이 모임에 가능한 많이 참석해주시기 바랍니다.

매 모임은 한 시간 정도 소요될 것이며, 프리 토킹 (free talking) 과 서로 알아가는 활동과 (get-to-know-you activities) 다양한 주제들에 관해 의논 하는 시간을 가질 것 입니다. 이 그룹의 의사에 따라 영어 발표 하기 연습도 할 수 있을 것입니다.

이 연구 모임 활동들은 녹화/녹음될 것이며 나중에 문서화 됩니다. 이 자료는 사용되는 의사소통 전략과 방식에 관한 논문을 쓰기 위해 사용될 것입니다. 당신이 원하면 이 녹화된 내용에 대해 같이 보고, 듣고 의논 할 수 도 있습니다. 하지만 이 부분은 당신이 반드시 참여해야 할 사항은 아닙니다.

저는 녹화 촬영 장소에 있지 않을 것이며 당신은 다른 일원들과 자연스럽게 대화를 나누면 됩니다. 매 촬영이 끝나는 대로 저와 같이 당신의 영어 표현에 대해 이야기 하며 저의 피드백 (feedback)도 참조해 드리겠습니다. 이 피드백 시간은 촬영 되지 않으며 제 연구에도 사용되지 않을 것입니다.

이 연구에 참여하는 것에 대한 보수는 없지만 매 모임마다 간식과 음료를 제공 하겠습니다.

모든 내용과 개인적인 부분은 기밀사항으로 다루어질 것이며 이 내용물을 볼 다른 유일한 한 사람은 저의 감독자인 Dr Jan Tent 입니다. 참여한 각 개인의 이름은 연구 결과에 기재되지 않을 것이며, 문서에 당사자의 본명은 사용되지 않을 것입니다. 또, 본인이 원하면 그 당사자의 국적도 삭제 됩니다. 문서화된 자료는 저의 논문에 포함 됩니다.

만약 참여를 하다가 언제라도 이 연구에서 이유, 문제 없이 탈퇴할 수 있습니다. 촬영된 부분도 당사자가 원하면 모두 삭제 되고 어느 연구에도 쓰이지 않을 것입니다.

본인 _____은 이 위의 모든 내용을 다 읽고 이해했으며 모든 질문에 대해 만족스럽게 답변을 들었습니다. 저는 이 연구에 동참할 것이며 언제라도 이 연구에서 탈퇴해도 전혀 문제가 없다는 것을 알고 있습니다. 저는 이 동의서의 사본을 가지고 있음을 알려드립니다.

Participant's Name: (참여자 이름) _____

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이 연구는 윤리 면에서 Macquarie University 윤리 심사 위원 (Ethics Review Committee) 들로부터 동의를 받았습니다. 당사자는 이 연구에 참여하면서 불평이나 윤리적인 면에서 마음이 편안하지 않는 부분이 생길 때에 언제라도 위원회의 비서 (secretary)에게 전화나 (61 2 9850 7854) 이 메일로 (ethics@mq.edu.au) 연락을 취할 수 있습니다. 모든 불만들은 신뢰 안에서 다루어질 것이며, 조사 후에 그 결과에 대해 통지 할 것입니다.

**APPENDIX 5: FLYERS ADVERTISING FOCUS GROUP
(ENGLISH)**

**Invitation to participate in a study of international
communication through English**

Researcher: **Matthew Watterson**. My email is matthew.watterson@students.mq.edu.au.

I am conducting this research to meet the requirements for the degree of Masters of Applied Linguistics at Macquarie University, Australia.

If you participate in this research, you will join a focus group of non-native speakers of English who will meet once a week near 'Q' University during June and July 2006.

The focus group meetings will include free talking, get-to-know-you activities and discussion on various issues. You will also have a chance to develop your English presentation skills.

You will be free to get feedback from me on aspects of your English use, such as preparing English language presentations and writing English language resumes.

If you are interested in participating or have any questions about this research, please contact Matthew Watterson at matthew.watterson@students.mq.edu.au

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(KOREAN)

한국에서의 국제적 의사소통 (international communication)에 관한 연구 (영어 포커스 그룹 / focus group)

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Macquarie University, Australia 에서 석사 학위에 (Applied Linguistics: 응용 언어학) 필요한 요구 사항을 취득하기 위한 것입니다.

포커스 그룹 (focus group)에 동참하게 되며 이 그룹의 구성원들은 영어가 모국어가 아닌 학생들로 (한국 학생과 해외 학생) 이루어지고, 'Q'대 앞에서 2006 6월, 7월 달 동안 일주일마다 1번씩 모임에 참석을 해야 합니다.

프리 토킹 (free talking) 과 서로 알아가는 활동과 (get-to-know-you activities) 다양한 문제들에 관해 의논 하는 시간을 가질 것 입니다. 영어 발표 연습도 할 수 있을 것입니다.

저와 같이 당신의 영어 표현(발표 준비, 이력서 쓰기, 등)에 대해 저의 피드백 (feedback)도 참조해 드리겠습니다.

Matthew Watterson에게 이 메일로 (matthew.watterson@students.mq.edu.au) 연락을 취할 수 있습니다.

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(CHINESE)

在韩国关于国际性语言沟通方面的研究

现在您将参加在韩国关于国际性语言沟通方面的研究。此研究目的在于探索具有不同国家背景的人们用英语沟通时，使用什么样的战略与方式。

此研究的操作人是我本人，马修·沃特森(Matthew Watterson)，电子邮件地址是 matthew.watterson@students.mq.edu.au。

我本人进行研究活动的目的在于获得澳洲麦加里大学硕士学位(Applied Linguistics: 应用语言学)。

如果您参加本次研究活动，就要参加焦点小组(focus group)，小组成员都是非英语圈的学生(韩国学生和外国学生)，并需要参加几次聚会。

每次聚会大约需要一个小时，内容是自由交谈、互相交流及各种话题的讨论等活动。按照该小组的意愿，还可以进行英语发表等练习。

跟我一起交谈关于您的英语表现，同时提供我的反馈意见供您参考。

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韓国での国際的な意思疎通に関する研究

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もし、あなたがこの研究に参加すれば、フォーカス・グループ(focus group)に同参するようになり、このグループの構成員たちは、英語が母国語ではない学生たちで(韓国学生と海外学生)構成され、いくつかの会合に出席しなければなりません。

毎会合は1時間くらい所要し、フリー・トーキング(free talking)と、相互理解活動(get-to-know-you activities)と様々な問題について議論する時間を持ちます。このグループの意思によって、英語発表練習もできるはずで。

私と一緒にあなたの英語表現について話し合い、私のフィードバック(feedback)も提供される予定です。

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APPENDIX 6: TRANSCRIPTION CONVENTIONS¹

All discourse is transcribed in lower case letters, except for the first person pronoun 'I', the two terms 'Q' universality and 'QED', and when words are being spelt. When a participant refers to a friend or acquaintance who is not a member of the focus group, that person is identified with a single letter, eg. 'k'.

1. SPEAKER IDENTIFICATION	
Symbol	Meaning
(alias)	Rather than assigning numbers to participants, the participants themselves were invited to choose their own aliases. The participants came up with whimsical names.
id?	Identity of speaker unclear.
ss	A number of participants speaking at once.
(alias)?	Identified speaker probably produced the utterance in question.
id♀ id♂	Identity of speaker is unclear, but gender can be identified.
2. INTONATION	
Symbol	Meaning
/	Preceding word spoken with clearly discernible rising intonation.
Examples	
A(a)	1 (wind) okay 20 (cabbage) (.) so- 21 (rainbow) (.) let's start@@=
A(e)	59 id? =hmm = 60 (rainbow) =hmm ((opens mouth))=
A(e)	82 (jay) I don't know- I have no idea where to- where I go 83 ss hmm
A(a)	335 (wind) because that is important english 336 (cloud)? hmm
A(a)	186 (jay) it's true 187 id♀ eh
Examples	
A(a)	1 (wind) six o'clock or half past five/

¹ Conventions are largely based on those used by *VOICE: Vienna-Oxford* (n.d.), but also include adaptations of conventions from Firth (1990: 279, 1996: 256-257); Meeuwis (1994: 78); Wagner and Firth (1997: 343-344); Meierkord (2000); and Pözl (2003: 21-22)

3. EMPHASIS	
Symbol	Meaning
<u>word</u>	Emphatic stress on syllable, word or phrase; pronounced noticeably louder than surrounding speech.
<u>WORD</u>	Highly exaggerated emphatic stress on syllable, word or phrase.
4. PAUSES	
Symbol	Meaning
(.)	Short pause of less than 1 second.
(-10-)	Longer pause; number indicates approximate number of seconds.
5. OVERLAPS	
Symbol	Meaning
{	Beginning of simultaneous speech by two or more speakers.
}	End of simultaneous speech.
(ID){word} (ID){word}	Simultaneous speech shaded. Simultaneous utterances aligned vertically with one another.
3. EMPHASIS	
Examples	
A(a) 77	(wind) but materazzi <u>didn't</u> accept- didn't agree what zidane said
A(b) 98	(cloud) <u>NO::</u> I- I- I say to you three times ((holds up three fingers))
4. PAUSES	
Examples	
A(b) 83	(wind) but we don't know (.) who's right or not
A(a) 133	(cloud) = is- is impulsive somewhat (.) so
134	(wind) do you know the situation about that one/ (-6-)
5. OVERLAPS	
Examples	
A(a) 41 42 43	(wind) = you lost your interest {about the world cup} (cloud) {yeah but-} but- <u>but</u> at least I found france more interesting than it- italy because I somewhat liked z- zidane

6. LATCHING	
Symbol	Meaning
Examples	
A(a) 125 126	Another speaker immediately starts talking so that there is slight overlap between utterances (Tarone 1980: 431).
=	bu- but they are professionals they= (cloud)
=	=professional but rooney said- I hea.:rd rooney want to <u>kill</u> ronaldo (wind)
7. FRAGMENTS	
Symbol	Meaning
Examples	
A(a) 47 48 49 50 51 52	Abrupt cut off by current speaker, leading to unfinished utterances or words, as in false starts.
(cloud)	uh somewhat but not much so (.) I think- I think it- italy- italy was very much lucky at this world cup ga- world cup game because- ah-(.) ah- italy was nearly cut out by-(.) eh- australia (.) yeah that- in that game italy was not strong enough- ah- as is- as it is supposed to be <u>that's</u> what I remember and what I- I can say- well- more than that- (-1-) well- (.) somebody else talk about it
8. UNINTELLIGIBLE SPEECH	
Symbol	Meaning
Examples	
# # #	Unintelligible speech. Number of #'s indicates estimated number of unidentified syllables.
# # #	=let's change # # # (jay)
?word?	Unclear item.
A(a) 141	but it might be very very difficult to (.) ?run?/ in britain ?you know? (wind)

9. VARIATIONS IN PRONUNCIATION AND MORPHOLOGY	
Symbol	Meaning
word ¹	Pronunciation of word or phrase may be different from what listeners are used to. Actual pronunciation indicated in footnote, using IPA symbols.
1 vɪəd	
::	Marked lengthening of preceding sound.
A(a) 64	(cloud) I believe mate::razzi must have said something very insulting to zidane
10. NON-VERBAL UTTERANCES	
Symbol	Meaning
::hh	Audible inhalation
A(a) 106	(rainbow) replaced- replaced- ah- ?this?- ah- soccer team so :hh why did he- ah
hh::	Audible exhalation
A(a) 8	(jay) yeah- ah- he- hh::- he graduated from indiana university business school
@@@	Laughter
A(a) 27 28	(rainbow) @@@ (wind) yes you did
@word@	Spoken while laughing
A(a) 37	(cloud) =@because@ I don't- I- I didn't like any of the teams at the final games
hh::@	Breathy laughter
A(a) 111	(jay) hh::@

11. USE OF LANGUAGES OTHER THAN ENGLISH	
Symbol	Meaning
<p>가나다 ~ [kanada]¹</p> <p>¹ word ((language))</p>	<p>Speech in languages other than English is rendered in original language's own script and then in IPA symbols. Where available, English translation provided in footnote.</p>
<p>Examples</p> <p>A(a) 145 (wind) very very popular and (.) how can I say:: (.) 유망한 ~[u.mɑ:ŋ han]¹/ 146 how can I say in english/ ¹ promising ((Korean))</p>	
12. CONTEXTUAL EVENTS	
Symbol	Meaning
<p>(())</p>	<p>Contextual / non-verbal events which either have relevance to, or interfere with, the interaction. For example: noises (coughs etc) produced by current speaker; noises produced by other speakers, where these seem relevant to current speaker's utterance; non-verbal feedback (nods etc); contextual information (eating, answering mobile phone, etc); identity of addressee. Event expressed with simple present tense verb occurs before or after utterance on same line. Event expressed with gerund occurs at same time as following utterance</p>
<p>Examples</p> <p>A(a) 3 (cabbage) ((looking at watch)) until six but I have to go until- ((rainbow looks at mobile phone)) I have to go early first- I- I have to go first</p>	

APPENDIX 7: TRANSCRIBED DATA

Pages

ENCOUNTER A

101 ~ 140

ENCOUNTER B

141 ~ 158

ENCOUNTER C

159 ~ 187

- 1 (wind) six o'clock or half past five/
 2 (cabbage) ((looking at watch)) until six but I have to go until- ((rainbow looks at
 3 mobile phone)) I have to go early first- I- I have to go first
 4 (wind) what time
 5 (cabbage) five thirty # # # ((gestures across to jay)) 너도 ~ [no dou]¹/
 6 (jay) I have to go to 건::대 ~ [kɔn:: deɪ]²
 7 (cabbage) 건대/~ [kɔn deɪ]³/ {oh}
 8 (jay) {건대 ~ [kɔn deɪ]⁴} university =
 9 (cabbage) =oh
 10 (jay) until ((looks at watch)) six
 11 (cabbage) oh
 12 (rainbow) ((to wind)) today you will stay until six/
 13 (wind) oh- ah- I don't know I don't mind
 14 (cloud) it doesn't seem fixed if we start- ah- if we finish early we can leave
 15 early
 16 (rainbow) ah yeah ((nods))

1:00

(-2-)

- 17 (cabbage) ((to cloud)) ##### ?could you be {start}that?
 18 (cloud) {yeah} ((nods))
 19 (wind) okay
 20 (cabbage) (.) so-
 21 (rainbow) (.) let's start@@=
 22 (wind) =yes
 23 (cloud) he said the topic is world cup right
 24 (wind) I think you suggested the subject
 25 (cabbage) @right@@@@
 26 (cloud) ((looks around)) did I really/
 27 (rainbow) @@@@
 28 (wind) yes you did
 29 (cloud) the world cup
 30 (wind) yes
 31 (cabbage) you did last week
 ((cloud leans forward, looks down and rubs forehead))
 32 (wind) @@@@@@
 33 (cloud) well ah- for- ah- world- ah- for a week now I have been very- ah- (.)
 34 indifferent to world cup and the outcome of it
 35 (wind) hh:::= ((cabbage leans forward))
 36 (cloud) =@because@ I don't- I- I didn't like any of the teams at the final
 37 games
 38 (rainbow) ah
 39 (cloud) yeah so- ah-@ = ((cabbage takes pen out of pencil case))
 40 (wind) = you lost your interest {about the world cup }
 41 (cloud) {yeah}but- but- but at least I found
 42 france more interesting than it- italy because I somewhat liked z-
 43 zidane⁵
 44 (wind) ah hah=
 45 (rainbow) =zidane ((nodding))
 46 (cloud) uh somewhat but not much (.) so (.) I think- I think it- italy- italy was
 47 very much lucky at this world cup ga- world cup game because- ah::-
 48 (.) ah- italy was nearly cut out by- (.) eh- australia (.) yeah that- in that

2:00

¹ You too? ((Korean))² Geonguk University ((Korean))³ Geonguk University? ((Korean))⁴ Geonguk University ((Korean))⁵ French soccer player.

49 game italy was not strong enough- ah- as is- as it is supposed to be
50 that's what I remember and what I- I can say- well- more than that-
51 (.) well- (-1-) somebody else talk about it
52 (wind) @@@@
53 (rainbow) how do you think- ah- zidane's- ((knock on door)) ah- violent¹-
54 violent² action/ at- ah- the final ((waitress brings in jug of iced tea))
55 (cloud) ?final? ?violent?=
56 (rainbow) = yeah
57 (cloud) (.) it was- a- a- purely accidental thing I think (.) maybe I- I believe- I 3:00
58 believe the italic- italian?s? player- ah- his name was
59 {mate- mate-}
60 (rainbow) {materazzi materazzi}
61 (jay) {materazzi}((cabbage begins writing in notebook))
62 (rainbow) materazzi
63 (cloud) I believe mate::razzi must have said something very insulting to zidane
64 so in that important final game zidane went crazy for a moment
65 {and}
66 (wind) {h::@}
67 (cloud) just- (.) blew:: (.) up- blew up the materazzi³ yeah I think- ah- the
68 responsibility should go to both them

(-4-)
((rainbow nodding))

69 (wind) I've seen the article zidane also insisted that materazzi should be
70 punished
71 (cloud) right
72 (wind) but materazzi didn't accept- didn't agree what zidane said
73 (cloud) ((nodding))ah
74 (wind) but we don't know- just both know
75 (cloud) ((nodding))ah
76 (wind) what happened before
77 (cloud) ((nodding))ah
78 (wind) but we don't know (.) who's right or not 4:00
79 (cloud) ah right
80 (rainbow) actually zidane- ((cabbage stops writing in notebook))((cabbage looks
81 at rainbow)) ah- did⁴ speak out on- about that hi- eh- his⁵-
82 eh- violent⁴ action in the final match- ah- on tv- on french tv/ so- ah-
83 all of people in the world surprised why- ah- he did a⁶ violent⁴
84 action in the match but- ah- it's- ah- (.) ehm- ah- this problem is now
85 (-1-) not- ((crosses arms in front of chest)) ah- ah- re- decided- decided
86 (cloud) ah ((nodding)) ah ah

(-5-)

87 (wind) h::@ @@ #### I haven't got much to say (.) about this one

(-4-)

88 (wind) {@@@}
89 (cabbage) {@@@@}
90 (wind) so I think we'd better change the subject/ or:: 5:00
91 (cloud) (-1-) yeah it will be better I think
92 (wind) so what (.) do you want to talking

¹ [vi:ələnt]

² [vi:ələnt]

³ [matəru:chI]

⁴ [dɪdʰn]

⁵ [hɪəʳs]

⁶ [ən]

(-5-)

93 (wind) something controversial # #
94 (cloud) controversial

(-9-)

95 (wind) ((rainbow opens mouth)){@@@@}
96 (cabbage) {@@@@@}
97 (rainbow) { @ }ah::- do you know- ah- the italia-
98 italian coach/- coach- ah- ?how to? (.) ehm- italian coach italian soccer
99 coach- italian soccer {coach}
100 (wind) {ah-hah}
101 (rainbow) replaced- replaced- ah- ?this?- ah- soccer team so ::hh why did he- ah-
102 replace- ah- his ?work? do you know/ hi- ((cloud shakes head)) his
103 reason

(-2-)

104 (wind) how the ronaldo¹ ronaldo
105 (rainbow) ah- ronaldo/
106 (wind) I think every british people don't like him
107 (cloud) h::@
108 (wind) and ronaldo want to:: (.) 6:00
109 (rainbow) who is ronaldo
110 (wind) ronaldo- ah:: he's a:: (.) {belong to} the manchester united
111 (jay) {I think-}
112 I think ronaldo really mean (.) his team
113 (rainbow) {@h::@}
114 (wind) but it- {do} you think is it possible because- but- b- (-1-) I think that-
115 (.) eh:: (.) he- his (.) colleague- how can I say- colleague- not
116 colleague- the same team- in the same team- rooney²
117 (jay) yeah
118 (wind) they are same team- they're in the same team but (.) I think they didn't
119 like each other how can they play together
120 (cloud) bu- but they are professionals they=
121 (wind) =professional but rooney said- I hea::rd rooney want to kill ronaldo
122 (wind) { @ @ @ @ @ }
123 (rainbow) {h:: @ }
124 (cabbage) { @ @ @ @ @ }
125 (cloud) {well} roo- rooney is- is a kind of person (.) who easily talks abou- ah-
126 who is a- speaks such violent words
127 (wind) @@@=
128 (cloud) = is- is impulsive somewhat (.) so

7:00

(-6-)

129 (wind) do you know the situation about that one/
130 id♀ ## ?we::?
131 (wind) you- you don't know ((cabbage shakes head))
132 (cloud) I've heard of it- I heard of it ronaldo- ronaldo makes roo- rooney ah-
133 ah-ah:: (.) get a- get a red card

¹ Ronaldo Luiz Nazario de Lima, Brazilian soccer player.

² Wayne Rooney, English soccer player.

- 134 (jay) eh yes
 135 (cloud) and got (-1-) expelled from the ground
- (-7-)
- 136 (wind) but it might be very very difficult to (.) ?run?/ in britain ?you know?
 137 (cloud) ahah
- (-4-)
- 138 (wind) rooney is very popular in england
 139 (cloud) ahah
 140 (wind) very very popular and (.) how can I say:: (.) 유망한 ~ [u.ma:ŋ hən]¹
 141 (wind) how can I say in english/
 142 (cloud) {promising } 8:00
 143 (cabbage) {promising }
 144 (jay) {promising }=
 145 (rainbow) {promising }=
 146 (wind) =yeah promising athlete in england
 147 (cloud) ah hah (-2-)
 148 (wind) but (-1-) I think ronaldo also has got a lot of fans but (.) that is in
 149 (wind) britain manchester united is britain's one
 150 (cloud) but- ah- even if (.) ronaldo do want to- ah does want to leave the team
 151 (cloud) it really- ah- does not=
 152 (wind) =ronaldo want to leave manchester united
 153 (cloud) does not matter because he's also a good player so
 154 (wind) yes
 155 (cloud) there are many teams to catch- who- who- to want- that wants to catch
 156 (cloud) ronaldo so he will- he will make a living anyhow ah- I don't think that
 157 (cloud) is important ((rainbow smiles and nods))
 158 (jay) yeah ah- in addition to:: (.) manchester uniteds don't want to (.) get
 159 (cloud) away ronaldo to oth- another team
 160 (cloud) hah =
 161 (jay) = because- because of- because he is promising and
 162 (cloud) ah
 163 (jay) his- ah-
 164 (wind) yes =
 165 (jay) =?business? ability is (.) ?unpredictable? 9:00
 166 (cloud) ah=
 167 (jay) =yeah that's why
 168 (cloud) ah
 169 (wind) but I think ronaldo must feel very nervous (.) I think
 170 (rainbow) h::@
 171 (cloud) you- you must
 172 (jay) because=
 173 (cloud) =like him
 174 (jay) ronaldo can't speak english (.) {just yes no just- just-}
 175 (rainbow) {h::@@ @@@@}@
 176 (jay) I- (-2-) ji seong park² is better than- @
 177 (wind) {@@@@@@@@@}
 178 (cabbage) {@@@@@@@@@}
 179 (jay) ji seong park is better yeah
 180 (cloud) oh
 181 (jay) it's true
 182 id♀ eh
 183 (wind) @@@@
 184 (jay) ((gesturing with both hands)) so (.) that's why- ah (.) brazilian/ and (.)
 185 (cloud) another- ah- south american/ (.) players/ don't want to go to britain
 186 (cloud) because of speaking ((gestures two speaking mouths with both
 187 (cloud) hands))

¹ promising ((Korean))

² 박지성 – Park Ji Seong, Korean soccer player.

188	ss	ah	
189	(cloud)	that was a big one	
190	(jay)	so they- they are going to (.) ((pointing twice with index and middle finger together)) spain france	
191			
192	(cloud)	ah	
193	(jay)	yeah	
194	(cloud)	ah=	
195	(wind)	=really/	
196	(jay)	yeah	10:00
197	(wind)	{is it important/}	
198	(jay)	{# #}	
199	(rainbow)	{# #} uh huh	
200	(jay)	same- same language same language ((gestures with palms facing each other))	
201			
202	(wind)	I mean-	
203	(jay)	between {south america}- ah- south america/ and-	
204	id♀	{ah}	
205	(rainbow)	brazilian/	
206	(jay)	yeah	
207	(rainbow)	ah	
208	(cloud)	that- that's true=	
209	(jay)	=(gesturing at mouth with left hand))portu- portu	
210	(rainbow)	=portugal yeah portugal	
211	(cloud)	brazil- brazil speaks- ah- portuguese	
212	(jay)	yeah	
213	(cloud)	and the rest of the countries in south america speak- ah- spanish so they will- wi- they will feel much more comfortable in spain or=	
214			
215	id♀	=ah	
216	(jay)	and (.) players in britain- britain/ is paying for s- (.) ((grasping air with left hand)) <u>so much</u> money so much money to government	
217			
218	(wind)	ah	
219	(jay)	yeah	
220	(wind)	<u>tax</u> you mean tax=	
221	(jay)	=yeah tax	
222	(rainbow)	tax ah	
223	(wind)	ah	
224	(jay)	maybe forty/ percent	
225	(rainbow)	::h	
226	(jay)	?or is? more than forty {I think}	
227	(cloud)	{forty percent} forty percent	
228	ss	ah	
229	(wind)	(-1-) # #	
230	(jay)	(-2-) but- but- premier league is best- one of (.) best:: ((gives thumbs up)) league in the world=	11:00
231			
232	(cloud)	ah	
233	(jay)	compared to=	
234	(wind)	={# #}	
235	(jay)	{# # league}	
		((cloud's phone rings on silent mode))	
236	id♀	ah	
237	(jay)	(.) k-league ¹	
238	ss	((cloud answering phone))@@ {@@}	
239	(cloud)	{{(on phone)}(여보세요 [jɔbɔseɪoʊ]²)}} (-6-)	
240	(cloud)	((on phone)) ((ah- ahah)) ((looks at watch))	
241	(rainbow)	((turns to jay)) did you expect- ah-	
242		{which team- ah- can- eh- can win the- ah- in the- eh- world cup	
243	(jay)	mm}	

¹ Korea's national soccer league.

² Hello? ((Korean))

298 (cloud) a little more than a year
 299 (rainbow) a year/ ah
 300 (wind) not – not more than a year
 301 (cloud) not a year yet/
 302 (wind) more than a year I think
 303 (cloud) more than a year ah hah
 304 (wind) it's more than a year I think ((rainbow nods))
 305 (jay) hah ((leans forward and clicks fingers)) an- an- and holland holland
 306 (rainbow) holland
 307 (jay) yeah
 308 (wind) holland=
 309 (cloud) =ah hah=
 310 (rainbow) =holland ah=
 311 (wind) =ah:: yes {yes}=
 312 (jay) {?ronaldo?} was-
 313 (rainbow) yeah
 314 (jay) was a player=
 315 (wind) =yes {yes}
 316 (jay) {in holland}
 317 (cloud) {ah} ah hah=
 318 (wind) =eindhoven¹ 14:00
 319 (jay) yeah eind- eindhoven
 320 (wind) eindhoven
 321 (cloud) ah- ah {if so the case} is a little bit different
 322 (jay) {yeah yeah}
 323 (rainbow) hmm

(-4-)

324 (wind) and I suppose he has got a time to study english I think he has a class
 325 even if ah-ah:: {a short } time
 326 (jay)? {# # # #}
 327 (wind) because that is important english
 328 (cloud)? hmm
 329 (wind) because he has to understand what the coaches/((holds up right hand))
 330 said=
 331 (jay) =ah- on- on bbc I- I was s- so surprised when ji seong park say- ji
 332 seong park say ((making 'quotation mark' gesture with both hands))
 333 I'm- I'm playing- I'm pleased with playing manchester united it's so
 334 naturally so natural =
 335 (cloud) =ah hah=
 336 (jay) =saying=
 337 (rainbow) =hmm
 338 (cloud) ah hah
 339 (jay) ((holds both arms out)) to reporter
 340 (rainbow) hmm
 341 (cloud) bbc
 342 (jay) yeah {bbc}
 343 (cloud) {ah hah}
 344 (rainbow) {bbc} ah
 345 (jay) (.) I- so netizens were @surprised@ @@
 346 (cloud) ah hah
 347 (rainbow) hmm
 348 (cabbage) I think that korean men ah- or the korean people (.) have learned 15:00
 349 english from junior high so we have some basic knowledge (.)
 350 {that's why}
 351 (wind) {::hh}
 352 (cloud) but=
 353 (wind) =but {soccer} player::=
 354 (cloud) {but} =but=
 355 (cabbage) ={@@@@}
 356 (wind) {@@@@@@@@@}

¹ Dutch city and soccer team name.

357 (cloud) {I have a-}I have a friend who plays- ((holds out lose fist)) ah-
 358 fencing you know fencing/= 16:00
 359 (cabbage) =yeah
 360 (cloud) ah:: from- ah- from the relation with him
 361 id♀ hmm
 362 (cloud) I got to understand the circumstances and ((wind gesturing to jug of
 363 drink in front of cabbage))((wind whispering)) ((wind holding out
 364 cup)) ((cabbage and wind fumbling briefly with jug)) ((cabbage
 365 pouring drink into wind's cup)) culture of the people who- ah- the- the
 366 athletes they:: really- ah- trai- are trained hard (.) nothing else they
 367 are trained really hard nothing else
 368 so they really (.) are in a- ah- in a situation that they cannot find any
 369 other time learning english or any other subject seriously
 370 id♀ hmm
 371 (cloud) because they have to- they have to run a lot they have to ah- do much-
 372 ah- ah- weight training so its very hard for them to be good at english
 373 yeah I (.) know- ah- tha- that from my case- from my friend's case
 374 (wind) (.) they have to spend all time to practise
 375 (cloud) o- ah- practise and- or- or spend time- ah- with their- ah- seniors their
 376 senio- ah- the cu- in- in th- ah- in korean- ah:: athletes' culture are
 377 really hierarchical so senior people ((wind nods)) ((holds hands at two
 378 levels)) strictly try to control ah- the people (.) benea- ah (.) ah:: below
 379 them d'you know what I mean/
 380 (wind) yes
 381 (cloud) seniors is harsh to juniors that's the way it goes in korean athletes' ah-
 382 a- yeah- culture
 383 (rainbow) hmm=
 384 (cloud) =yeah

(-12-)
 ((cabbage writing in notebook)) 17:00

385 (wind) hh::@@@
 386 (jay) let's change {# # #}
 387 (rainbow) {hh::@@@@}

(-6-)
17:10

A (b) 'QED'

(-6-)

1 id♀ @@@ 17:11
2 (cloud) how about speaking about- ah- screen quota¹ (.) last- last- last
3 gathering of 'QED' the topic was screen quota
4 id♀ hm
5 (cloud) but- ah- we- ah- the meeting was cancelled because there- there- ah-
6 few people came last night- ah- last evening actually so how about
7 speaking about- ah- talking about it (.) {screen quota}
8 (wind) {you didn't talk yesterday/}
9 (cloud) the meeting was cancelled because
10 (wind) yesterday/
11 (cloud) yeah the meeting was {cancelled}
12 (wind) { ::hh}
13 (cloud) because at first=
14 (wind) =why=
15 (cloud) =ah- till six twenty only three- eh- three people came so were cancelled
16 but five @other@ people joined later

((ladder enters room)) ((rainbow and cabbage look up at ladder))

17 id♀ hmm
18 (wind) what time
19 (cloud) ah six thirty six thirty
20 id♀ ?you should start?
21 (wind) of course even three people you have to have a discussion 18:00

((ladder sits down next to cabbage))

22 (cloud) but- ah-
23 (wind) {?future? # # # # ?cancelled? # # #/ }
24 (rainbow) {(waving to ladder) ((smiling)) hi}
25 (ladder) {(waving to rainbow) hi ((bows to jay))}
26 (cloud) ah-
27 (wind) I don't think so # you- you have to it is official ((holding up fist)) pro-
28 promise=
29 (cloud) =@ official promise but- ah- I'm a little bit embarrassed but- it was
30 my- it was not my decision
31 (cabbage) ((leaning back)) ((clapping once)) {@@@@}
32 (cloud) {# # # when I- }
33 (ladder) ((to cabbage)) why- why- what
34 (cloud) {when I (.) got there- when I got there no one- there was no one in the
35 room so I called them and they said the meeting was cancelled}
36 (ladder) {(to cabbage)) they are- they talk about the last seminar/
37 (cabbage) #
38 (ladder) oh ((touches cabbage's arm)) how was it how was it
39 (cabbage) # # #²
40 (cloud) and 'k' prepared a presentation
41 (ladder) {yeah }
42 (cloud) {ah-} she::=
43 (wind) =yeah
44 (cloud) she w- she did not c- come because {she had a}
45 (wind) {she didn't come}

¹ Law requiring cinemas to show Korean movies at least 146 days a year.

² In her interview, 'Cabbage' said that she answered here that she had not gone to the seminar.

46 (cloud) she had an interview in=
 47 (wind) =oh my god=
 48 (cloud) =a job interview so
 49 (wind) {that's the problem}
 50 (cloud) {she had-} she had to go there yeah
 51 the presenter was missing last {evening}-
 52 (wind) {ah so i- it was} cancelled=
 53 (cloud) {# #- #-}
 54 (ladder) ((claps once)) {oh but then also- so- } and- eh- thursday morning I sent
 55 a S M¹- ah- the message to 'h'/
 56 (wind) uh hmm
 57 (ladder) that 'k' will no:t- will not come this seminar
 58 (cloud) ah=
 59 (ladder) =so please be a=
 60 (wind) =thursday/ thursday/= 19:00
 61 (ladder) =yeah thursday please- please be a presenter instead of 'k'
 62 (cloud) ah hah
 63 (ladder) yeah
 64 (wind) oh my god=
 65 (cloud) =?actually? he- he said so
 66 (ladder) yeah =
 67 (cloud) =he- he said that-
 68 (ladder) {yeah}=
 69 (cloud) {but} – but- ah:: 'h' and two other people with him
 70 (ladder) uh
 71 (cloud) got to the seminar room there was no one – ah- so- ah- they decided to
 72 cancel the meeting but- ah- five people joined later
 73 (ladder) yeah
 74 (cloud) so we just had dinner together
 75 id♀ hh::@
 76 (cloud) {and}
 77 (ladder) {only} five people except 'h' and the other/
 78 (cloud) yeah so- ah- in total there were eight of them- ah- eight of us last
 79 evening
 80 (wind) half past six at that time you have eight members right
 81 (cloud) yeah right
 82 (wind) eight members
 83 (cloud) si- yeah-
 84 (cabbage) it's possible {to discuss}
 85 (wind) {half past six }(.) wha- wha- why::
 86 (ladder) why did you cancel this seminar

(-2-)

87 (cabbage) hh::@@

(-1-)

88 id♀ {# #}
 89 (wind) {yeah what was} the situation at that time=
 90 (cloud) =well I- I- I'm ve- I'm very embarrassed {# #} not my decision
 91 id♀ {@@}
 92 (cloud) I got there no one there and they said let's just have supper together 20:00
 93 that was all @well@
 94 (wind) I think that was not a good ?so? choice {I think }
 95 (cloud) {ah- well} I- I- I also- I also
 96 think that was not a very good choice for us to make but-
 97 (wind) did you suggest to them
 98 (cloud) NO:: I- I- I say to you three times ((holds up three fingers)) I
 99 didn't decide I didn't decide ?it? when I got there=
 100 (wind) =hmm

¹ SM(S message)

101 (cloud) there was al- it was already cancelled
102 (wind) already cancelled
103 (cloud) already cancelled and they were finding a:: (-2-) what is it- restaurant
104 to have dinner in (.) yeah that's the case (.) well- well # # well- that-
105 that's not a- ah=
106 (wind) =@@@ ((holding out hand)) ?now? don't #- don't- don't- don't panic
107 @@@@ {@@}
108 (cloud) {I- I- I'm-} I- I'm- {I- I don't panic}
109 (wind) {we are asking} @I'm sorry@@
110 (cloud) I don't panic but-
111 (jay) hh::@
112 (cloud) the- the problem was not- i- is not this complicated- is not #
113 complicated- # # there was some- a few people so they decided to just 21:00
114 have some time- ah- having ah- dinner ah- well- that was not a very- a-
115 ah- not- not much of a trouble I think (.) how ab- ah- choosing a new
116 topic
117 (rainbow) yeah =
118 (cloud) =let's ask ladder because she has something surprising I guess
119 (ladder) no
120 ss @@@@@@=
121 id♀ = # # #
122 (cloud) no new topic/=
123 (cabbage) ((to ladder)) =you know last week
124 (ladder) ah:: the- the topic I prepared (.) actually nothing
125 ss @@@@@@=
126 (ladder) =but- but- I- more I- I'm curious about the- our last thursday's
127 seminar (.) yesterday one
128 (cloud) ah hah
129 (ladder) so you mean this seminar was not completed¹
130 (cloud) yeah yeah yeah
131 (ladder) and- but there were eight people/
132 (cloud) uh hmm at=
133 (ladder) =quite a- quite a large number I guess
134 (cloud) {yeah}
135 (ladder) {as a} seminar va- in vacation
136 (cloud) uh huh yeah
137 (ladder) because I feel very huge responsibility on last seminar because I tried 22:00
138 to mu- I must participate in the seminar but that- unfortunately that-
139 yesterday I had a private² tutoring job
140 (cloud)? uhuh
141 (ladder) so I cannot- I cannot change the time
142 (cloud) uh huh
143 (ladder) so I- I'm really sorry I didn't- I didn't know that and I didn't dream
144 of that- that- this unha- unfortunate thing happen
145 (cloud) ah hah
146 (wind) sorry
147 (cloud) {?you- you don't?}
148 (wind) ((to ladder)) {why didn't} you come on tuesday
149 (ladder) eh/
150 (wind) why didn't you come on tuesday
151 (ladder) thursday
152 (wind) tuesday
153 (ladder) ah tuesday (.) who- who will gonna be present
154 (wind) I mean last tuesday=
155 (cabbage) =why didn't- {didn't you come over}
156 (wind) {no no this tuesday}
157 (ladder) ah this tuesday/=
158 (wind) =when I made a de- presentation
159 (ladder) ah where
160 (wind) when I made a presentation on tuesday=
161 (cabbage) =why didn't you come over to the seminar on this=

¹ [kɒmpliːfɪd]

² [priːveɪt]

162 (ladder) =thursday/
 163 (cabbage) tue::sday=
 164 (cloud) =she came=
 165 (wind) {?tuesday? I made a presentation/
 166 (cloud) {she came} she came yeah yeah your # # # =
 167 ss ={# # # # #}
 168 (wind) {ah I saw you} @@@@((claps hands)) I'm sorry
 169 (cabbage) I think we have to move on (.) we are not blame on you guys (.)
 170 ?for cancel?=
 171 (wind) =of course not of course not just we are talking about our opinion
 172 (cabbage) yep (.) so let's move on to (.) topic 23:00
 173 (wind)? (-1-) I'm sorry=
 174 (ladder) =and where is matthew ((raises hand))
 175 (ladder) ((cabbage points upwards))eh

(-2-)

176 (rainbow) do you make a presentation in seminar/ (.) tha- that seminar
 177 (ladder) yea=
 178 (rainbow) =ah yeah yeah
 179 (ladder) but we usually do discussion
 180 (rainbow) eh- ah- ah=
 181 (ladder) =yeah
 182 (rainbow) what topics are discussion=
 183 (ladder) =ah topic is=
 184 (rainbow) =yeah=
 185 (ladder) =topic depending on the presenter
 186 (rainbow) ah @@ @presenter@ @=
 187 (ladder) =yeah
 188 (wind) presenter's choice
 189 (rainbow) hmm
 190 (cloud) it could be about culture or society=
 191 (wind) =everything=
 192 (cloud) =or politics or {econom-nomics}
 193 (rainbow) ((nodding)) {hmm} anything
 194 (ladder) yeah=
 195 (cloud) =anything=
 196 (ladder) =and- and last tuesday wind did for ri su ha¹
 197 ss @@@@=
 198 (cloud) =you- you know ha- ri su ha/- ha ri su/
 199 (rainbow) ah yeah yeah yeah {yeah yeah}
 200 (cloud) {korean entertainer/
 201 (rainbow) hmm
 202 (cloud) he became a she you know- you know=
 203 id♀ =@he became a she@@=
 204 (cloud) = that's the story goes ah (-2-) how- ah- well we talked about it so it's 24:00
 205 not very productive to talk about it now again

¹ 하리수 – Ha ri su — Korean transgender entertainer.

A (c) PERSONAL NEWS 1

(RAINBOW)?

- 1 (cabbage) ((gesturing across to rainbow)) what's the- eh- most interesting thing 24:09
 2 (.) you these days
 3 (rainbow) tue- ah- these days/ tuesdays/
 4 (cabbage) these days
 5 (rainbow) ah- these days ah::

(-3-)

- 6 ((cloud)) ((stands up)) ((leans across table to get a cup)) ((to ladder)) 새 것
 7 새 것 ~ se gD se gD¹ # # # #
 8 (rainbow) I prepare?d? – ah- some documents/
 9 (wind) some documents
 10 (rainbow) some documents @@ some documents ah:: (-1-)

((cloud pours a drink for himself and others))

- 11 (rainbow) now I'm-ah- studying- mm::- japanese grammar/
 12 id♀ hmm
 13 (wind) ah:: japanese
 14 (rainbow) yeah
 15 (wind) {ah korean english japanese ((counts off fingers))} great
 16 (rainbow) {@@@@@@@}
 17 (cloud) {ah- ah really} ah
 18 (rainbow) ah- before I have no time (.) I had no time- so now (.) I'm studying-
 19 I'm start/ (.) studying to learn japanese grammar again @
 20 id♀ {hmmm}
 21 (cloud) {ah hah} so you can speak japanese well/ 25:00
 22 (rainbow) no I can't speak
 23 (cloud) ah really ah (-1-) {a- actually I=
 24 (cabbage) {what makes you}learn other languages so hard
 25 (rainbow) @@@@=
 26 (cabbage) =really you've got ?about? languages
 27 (cloud) uh huh=
 28 (cabbage) =you can speak ?about?
 29 (cloud) I'm- I'm {I'm also curious about it}
 30 (wind) {# # # # #} english and korean anything else you can speak
 31 (cabbage) mongolian russian
 32 (wind) ah mongolian ((claps))
 33 (rainbow) @@@@= 25:24

¹ A new one. a new one. ((Korean))

A (d) LANGUAGES

1 (wind) =how similar are they between sim- ah- russian and mongolian 25:25
2 (rainbow) yeah @
3 (wind) how similar can you understand everything not everything
4 (rainbow) ah- character is same- same
5 (wind) {ah }
6 (cloud) {ah}=
7 (cabbage) = # # # ?curls? ((draws flowing character in the air))
8 (rainbow) no
9 (cloud) ah I saw it =
10 (rainbow) =no that- ah- that is only the mongolian tradition
11 (cabbage) ah right=
12 (rainbow)? =?traditional character?
13 (wind) so you {# #}
14 (cabbage) {they are like} alphabet
15 (rainbow) yeah they use alphabet=
16 (wind) =so you can understand what the russian people say
17 (rainbow) (-1-) yes:: =
18 (wind) =mm=
19 (rainbow) =but I hh:: can't understand- ah- hundred percent{@@@@@}
20 (wind) {I've heard-} I've 26:00
21 heard russian is very difficult language
22 (rainbow) yeah=
23 (wind) =I've heard
24 (rainbow) yeah very fast=
25 (wind) ={yeah very fast} {difficult}
26 (rainbow) {and grammar} is very very {difficult} yeah {difficult}
27 (cloud) {ah } {# }
28 (rainbow) {ah }
29 german and russian- ah- grammar is same ah=
30 (cabbage)? =german
31 (rainbow) yeah
32 (wind) german and russian/
33 (rainbow) yeah yeah yeah grammar is same
34 (wind) oh
35 (rainbow) ah-(-2-) ah- one- ah grammar- ah- one is- ah i-if- if the- ah- one- eh-
36 grammar is different (.) in korean language but ah:: people can
37 understand (.) ah- for example- hmm- 학교 가요 학교에 가요 ~
38 [hagkjoo kaijoo hagkjoo e kaijoo]¹ is- ah- there is no 에~
39 [e]²- ah- but- ah- korean peoples understand-
40 (cabbage) ((nods)) {ah }
41 (rainbow) {ah-} he can- ah- go to school- eh- go school but in
42 russian=
43 (wind) =uh hmm/
44 (rainbow) ah:: grammar- ah- there- there is no 에 ~ {e}³- ah- anybody-
45 {ah- don't understand so grammar is very very}
46 id♀ {hmm hmm hmm hmm }
47 (wind) really
48 (rainbow) important the {speaker} yeah yeah 27:00
49 (cloud) {ah }
50 (cabbage) hmm
51 (rainbow) yeah
52 (wind) grammar is always confusing
53 (cloud) (-1-) so you can speak ((holding up three fingers))three foreign
54 languages/

¹ She/he/I/we/they go(es) school. She/he/I/we/they go(es) to school. ((Korean))

² to ((Korean))

³ to ((Korean))

55 {korean english russian/}
56 (rainbow) {hh::@@@} no no I can?not? speak only @mongolian@ @@@@
57 (cloud) ah korean english
58 (rainbow) little bit little bit=
59 (cloud) =ah little bit (.) ah your korean is fine
60 (rainbow) hh::@@=
61 (wind) ={yes of course}
62 (cloud) {you can communicate} ?without? any normal korean
63 (wind) great
64 (rainbow) ?really?
65 (cloud) ?in a way?- I also like very much language studies ah::- I'm a little bit-
66 I was- I used to be a little bit greedy of- ah- languages
67 (rainbow) {hmm}
68 (cloud) {I} wanted to really acquire fluency in many languages because I
69 thought that would give me more freedom and- well- power th- that
70 i- that is somewhat- somewhat childish but at that time I thought
71 languages will give me much more freedom and benefits 28:00
72 {somewhat}
73 (ladder) {what-} what kind of freedom
74 (wind) yes {?you managed it? ?you managed it? }
75 (rainbow) {@@@@@@@@@}

76 (wind) {((holding up both fists))ooh- ahhh@@@oh hoh @@}
77 (rainbow) {@@@@@ ((holds up left fist)) @@@@@@}
78 (wind) {@ ### @}
79 (cabbage) {((turns to ladder and smiles))@}
80 (rainbow) {@@@@@}=
81 (cloud) = {?ah good idea ?}
82 ss { @@@@@ }
83 (cloud) {?w-well?}
84 (wind) {@@@I like her @@@}
85 (cloud) when I can- when I can speak japanese I can- I can express my needs
86 and my re- ah- requirements
87 (wind) {hmm} ((nods))
88 (cloud) {to a} japanese in an efficient way
89 (wind) you can achieve what {you} want
90 (cloud) {yeah} yeah that simple thing I- I thought of
91 that simple thing and I undertook to study ah- many foreign languages
92 I- ah- once studied fren- french german and japanese china - chi-
93 chinese
94 (rainbow) {chinese}
95 (cloud) {but} I- I- forgave- ah- french {german japanese }
96 id♀ {hh::@@}
97 (cloud) but {actually}-
98 (ladder) {@@@@@}
99 (wind) {hh::@}
100 (cloud) {but actually I-} (.) ah- I think I can make some improvement
101 ah- to- into advanced level in japanese I think but- I think chinese is
102 much- much more important so I gave up japanese now so I don't 29:00
103 study japanese any more but spend time and effort in chinese
104 (wind) really=
105 (cloud) =so-
106 (wind) how fluent
107 (ladder) (.) you mean chinese character or chinese {as a language}
108 (cloud) {chin- ah}
109 (wind) chinese=
110 (cloud) =chinese as a foreign language
111 (ladder) ah=
112 (jay) =eh=
113 (cloud) =but- but not that fluent I- I- I can barely make some sentences
114 (wind) {ah}
115 (cloud) {I can express} what I- what my ideas
116 (wind) really
117 (cloud) but that's not surprising but- ah- ah:: looking at- looking at rainbow/-

118 rainbow I- I::- ah::- remi- I am remi- I was reminded of- ah- my
119 intention
120 (rainbow) hh::@@=
121 (cloud) =a few years ago
122 (jay)? eh
123 (rainbow) (-2-) which languages do you speak now
124 (cloud) well {definitely-}
125 (rainbow) {?chinese or?}
126 (cloud) definitely korean
127 id♀ yeah=
128 (cloud) =I can speak korean
129 id♀ yeah=
130 (cloud) =I can speak korean in a moderate way but I can speak english in a
131 moderate way I can speak ah::=
132 (rainbow) =chinese/
133 (cloud) chinese
134 (rainbow) japanese/= 30:00
135 (cloud) =?in a? (.) ?in a?: intermediate level chinese=
136 (wind) =in a ?modern? way/
137 (rainbow) int- intermediate #/ intermed-
138 (cloud) intermediate level chinese (.) well-
139 (rainbow) japanese
140 (cloud) japanese also intermediate level but not that high
141 (rainbow) hh::@@=
142 (cloud) not that high
143 (jay) eh 30:15

(-2-)

A (e) PERSONAL NEWS 2

(JAY)

- 1 (jay) yesterday= 30:17
 2 (cloud) eh
 3 (jay) I met ((holding up index finger)) one person my upper class man eh-
 4 he- he can speak four languages
 5 (cloud) ah hah
 6 (jay) ((counting off fingers))korean english chinese japanese
 7 id♀ ?wow?
 8 (jay) yeah- ah- he- hh::- he graduated from indiana university business
 9 school
 10 (rainbow) hmm
 11 (jay) he got a job to ?keo pyung¹? company do you know ? keo pyung?
 12 id♀ hmm/((cabbage shakes head))
 13 (jay) that is fifteenth company in the world
 14 (cloud) ah hah=
 15 id♀ =hmm
 16 (jay) yeah he-
 17 (wind) ? keo pyung?/
 18 (jay) yeah ?keo pyung?
 19 (wind) what kind of
 20 (jay) steel
 21 (wind) ah
 22 id♀ hmm=
 23 (jay) =like- like posco² 31:00
 24 id♀ hmm
 25 (jay) (-1-) hh:: when I- when I saw him he is- (.) he has- he had a lot:: of-
 26 lots of experience to ((gestures sideways with hands)) another
 27 countries
 28 (cloud) ah
 29 (wind) traveled a lot or::
 30 (jay) trav- no no internship
 31 (wind) ah::
 32 (rainbow) =internship hmm=
 33 (jay) =?or? exchange student yeah=
 34 (rainbow) =hmm
 35 (jay) yeah (-2-) I envy {@@@@ I envy} ((rainbow nods and smiles))
 36 id?? {oh}
 37 (jay) (-1-) and he- so he got a job (.) to- in there he- ah- (.) he breaked
 38 competitive rate three hundred ((holds up three fingers left hand then
 39 one finger right hand)) one
 40 (-2-)
 41 (jay) korean ?we say? 경쟁율 ~[kjoŋdʒeŋ jul] ³
 42 id♀ {oh}
 43 (cloud) {ah} (-2-) ah
 ((cabbage nods slightly and begins typing into electronic dictionary))
 ((ladder taps cabbage on the shoulder twice with her fist))
 44 (jay) four languages so- ((ladder squeezes cabbage's upper arm)) i- in my 32:00
 45 case
 ((cabbage turns to ladder)) ((cabbage laughs)) ((cabbage grabs
 ladder's ?thigh?))

¹ ?Korean conglomerate?

² Korean steel producing conglomerate.

³ Level of competition ((Korean))

46 (jay) I'm=
 47 (wind) =@@@=
 48 (jay) ={I'm going to choose second major}
 49 (ladder) {hh@@ hh@@ ((links arms with cabbage))}
 50 (jay) is as a japanese or chinese=
 51 (cloud) ah
 52 id♀ uhuh=
 53 id? =hmm =
 54 (rainbow) =hmm ((opens mouth))=
 55 (wind) =can I ask what your major is
 56 (jay) economics but I'm=
 57 (wind) = ah economics
 58 (jay) but I'm going to (.) transfer
 59 id♀ hmm
 60 (jay) business in usa
 61 (rainbow) {hmm }
 62 (jay) {business ?major?} in usa
 63 (wind)? hmmm ((rainbow opens mouth)) so what grade are you in
 64 (jay) eh/
 65 (wind) what grade are you in now
 66 (jay) sophomore
 67 (wind) {sophomore}
 68 id♀ {sophomore}
 69 (jay) # # # #
 70 (jay) but I got- I got admissions from usa university
 71 id♀ hmm
 72 (jay) but I'm confusing now
 73 (wind) {why} {ah}
 74 (jay) {I don't know-} I have no idea where to- {where} I go
 75 ss hmm

((rainbow nods)) ((jay nods and looks down))

(-4-)

76 (ladder) hh:: (-2-) hh:: (.) ((to cabbage)) say something @@=
 77 id♀ =@@

33:00

A (f) LEARNING LANGUAGES ⇔
COMPETITION

(-3-)

1	(cabbage)	I'm majoring in (.) kind of related to languages so	33:05
2	(wind)	yes	
3	(cabbage)	{so}	
4	(ladder)	{yeah} you gonna be tea- teacher	
5	(cabbage)	I hope so @@=	
6	(ladder)	=@@@@	
7	(cabbage)	so I'm keen on learning other languages and I'm wondering why other	
8		people have (.) have a tendency to learn other	
9	(ladder)	eh=	
10	(cabbage)	=second languages	
11	id?	hmm::=	
12	(cabbage)	=too hard	
13	id♀	eh	
14	(cabbage)	what ?they? focus of- ?o::f-? ?language?	
15	(ladder)	I- I think language is directly connected to money	
16	(jay)	{?yeah?}	
17	(cabbage)	{# # #}	
18	(rainbow)	yeah ((nods)) yes=	
19	(ladder)	=yeah I- {I think that-}	
20	(cabbage)	{# # # ?language?} and {money/}	
21	id♀	{?money?}	
22	(ladder)	{# #} {# #}	
23	(jay)	{learning-} learning language {has} great value for money	
24	(ladder)	yeah I mean english is- how can I say- very too much competi-	
25		competition (.) so now people trying to- ah- english become some	34:00
26		basic ability to enrol in university because of most- many people-	
27		more- as time go by- by- time goes by more people are very good at	
28		english so they try to other::	
29	(wind)	yes	
30	(ladder)	yeah other target {to}	
31	(wind)	{to} be competitive	
32	(ladder)	yeah ((points to wind)) so that's the reason why second language	
33		getting more important {like-}-	
34	(wind)	{yes}	
35	(ladder)	such as japanese chinese ((rainbow nods)) whatever you know	
36	id♀	hm	
37	(ladder)	so I think language i::s connected to money	
38	id♀	{# #} {ah}	
39	(ladder)	{so} that's the reason why in {korea} so many koreans are very crazy	
40		about english such::	
41	id♀	eh hmm	
42	(ladder)	as I am {@?and?@}- and also the other people try to	
43	(cloud)?	{?but?}	
44	id♀	ehm=	
45	(wind)	=learn japanese as well or	
46	id♀	hmm=	
47	(ladder)	= german yeah such-eh- language	
48	id♀	hmm	
49	(cloud)	(.) ah- wh- when you say language is di- directly re- related to money	
50	(ladder)	eh	
51	(cloud)	you mean {companies-}	
52	(wind)	{?ladder is? humanism}	
53	(cloud)	companies=	
54	(wind)	=hh::@ ?it's a lie?@@@	
55	(cloud)	{want to}	

56 (ladder) {(to wind) yeah}=
57 (wind) =@@@=
58 (ladder) =but I love money=
59 (wind) =@@@=
60 (ladder) =@@hh::@
61 (cloud) com- companies want ah- ah people who- with language fluency
62 (ladder) eh
63 (cloud) that's why you say language is- eh- related to money 35:00
64 (ladder) yeah bu::t- yeah but I- how can- (.) before I get there I had a class
65 and where- ah- my professor talk about the competition and it wa- the
66 topic was the- ah- english educational at childhood in korean
67 elementary school ((wind nods slightly)) so now most korean
68 elementary school try to study english at the very- the first:: grade
69 ((cloud nods slightly)) so that- so some people- some students raise
70 the- raise a question that is surely problem because it cause more
71 competition among- ah- among elementary school students ((wind
72 nods)) so the professor ask us what is competition because in this
73 society competition is the basic and natural- natural- how can i- virtues
74 and too much competition or less competition who can judge that
75 (wind) yes
76 (ladder) yeah so he said (.) but when I heard that oh it is very shocking
77 because I- I thought also that english- ah- english class getting 36:00
78 more compete- competitiveness more and more so- so many children
79 might suffer from this english competition but a- as what he said-
80 yeah- competition is- we cannot avoid it because competition is
81 natural
82 (wind) yes=
83 (ladder) =so more people try to get- more- more people try to get a company
84 which a- high- with a high salary ((wind nods)) so but these high
85 salary company is limited=
86 (wind) =yes
87 (ladder) so people try to be a
88 (wind) yes=
89 (ladder) =eh- people try to show their ability
90 (wind) yes
91 (ladder) but the best way to ability their language skill is a test- ah- language
92 test such as toeic or toefl ((rainbow nods slightly)) or also other
93 japanese test ((wind nods slightly)) chinese test (.) so that was the
94 reason why we- we are crazy about language because language is the
95 best ef- ah- best:: clear way to show their:: ability
96 (cloud) {?maybe? yeah} {yeah }
97 (ladder) {such as} with the gpa {yeah} yeah=
98 (cloud) =ability in job opportunity=
99 (ladder) =yeah so I think as- as you say you really enjoy learning english ah- 37:00
100 english or language such as japanese chinese or- yeah- but I think that
101 was the best educational way but most people- okay I'm not that I
102 love english yeah but- but the- the- how can I- the most desire to be
103 a good- good speaker in english is for some benefit I get by that
104 (cloud) yeah that=
105 (ladder) =yeah=
106 (cloud) =I think that's the gist of the situation yeah ((rainbow nods slightly))
107 that's not wrong I think
108 (ladder) yes=
109 (cloud) =but that's not bad I think that's right
110 (ladder) yeah that's what my professor said {competition} is not bad
111 (cloud) {#}
112 yeah I- I agree with=
113 (ladder) =but I thought- I thought with my prejudice competition is bad
114 competition make people::
115 {you know- # # - yeah-yeah- a lot of burden}
116 (wind) {yeah I can understand (.) push- press- a lot of pressure- have stress}
117 (ladder) a lot of stress=
118 (wind) =@@@=
119 (ladder) and people will die soon=

120 (wind) =@@@=
 121 (ladder) =sooner or later because of competition
 122 (cloud) okay competition itself does not matter because the materials- the 38:00
 123 natural material- ah- not material- resources- natural resources are
 124 remi- are limited
 125 (ladder) yeah ((rainbow nods slightly))
 126 (cloud) and there are many people
 127 (ladder) yeah=
 128 (cloud) =so they have to work
 129 (ladder) hmm=
 130 (cloud) =harder than one another
 131 (ladder) hmm
 132 (cloud) to get- a- part of=
 133 (ladder) =hmm
 134 (cloud) resources
 135 (ladder) hmm
 136 (cloud) it's clear that not everyone of them can get the part of the resources
 137 (ladder) yeah
 138 (cloud) not everyone because- just the number thing=
 139 (ladder) =yeah
 140 (cloud) there are not enough
 141 (ladder) yeah
 142 (cloud) so they have to compete they have to work
 143 (ladder) yeah work harder= {yeah}
 144 (cloud) =yeah- hard{yeah} in that sense competition is
 145 mutual
 146 that is a basic situation {we have to-}
 147 id♀ {hh:;}
 148 (cloud) we have to adjust ourselves to
 149 (ladder) but you know as we- we admit that competition is mutual and natural
 150 we cannot avoid competition but it is also true in this reality there are
 151 some people who lose in competition so suffer from their self- lose 39:00
 152 their self- self's meaning so that- I think that was the problem why
 153 competition make people- majority people- okay competition give
 154 majority people some pain especially in korea
 155 (wind) yeah it's very high
 156 (ladder) {yeah}
 157 (cloud) {yeah-} yeah- that- that- that's high- that- that's problematic but- that's
 158 problematic but it- it is not a good- a good idea to solve that problem
 159 by abolishing competition (.) competition itself should remain=
 160 (ladder) =no but {at least}
 161 (cloud) {but}
 162 (ladder) we should try the- the method to lessen the competition
 163 (cloud) well- well I think that is not a good way because it's better- it's better
 164 to take care of those people who lost in competition than to abolish
 165 competition itself (.) we can take care of and provide what they need
 166 to- ah- those (-1-) lost people
 167 (ladder) ah
 168 (cloud) those lost people
 169 (ladder) yeah=
 170 (cloud) =and we can- we can maintain- we can retain competition itself (.) 40:00
 171 that's the-
 172 (wind) I think but we'd- we'd better control the competitiveness you know
 173 too much {competini-} com- competini-
 174 (ladder) {eh}
 175 ss {@@@}
 176 (wind) {I can't} pronounce competitiveness¹(.) ::hh (-1-) eh- make
 177 (ladder) eh
 178 (wind) bad effect
 179 (ladder) eh=
 180 (cloud) ={ah of course}
 181 (wind) {too much} things=

¹ [kompetines]

182 (cloud) yeah of course
183 (wind) bad effect=
184 (ladder) = so we should control
185 (wind) yeah we- we have to control I think
186 (cloud) yeah the control is needed
187 (ladder) and so because I've never been abroad I have wondered- ah- in other
188 country especially some- america or {england}
189 (wind) {yeah}
190 (ladder) how about {competition}
191 (wind) {no}
192 (cabbage) no
193 (wind) no no no
194 (ladder) not like korea
195 (wind) yeah no (.) of course there- of course there- all over the w- world there
196 is competitiveness but in korea it's very high it's very-
197 (cabbage) I think that it's too much
198 (wind) yeah too much
199 id? {# # #}
200 id? {# # #}=
201 (cabbage) =people who really don't want to go to international {business-}
202 (ladder) {hmm} hmm
203 (wind) I think # # he ((gestures towards ?ladder?))
204 {just said yeah }
205 (cabbage) {area} they shouldn't be competitive to learning other languages
206 (ladder) eh
207 (cabbage) the thing is that
208 (ladder) yeah
209 (cabbage) to learn other languages could be a somewhat interest= 41:00
210 (ladder) =eh
211 (cabbage) it could be {okay} but to push {people to} study {english} or other
212 (ladder) {eh} {yeah yeah} {yeah}
213 (cabbage) languages because it's related to money I {was}
214 (ladder) {eh}
215 (cabbage) shocked by you- {what} you {were} saying
216 (ladder) ((rainbow nods)) {eh} {eh}
217 yeah
218 (cabbage) because I've never think
219 (ladder) eh
220 (cabbage) of (.) language is {related} to {money }
221 (ladder) {eh } {eh }
222 (cabbage) I- more than that
223 (ladder) eh
224 (cabbage) in my ex- respect
225 (ladder) mm
226 (cabbage) in my (.) opinion
227 (ladder) mm
228 (cabbage) I think that language is more likely tied to culture?s?
229 (ladder) hmm::
230 (wind) yes
231 (cabbage) I can {make} many friends
232 (ladder) {eh}
233 mm
234 (wind) yes
235 (cabbage) who have other cul-
236 (ladder) mm
237 (cabbage) other cultures languages as well- I can talk with them
238 (ladder) eh
239 (cabbage) more deeply
240 (ladder) eh
241 (cabbage) so that's why I'm learning {other} language {and} cultures as well
242 (ladder) {eh} {eh}
243 (cabbage) but I don't think (-1-) ah- language is beneficial
244 (ladder) eh
245 (cabbage) because we can earn more money

246 (ladder) eh
 247 (cabbage) think about how much you- have you co- have you
 248 (ladder) eh=
 249 (cabbage) =ah::=
 250 (wind) =spent=
 251 (cabbage) =spe-=
 252 (ladder) =yeah=
 253 (cabbage) =spent money to learn {other} languages
 254 (ladder) {ah} 42:00
 255 ah yeah and
 256 (cabbage) it's too much I think
 257 (ladder) so I wanna- I wanna know the reason why especially in korea
 258 (wind) ?due the? environment
 259 (ladder) yeah
 260 (wind) because employers want:: {people} who-
 261 (ladder) {hh::}
 262 (cabbage) even the stereotype american expects-
 263 (ladder) mm
 264 (cabbage) everyone else in the world to learn a- learn english (.) has begun to
 265 change but (.) only ten percent- I would say only ten per cent
 266 {of} american people could speak {other languages}
 267 (ladder) {eh} {eh eh}
 268 (wind) yes=
 269 (cabbage) =I mean second language fluently
 270 (ladder) eh
 271 (cabbage) but ninety percent of {people} don't {think} about second language=
 272 (ladder) {eh} {eh} =eh =
 273 (cabbage) =because they don't want to go- get into the international business
 274 {area} or their field
 275 (ladder) {eh}
 276 eh
 277 (cabbage) then there is no use
 278 (cloud) uh huh=
 279 (cabbage) =right/
 280 (cloud) that's reasonable
 281 (ladder) yeah but in korea too much competition is too natural so I- I thought
 282 competition is- ah- human's basic instinct@@ ((wind and rainbow
 283 smile)) but@
 284 (wind) @@@
 285 (ladder) you know the people who have abroad or living in usa or england they 43:00
 286 said competition in korea is too high
 287 (cabbage) yeah ((rainbow nods))
 288 (ladder) yeah compared to other countries
 289 (wind) that pressures a lot
 290 (ladder) yeah=
 291 id♀ = {yeah }
 292 (ladder) {yeah} so- o- o=
 293 (wind) =that's why I want to go back to {england}
 294 (ladder) {@@@}
 295 (wind) really I'm seriously really really when I was in england (-1-)
 296 of course the environment {could} affect me {but-} but there is noone
 297 (ladder) {eh}
 298 (wind) wh::o pressured=
 299 (ladder) =eh
 300 (wind) just I did what I {want} to do
 301 (ladder) {eh}
 302 eh
 303 (wind) but {in korea there are a lot of people} who are competitive
 304 (ladder) {eh eh eh}
 305 (ladder) mm yeah yeah=
 306 (wind) =compared to me and- but I- I'm- I'm not- how can I say- I have to
 307 do something
 308 (ladder) yeah
 309 (wind) to win them I- to- to:- I mean- to get a good job=

310 (ladder) =ah
311 (wind) =I have to do something I have to be competitive
312 (ladder) yeah=
313 (wind) -I can't be- I- I- I need to better than {other} people
314 (ladder) {eh}
315 eh
316 (wind) so I have to do- go academy- I have to {?go? study a lot}
317 (ladder) {ah yeah yeah}
318 (wind) so it pressures a lot a lot a lot really a lot it pressures a lot (.) of course
319 depending on
320 (ladder) ah=
321 (wind) =person
322 (ladder) ah ah ah 44:00
323 (wind) if- I don't get stressed
324 (ladder) =yeah
325 (wind) maybe {it} might be okay
326 (ladder) {yeah}
327 (wind) if I am an easy going person
328 (ladder) yeah but you know the- when- when we- how can I say- the- because
329 of character that- you know that- the method is to:: be a monk (.) not
330 @living@ in this capitalist society (.) although okay as you said- as my
331 professor said if you- eh- ladder you don't- if you don't want study
332 english you- you should don't
333 (wind) @@@@=
334 (ladder) =@so- you should not
335 (wind)? {ah}
336 (ladder) =so {I said} but professor I can't # # # that's the why you are
337 here ?and? I said the- the- how can I say- you study english
338 (wind) ((leans forward, puts chin on hand)) ah hah=
339 (ladder) =rather than study philosophy
340 (wind) ahah=
341 (ladder) =that means you:: your- from your deep inside your mind
342 (wind) ((rainbow leans forward))ahah
343 (ladder) you really want to study english and you- your self thinking that
344 english is much beneficial than philosophy (.) he said that so- no no I
345 don't think that- that- ?I say? but he said what you do is what you want
346 (.) so- can you understand (.) if you- okay- if you said I don't want to 45:00
347 study english
348 (wind) ahah=
349 (ladder) =some- but people pressure me
350 (wind) ahah ((nods))
351 (ladder) but I study
352 (wind) ahah=
353 (ladder) =so that means prof- my professor said
354 (wind) ahah
355 (ladder) what you do now
356 (wind) ahah
357 (ladder) is what you want so you cannot blame other people
358 {he said that }
359 (wind) {yes yes yes }
360 (ladder) yeah- yes- {@yeah- yeah in- in a conc-}
361 (wind) {@@ @@@ @@@@}@@@@
362 (ladder) in conclusion I'm bad @person@ yeah-
363 {but okay} okay I admit that
364 (wind) {@@@}
365 (ladder) I- I prefer money I prefer some power- special power ((wind shakes
366 head slightly)) but I think- I really feel that competition makes me-
367 how can I say- exhausted
368 (wind) yes yes=
369 (ladder) =yeah I feel myself
370 (wind) yeah=
371 (ladder) =so I think competition is too high but my professor said when we-
372 when ?you? say competition there is no high or less because
373 competition is competition {and}

374 (wind) {ah::}
375 (ladder) who can judge the amount of competition or- or the strength of the
376 competition (.) because he said where we- where you go there is
377 competition ((wind nods)) and you cannot avoid it
378 (wind) yes 46:00
379 (ladder) so you should just ah- just accept and be- just find the other way to be
380 free from competition by- in the- in my private life not the social
381 meaning (.) yeah because he said competition is just competition and
382 we cannot avoid it (.) so I think that was really shocking for
383 {me yeah}
384 id♀ {ah}
385 (wind) I think your prof- in some parts
386 (ladder) eh
387 (wind) your professor is- is right- but=
388 (cabbage) =yeah he's got some point
389 (wind) yeah- yes but- but the problem is I think how competitive it is in
390 society ?in the? specific society in korea I think the environment
391 and society has got (.) quite serious- I mean- (-2-)
392 okay for example {the} employers=
393 (ladder) {eh} =eh eh
394 (wind) many of- okay- I could {understand} because english is a trend
395 (ladder) {ehm}
396 (wind) I mean in- in korea- in america they w- they don't have to study
397 another languages=
398 (ladder) =ehm
399 (wind) I mean- because around the world
400 (ladder) eh=
401 (wind) =they- they haven't got any difficulty=
402 (ladder) =ehm eh= 47:00
403 (wind) =to communicate
404 (ladder) yeah=
405 (wind) =because every most people can speak {english}
406 (ladder) {yeah}
407 (wind) and they can speak {english}
408 (ladder) {eh eh}
409 (wind) so- so they don't have to another {language?s?}
410 (ladder) {eh eh}
411 (wind) but in korea korean people=
412 (ladder) =eh=
413 (wind) =don't- can't speak english
414 (ladder) eh
415 (wind) so we can't trade {with} another country
416 (ladder) {eh} yeah
417 (wind) so I think we- we have to:: study english and they need the person who
418 can speak english but- I mean- even if they don't need english
419 (ladder) eh=
420 (wind) =but (.) when they::'ve- when they hire someone=
421 (ladder) =eh eh
422 (wind) they required {the} person who can speak english
423 (ladder) {eh}
424 (wind) do you know what I mean
425 (ladder) yeah yeah
426 (wind) even if- if- for example- okay- toeic
427 (ladder) eh yeah I think {toeic doesn't prove any ability to- @yeah@}
428 (wind) {###} ?really? yeah- just-}
429 (wind) I really can't understand- they- even if some people got good grade in
430 toeic
431 (ladder) eh yeah
432 (wind) they can't speak at all
433 (ladder) yeah
434 (wind) so I think- that kind- I think that kind of thing is problem I think (.) we
435 need to be more- (.) I don't know the solution=
436 (ladder) =ehm {eh}
437 (wind) but kind of- I think that has something to do with {ed}ucation 48:00

438 our education's problem- educational problem in kor {ea} I think
 439 (ladder) {eh}
 440 (ladder) yeah but whenever we talk about education there is always excessive
 441 competition in education (.) that is from the english or from
 442 mathematic sat at- learning- at korean university and also he said- my
 443 professor- I think he is very- ((touching left hand to left cheek)) hh::
 444 (wind) @@@
 445 (ladder) @yeah@ eh- anyway- an- also he said
 446 (wind) philosophy- philosophy class or
 447 (ladder) yeah philosophy class and he majored some- ah- okay- he have studied
 448 in america for so long time
 449 (wind) hmm
 450 (ladder) so- anyway- hh:: anyway- ah- he said excess- when we said excessive
 451 competition
 452 (wind) hmm
 453 (ladder) he said it doesn't mean anything it means competition is competition
 454 so when we think- oh- how can I say- ah- high school- high school
 455 grading {system} with- we- that was very controversial but he said
 456 (wind) {hmm hmm}
 457 (ladder) if we- without the- how can I say- ah- korea- sat¹ system of 49:00
 458 {university}
 459 (wind) {hmm/ hmm/ hmm/ hmm/}
 460 (ladder) change did any educational s- ah- any ed- educational solution are
 461 meaningless because (.) the final goal is to- is- eh- for university so
 462 without ?the? we chan- unless we change the universal entrance system
 463 (wind) ahah ahah ((nods))
 464 (ladder) there is- other solution in elementary school or middle school high
 465 school are- those are meaningless (.) because those- those- those:-
 466 how can ?I say?- scores are procedure for the final goal {that} is
 467 id♀ {yeah yeah}
 468 (ladder) university entrance so he said- although we- okay- eval- how- how
 469 can I say- 평 균 화 ~[pjɔŋgɔnɔ]² ((clicks fingers twice)) how can I
 470 say eq-
 471 (wind) equalise {o:r}
 472 id♀ {?equalise?}
 473 (wind) {##}
 474 (ladder) {equalising} system or unequalising system it- those are very
 475 controversial- but it- it is meaningless without the university entrance
 476 sy- system
 477 id♀ hmm=
 478 (ladder) =but I think it is quite reasonable ((wind's phone buzzes))
 479 (cloud) uh
 480 id♀ hmm
 481 (ladder) yeah because ?a? 50:00
 482 (win) yes
 483 (ladder) ?a? final goal is a university test ((cloud nods)) 50:04

(-2-)

¹ Scholastic Assessment Test
² equalisation

A (g) TOPIC SELECTION /
INTERACTION STYLE

1 (cloud) well how- how about 50:07
2 (wind) yes ((nods))((looking at mobile phone))
3 (cloud) now (.) getting- ca- calm a little bit down
4 (ladder) uh
5 (cloud) and talk
((wind looks up from mobile phone)) ((wind looks at cloud))
6 (ladder) okay=
7 (cloud) =well I think the-
8 (ladder) yeah okay okay ((gestures to cloud)){you are right}
9 (cloud) {the- this} is more like a debate { ## }
10 (wind) why {this is}
11 good {?I think?} why @@@@
12 (ladder) {@@@@}
13 (cabbage) {@@@}
14 (cloud) well {I don't-} I don't- I don't find this- I don't find
15 any problem with this but=
16 id♀ =ahah
17 (ladder) yeah yeah=
18 (cloud) =I might- I might wo- I m- might-
19 I might worry about ah:: ((raises hand to ceiling))
20 (ladder) becoming= ((raises fist))
21 (cloud) =matthew=
22 (wind) why why why = ((rainbow nods))
23 =matthew
24 (ladder) {@@}
25 (cloud) {matthew} might not want this kind of debate
26 (wind) really
27 (cloud) I- I- I- =
28 id♀ = #
29 (wind) {why}
30 (ladder) {@@}
31 (cloud) {I think}- ah- well- ah- ((leaning back)) ((holding out hands)) I- I- I
32 don't know but we have spent some time debating so- we- I just
33 thought=
34 (cabbage) =it's kind of discussion=
35 (ladder) =okay anyway I will be calm down @yeah@ okay @@=
36 (wind) = no no no no=
37 (cloud) = I- I- =
38 (wind) =there's no problem at all I think- ((gesturing to cloud))
39 I don't know (.) what you mean but I'm not sure what 51:00
40 (cloud) uh=
41 (wind) =he's concentrate on but {just I think}
42 id♀ {?conversation?}
43 (cloud) uh
44 (wind) ((holding hands near cheeks))((wiggling fingers)) just say something
45 everything
46 (cloud) if so- I'm sorry
47 (cabbage) @@@@
48 (cloud) I'm sorry but {I- I was just a little bit worried about}=
49 ss {@@ ## @@@@}
50 (ladder) okay- yeah- and
51 (wind) ((counting off fingers)) conversation {everything} anything
52 (jay) {# } 51:11

A (h) PERSONAL NEWS 3
(JAY'S STUDY PLANS)

((wind starts looking closely at her mobile phone))

- 1 (ladder) ((gestures across to jay)) I think and- as- ah- you might listen what we 51:13
 2 said so- and I think you said you gonna study in usa
 3 (jay) uh
 4 (ladder) ah- so what is the reason
 5 {why do you want to study in 'Q' university} for more
 6 (cabbage) {@@@@ @ ah 웃겨 ~[okjɔ]¹}
 7 (ladder) I mean do you have any special reason which connected to what we
 8 said
 9 (jay) n::o I- I'm- I'm going to- I wanna get a- (-1-) ah- (-2-) sp- I- I- I
 10 have {a special purpose} {##}
 11 (wind) {leans forward} {turns to rainbow and jay} {I'm sorry} can I go to
 12 toilet ((squeezes past rainbow)) ((to jay)) I'm sorry I think @you-@
 13 ((jay stands up)) ((moves to stand at end of table))
 14 (wind) sorry thankyou ((walks out of room))
 15 (jay) ((sitting back down)) ah- hh:: I don't like- I don't like korea education 52:00
 16 system
 17 (ladder) ah- why
 18 (jay) because not face to face
 19 (ladder) ah {@yeah@}
 20 (jay) {@ @ @} # so- but- mm- learning english is just some sub- sub-
 21 target- sub-purpose
 22 (ladder) yeah=
 23 (jay) =to me but
 24 (ladder) ah
 25 (jay) main purpose is (.) to:- to get a (-1-) really a kind of real business:: (.)
 26 theory (.) business::=
 27 (ladder) =ahah
 28 (cabbage) ?maybe a? business career
 29 (jay) yeah
 30 (cabbage) rather than just
 31 (jay) ah career
 32 (cabbage) ah
 33 (ladder) eh
 34 (cabbage) studying
 35 (ladder) eh
 36 (jay) well- well- ah- (-1-) if- if I wanna get a job= ((cabbage leans forward))
 37 (ladder) eh
 38 (jay) easily in korea
 39 (ladder) eh
 40 (jay) but I- I'm (.) just:: have- just- can just graduate from korea university 53:00
 41 but I- I don't want that because these days you know
 42 (ladder) eh
 43 (jay) competition is {just} competition
 44 (ladder) {eh} eh yeah=
 45 (cabbage) =@@@@=
 46 (ladder) =right- yea::h- yeah=
 47 (jay) ={yeah}
 48 (cabbage) {@@@@}
 49 (ladder) yeah we live just for competition
 50 (cabbage) ah::=
 51 (jay) =eh- eh- mm- although this way is
 52 (ladder) eh
 53 (jay) difficult to me
 54 (ladder) eh

¹ Funny! ((Korean))

55 (jay) but my way is @my way@ {yeah}
 56 (ladder) {I think} we- your are really like a monk
 57 and be a::- kind of a- ?you know?- your- your absolute standard and to
 58 live with that I think it is good (.) but in my case I'm- I'm not that
 59 brave person I live just as majority people @live@ yeah hmm

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60 (cabbage) I think that he have some kind of particular interested in {business}
 61 (ladder) {eh::} yeah
 62 (cabbage) he::- (.) I think that he learn not
 63 (ladder) eh=
 64 (cabbage) =in books
 65 (ladder) eh
 66 (cabbage) but he learn by experiencing
 67 (ladder) mm
 68 (cabbage) so he'd better to (.) go s::omewhere
 69 (ladder) eh 54:00
 70 (cabbage) which he can (.) experience more
 71 (ladder) yeah
 72 (cabbage) more {?naturally?}
 73 (jay) {and} I think- hh:: I think we- when we graduate
 74 (ladder) eh
 75 (jay) from university in {korea} I think we- just {in my opinion}
 76 (ladder) {eh eh eh {eh eh}
 77 (jay) we (.) have no spec- special ability you know
 78 {just- just-}
 79 (ladder) {toeic toeic }
 80 ss {@@@ @@}
 81 (jay) {just- just- just get a}=
 82 (ladder) @yeah @= {toeic}
 83 (jay) =just get a {toeic} =
 84 (ladder) {@@ @@@ @@@@}
 85 (jay) {or toefl or- do you-} do you re- if- I think you don't- you will (.) not=
 86 (rainbow) {toeic}((nods))
 87 (ladder) eh
 88 (jay) have a
 89 (ladder) eh
 90 (jay) have a business
 91 (ladder) yeah
 92 (cabbage) so are you sure you- if you go to america you can get more ability to- I
 93 mean- you can get more business ability
 94 (jay) yeah
 95 (cabbage) than in here
 96 (jay) yeah I- I can sure yeah- but- just in my opinion 55:00
 97 (cabbage) because I don't know just I'm asking
 98 (rainbow) how long did you stay there
 99 (jay) maybe- hh:: three to four years three or
 100 (rainbow) three months/
 101 (cabbage) {no}
 102 (jay) {# #}
 103 id? {# #}
 104 (rainbow) {three years/} three years/ {ah::}
 105 (ladder) {when will you}
 106 leave for usa
 107 (rainbow) ah
 108 (jay) ah- ah- go to there/
 109 (ladder) eh- yeah
 110 (jay) maybe august
 111 (ladder) mm
 112 (rainbow) ah- did you study {english/}
 113 (jay) {?transfer?} no no
 114 (rainbow) ah
 115 (jay) transfer

116 (rainbow) transfer/
117 (jay) yeah
118 (rainbow) hmm
119 (jay) to sophomore
120 (rainbow) hmm

55:31

A (i) EDUCATION 1

1 (cloud) well- my opinion is a little bit different (.) in korea- in korean 55:32
2 university culture (.) the:- the education is=
3 (ladder)? =hmm
4 (cloud) very rigid so- ((cabbage looks at mobile phone))
5 (ladder) ((eating donut)) yeah
6 (cloud) also in university- in university also there is high competition for
7 {grades}
8 (ladder) {hmm } yeah
9 (cloud) the gpa is considered very {importantly} so even though not- ah-
10 (ladder)? {hm}
11 (cloud) not- ah- even though students don't speak of GPAs grades- their grades
12 (ladder) yeah
13 (cloud) they really- ah- consider them seriously 56:00
14 (ladder)? hmm
15 (cloud) but even if- ah- the education system is only that level just- ah- we can-
16 students can find their way
17 (ladder) ((eating doughnut)) no
18 (rainbow) hh::@
19 (cloud) I mean students can study in
20 (ladder) ((eating doughnut)) eh
21 (cloud) in the way they want and they can experience what they want to
22 experience
23 (ladder) it is {too idealistic}
24 (cloud) {?if they want to?}
25 (jay) yeah that's why {I} don't like- I don't like to get
26 (ladder) {yeah} hmm=
27 (jay) =high gpa in korea=
28 (ladder) =hmm {@}
29 (jay) {that's why}=
30 (ladder) yeah yeah
31 (jay) yeah
32 (ladder) it's too idealistic I think
33 (jay) yeah too ?different? for me ((wind comes into room))
34 (wind) {I can sit here} ((ladder waves hand sideways to rainbow and jay))
35 (jay) {# # # # } usa
36 (wind) could you give me my bag
37 (cloud) well I mean- I mean- ((rainbow lifting bag across to wind)) {apart from
38 just school classes there are many many opportunities} 57:00
39 (wind) {(to rainbow)?heavy?
40 (rainbow) ((to wind)) @heavy@ ((shifts along seat towards wall))
41 ((wind moving books and mobile phone from in front of rainbow))
42 (cloud) for us to experience other things than we usually do}
43 (ladder) uh uh
44 (cloud) that's what you don't know=
45 (ladder) =@@@@@=
46 (cloud) =but I think a little bit different well- well- ah- thinking- thinking of
47 the- the club 'QED'- well- english debating club (.) ah- this is
48 also ?an? autonomous- ah- gathering by students
49 id♀ mm
50 (cloud) well it's not from school it's not from
51 (ladder) yeah {but} it's about english
52 (cloud) {school}
53 (cloud) ah- ?I mean?- I'm not talking about- ah- the content-
54 I'm not {talking} about just the- eh- gathering itself the movement
55 (ladder) {mm}
56 (cloud) by the {students} it's possible
57 (ladder) {yeah}
58 yeah but it is the movement for english
59 (rainbow) {hh::@}
60 (ladder) {if the} movement for environment's group or i- ehm=

61 (cloud) =but ladder- but I want to emphasise=
62 (ladder) = # okay=
63 (cloud) I want to emphasise (.) i- in 'QED'
64 (ladder) mm
65 (cloud) people wa- study english
66 (ladder) mm
67 (cloud) because they want to study english
68 (ladder) why they want to study in english
69 (cloud) because they want to enhance their- ah- job opportunities
70 (ladder) yeah thi- i- #- but this gathering is related to directly 58:00
71 (wind) @@@=
72 (ladder) =to the job {opportunity}
73 (cloud) {yeah but}
74 (ladder) so that's the why 'QED' are popular
75 id♀ hh::@
76 (cloud) but=
77 (wind) =@@@=
78 (cloud) =really/
79 id♀ =@@
80 (cloud) really/ I don't- I don't find it very negative because
81 (ladder) = # =
82 (cloud) =just because it's- ah- it- it's related to job opportunity
83 (ladder) hmm { # }
84 (cloud) {it's just a} reality in korea so they try hard to
85 (ladder) hmm
86 (cloud) improve their english
87 (ladder) hm hm
88 (cloud) for more opportunities in job
89 (ladder) ah
90 (cloud) that's not bad (.) I-
91 (ladder) eh=
92 (cloud) =what I want to emphasise is that in korean- ah- university- in- ah-
93 universities- the education system- students can choose- ah- what they
94 want to experience in their young- young years to some degree I- I'm
95 not saying- I'm not saying they can- ah- they can expect a complete
96 experience I don't- I don't think so I don't want to assert that but 59:00
97 they're- that is possible we- if students want to experience what- ah-
98 that it- ah- what is not like just fixed rigid education they can do that
99 that's what I want to say
100 (ladder) eh
101 (cloud) hh::@
102 (ladder) I mean
103 (wind) I don't know what we are talking about
104 (ladder) I know we are- ah- okay- ((pointing at jay)) he said in korean
105 education system is very rigid and he want to study some face to face
study
106 (wind) ah::
107 (ladder) yeah but ((pointing at cloud)) he said in korean education?al? system
108 students can still have find:: something which she- they want to do and
109 they can:: do within the korean education system they can find such as
110 'QED' su- the movement- yeah- also- ::hh- I- actually I admit that
111 what I talked to you in very negative way (.) eh
112 (cloud) very negative
113 (ladder) yeah very negative way
114 (rainbow) @@{@@@@@@@@@@@}
115 (ladder) {@@@@@@@@@@@@@}{leans over} {slaps cloud's shoulder}
116 (wind) {but- #- but- but- but I don't know what you- what you was talking-
117 what you was talking} about but- (.) but as far as I=
118 (ladder) eh
119 (wind) concerned 60:00
120 (ladder) eh
121 (wind) considering what {you} just said
122 (ladder) {eh}
123 eh

124 (wind) I think this is not so negative why do you think that this is so negative
125 (ladder) ?I mean?- #- ah- I mean- okay I wanna say- ((wind sits back))ah- the
126 (ladder) 'QED' is:- mm- students volunteerly gather
127 (wind) @@@@=
128 (ladder) =yeah yeah
129 (wind) {volunteerly}
130 (ladder) {in summer} ((jay looks at watch))
131 (wind) oh yes {volunteerly} of course {of course}
132 (ladder) {yeah} {professor} don't push us to be
133 (wind) of course
134 (ladder) a member of 'QED'
135 (wind) yes
136 (cloud) ahah
137 (ladder) but I think 'QED' is- the reason 'QED' is popular in 'Q' university is
138 for english debating club (.) if- if 'QED' or some other- other circle is
139 for environmental movement or (.) social movement or some pea- the
140 world peace- no (.) so ma- so many student- or majority student don't
141 have any interested in that circle
142 (cloud) that- {that-}
143 (ladder) {I think} it- but {#} it is reality
144 (cloud) {that-} yeah- yeah- I=
145 (wind) =@@@@=
146 (cloud) =the word=
147 (wind) =oh this is not- @@=
148 (cloud) =that is the word I wanted to hear the- the reality- 61:00
149 ?their? {reality} we're trading on
150 (ladder) {#}
151 yeah
152 (cloud) (.) that's all (.) I wanna say
153 {that-} that- that we- we just- accept the reality as reality
154 (ladder) {I mean-}
155 (cloud) and we find- {we try to find ourselves}
156 (ladder) {NO:::}reality is for subjective judgement
157 (cloud) you can say that but- well you- your- your major is philosophy but- so
158 I- I {feel}-
159 (wind) {@@}
160 (cloud) I like to- eh- make use of- eh- philosophical- eh- usage of words
161 (ladder) mm

A (j) SOCIETY

1 (cloud) well the structure of society the structure of society is- ah- object- from 61:30
2 an- an objective point of view exists
3 (ladder) ah ((raises left hand)) I have a- {I have a question}
4 (cloud) {###} {###} {###}
5 (ladder) what is objective point of view
6 (cloud) when you say- ah- well- that is a- that needs a- a lot more work- a lot
7 more scholastic work than=
8 (ladder) =hmm
9 (cloud) just saying- {ah-} on the spur of the {moment} like this but-
10 (ladder) {mm} {mm}
11 (cloud) I think there are- there is the way the soc- ah- the government goes
12 (ladder) ah=
13 (cloud) =there is the way companies goes 62:00
14 (ladder) yeah
15 (cloud) there is a way people=
16 (ladder) =eh=
17 (cloud) =try to find their lives
18 (ladder) eh
19 (cloud) yeah
20 (ladder) yeah
21 (cloud) ((holding up three fingers)) I call that- I call those ways
22 (ladder) mm
23 (cloud) eh- the three ways
24 (ladder) hmm
25 (cloud) (-2-) what did I say ((looks down)) ((touches forehead))
26 (ladder) you- you said objective {point of view}
27 (cabbage) {@@@} {@@}
28 (cloud) {ah- ah- ah-} {structure}
29 (ladder) {wha- what is-}
30 (cloud) structure that is the structure
31 (ladder) the struc- the structure is objective point of view/ ((cabbage stands
32 up))((ladder stands on seat to let her move past))
33 (cabbage) ((to jay)) # #

((jay looks at watch)) ((jay picks up pen)) ((jay stands up))
((ladder sits back down cross-legged on her seat))
((cabbage and wind whisper to each other at end of table))
((ladder points towards cabbage and wind))
((ladder waves)) ((cloud bows slightly three times))
((wind moves back next to rainbow))

34 (wind) okay
35 (ladder) go ahead
36 (wind) ((sits down)) ((leans forward on table)) go ahead
37 (ladder) ((points at cloud)) from the structure
38 (cloud) from the @structure@=
39 (ladder) ((to rainbow)) =and- rainbow from now on you can- you can say
40 whatever you wanna say okay
41 ss @@@@=
42 (cloud) =# # # # = 63:00
43 (ladder) =please be a member in debating
44 (cloud) ah I- I define structure as the- ah:- as the pre- ah- disposed
45 conditions the members- the mi- members have to adjust themselves to
46 (ladder) mm
47 (cloud) the conditions I mean- the conditions are the structure
48 (ladder) eh=
49 (cloud) =and I think we cannot deny the conditions in the society we ?really?
50 live in that=
51 (wind) =conditions what do you mean conditions environment/

52 (ladder) environment or {the social structure}
53 (cloud) {well environment}
54 social structure- ?so? the culture a::nd other {circumstances in general}
55 (wind) {ah:: just condit- the state}
56 (cloud) yeah states #- states of (.) culture or=
57 (wind) =okay okay=
58 (cloud) =things (.) we can't deny them (.) well if we do get unsatisfied with the
59 conditions we have no other way but to live here
60 (ladder) mm
61 (wind) so- so what do you want to say
62 (cloud) what I want to say is (.) the current- the current structure 64:00
63 (wind) uh huh
64 (cloud) has good points and bad points
65 (wind) yes of course=
66 (cloud) =and the members in the society
67 (wind) ah hah
68 (cloud) have to try hard- try hard to make the best of the good points
69 (wind) uh huh uh huh
70 (cloud) to live in the society
71 (wind) yes yes
72 (cloud) yeah that's the gist of my saying I- I- I:- I wanted to refute the
73 argument that society is wholly- ah- full of bad points
74 (wind) of course not
75 (ladder) no no he- oh::=
76 (cloud) =you said- you said- you said social structure in general and language
77 with money- yeah
78 (ladder) ah- ?some? {generally}
79 (cloud) {?all of them?- all-}
80 all of the conditions are- are combined in a {bad} way
81 id♀ {hh::}
82 (cloud) I- I understood (.) {in that way}
83 (ladder) {I think it is} too much prejudice included=
84 (cloud) =hh::@=
85 (ladder) =what I said=
86 (wind) =@@@=
87 (ladder) yeah but I think as ((gesturing across table)) he said- a- although he left
88 but he said in korean educational system- how can I say- he cannot 65:00
89 show- he cannot show his ability the best so that's the why he don't
90 like korean education system and you said in korea still students can do
91 whatever:: they want to do and whatever::
92 (wind) mm
93 (ladder) they want to do- ah- student find whatever they want to do and do
94 something
95 (cloud) ah hah right that's=
96 (ladder) =yeah=
97 (wind) =I don't agree absolutely
98 (ladder) yeah {yeah}
99 (wind) {I don't agree} {absolutely}
100 (ladder) {so that's the} reason why- and you- you said the- for the
101 example 'QED' people but I said 'QED'- 'QED'- the reason 'QED' is
102 popular in generally is for english debating club
103 (cloud) then- then- (-1-) what- when do you- when you can you say
104 (ladder) eh
105 (cloud) people do what they want- eh- people do what they want to do (.) what
106 {can} you say
107 (ladder) {so} so you
108 (cloud) when can you say
109 (ladder) okay- ah- for surely this too much competition is not good- good
110 environment for the people to:- do what they want to do (.) it is sure 66:00
111 but we- if you- if you ask me of the alternative world it is only my
112 imag- imagination because alternative world doesn't come- eh- doesn't
113 come yet so the- I think that is my weakest point but I can point that
114 this reality (.) too much competition is surely problem so that's what I
115 want to say

116 (cloud) ah- yeah- yeah- I agree with that
117 (ladder) yeah
118 (cloud) (.) there- there are problems in cur- in the current society {yeah}
119 (ladder) {mm}
120 (cloud) yeah we can take it
121 (ladder) hmm
122 (cloud) like that but (.) wha- what- what- what I wanna convey
123 {is} that even in that deficient system the {cul}ture society
124 (ladder) {mm} {mm} mm
125 (cloud) we can (.) try to do something we want to do=
126 (ladder) =of course
127 (cloud) and in that point we have to try hard (.) that's all (.) I think
128 (ladder) ah:: no no now you are talking about attitude to live 67:00
129 (cloud) (-1-) yeah=
130 (ladder) =but you know this attitude to l- to do their best and to live with their
131 best this attitude e- everybody admit (.) of course
132 (cloud) yeah yeah yeah
133 (ladder) but now we are talking- now- we are not talking about his attitude 67:19

A (k) EDUCATION 2

1 (ladder) (.) ah- I mean- I think korean education system is too rigid and so 67:21
2 makes student too much pressure so they have- how can I say- this
3 system take a- many possibility from the student to do what they want
4 to do ((wind picks up electronic dictionary)) I think that is the problem
5 (cloud) ((wind looking up 'rigid')){well-}
6 (ladder) {and so} that's the reason why people give
7 up this- eh- 'Q' university and study abroad ah- also as you know in
8 korea many students leave for usa or england ((wind closes electronic
9 dictionary))
10 (cloud) ah ((wind nods))
11 (ladder) because they don't like this environment
12 (wind) (.) ## ((nods))
13 (ladder) yeah- such- such as he 68:00
14 (cloud) well- if they w- if they don't- if they are not satisfied with this
15 (ladder) yeah
16 (cloud) they can leave
17 (ladder) @yeah@ @@
18 (cloud) they have the freedom=
19 (ladder) =yeah I @know@- they=
20 (cloud) =I agree with that I agree with that but I- it's not easy for me to
21 understand
22 (ladder) yeah
23 (cloud) I cannot do what I want to do (.) because I can do what I can- what I
24 want to do I can read kant when I want to kant (.) well actually I- I
25 bought a copy of critical purism and read- read the book (.) and
26 stopped it because I didn't find it interesting any more
27 (ladder) eh
28 (cloud) that was (.) just (.) autonomous thing for me=
29 (ladder) =ah
30 (cloud) well- that kind of- well- when- when- if reading is just a:- self
31 working- well- I can- well- I can- ah- arrange some meanings and
32 working on- or- work on something with them together
33 id♀ mm
34 (cloud) that way that's possible even if it is not english 69:00
35 (ladder)? mm
36 (cloud) or any beneficial- ah- or any practical subject we can do that an- that
37 is possible I think
38 (wind) ((claps doughnut dust off hands)) ::hh- ah I think that our education
39 don't consider the each person's ability ((holding up right index
40 finger)) for example when I was in high school
41 (ladder) hmm
42 (wind) (.) okay for example I- eh::m (-1-) ah:: (-1-) how can I say- assuming
43 (ladder) mm
44 (wind) if- if I can assuming that (.) ::hh- ah- okay- how can I- ah- okay- (.)
45 okay- chinese character
46 (ladder) eh
47 (wind) we have a chinese character class
48 (ladder) {eh}
49 (rainbow)? {eh}
50 (wind) I was good at chinese character
51 (ladder) eh
52 (wind) and I:: want to do something because I was a
53 (ladder) eh=
54 (wind) high school student=
55 (ladder) =yeah=
56 (wind) =so I don't know what can I do {for} the future
57 (ladder) {mm/} mm
58 (wind) which is something- something to do with chinese character
59 (ladder) eh
60 (wind) because I don't know what kind of {jobs} there are=

61 (ladder) {eh} =yeah yeah=
62 (wind) =but first I was interested
63 in {chinese} character and I- I wanted to study more 70:00
64 (ladder) {mm mm }
65 mm
66 (wind) but
67 (ladder) mm
68 (wind) but
69 (ladder) mm
70 (wind) ㅅㅇ ~[sʊnəŋ]¹ doesn't have a chinese {character}-
71 (ladder) {yeah}
72 (wind) chinese- ?have a?- eh- a subject- so- so- actually we had a (.) specific
73 time {for} the chinese=
74 (ladder) {mm} =mm=
75 (wind) = {character #}
76 (ladder) {yeah yeah }
77 (wind) but teachers don't teach
78 (ladder) eh
79 (wind) in that time chi- ah- ?the? teachers st- taught
80 (ladder) eh
81 (wind) korean
82 (ladder) eh
83 (wind) not chinese character
84 (ladder) yeah=
85 (wind) =because chinese character don't have it
86 (ladder) yeah
87 (wind) but this situation (.) re- eh-
88 regardless of my interest I {have} to study korean
89 (ladder) {eh} eh
90 (wind) you {know what}I mean
91 (ladder) {eh}
92 (wind) that is the {problem}
93 (cloud) {ah- yeah-} that is- that is a problem
94 (wind) yeah
95 (cloud) but not in the education system {that- I- I mean-}
96 (ladder) {OH NO::}
97 (cloud) ah- we are- we have to be careful in that point
98 (wind) why- {why}
99 (ladder) {ah}
100 (cloud) the education system
101 (wind) uhuh
102 (ladder) eh
103 (cloud) does not define (.) that s- ah- teachers study korean in the class of
104 chinese characters (.) they are doing something out of- ah- illegal I
105 mean
106 (wind) yeah
107 (cloud) out of {?point?}
108 (ladder) even you know {this} illegal {behaviour-}
109 (wind) {what makes} ?their?- what makes ?their?
110 illegal behaviour = 71:00
111 (cloud) =ah- # # # =
112 (wind) =education system makes that illegal=
113 (ladder) yeah ((wind looking for her cup amongst cups on table)) and also
114 although this- their- this behaviour is illegal those illegal behaviour is
115 too widespread over the korean high school=
116 (cloud) =ah- ah- yeah- yeah I mean- the- the korean high school education
117 ((wind finds own cup)) is not conducted in a good way
118 (ladder) eh
119 (cloud) that's the problem=
120 (ladder) =yeah
121 (cloud) the way² {is the matter}=

¹ University entrance exam ((Korean))

² pronounced with sudden high pitched tone.

122 ss {@@@@@}

123 (ladder) yeah

124 (cloud) the way

125 (ladder) yeah

126 (cloud) I mean- the subject- education system itself- itself can be accepted

127 accepted but we have to conduct it in a normal way

128 that is {a normal case}

129 (ladder) {AH:::}

130 (cloud) {that is a normal case }

131 (ladder) {# #}

132 (cloud) teaching

133 (ladder) a normal case

134 (cloud) teach

135 (ladder) no

136 (cloud) I mean- well- I- when I was high school student

137 (ladder) mm

138 (cloud) that was- the case was the same

139 (ladder) yeah

140 (cloud) the- in korean or in so-called # # # = 72:00

141 (ladder) =eh eh=

142 (cloud) =those subjects are- subject are- were taught in other unimportant-

143 comparatively unimportant=

144 (ladder) eh yeah

145 (cloud) ah- classes like- ah- technology- 기술 ~[gisol]¹ =

146 (ladder) =eh

147 (cloud) ah- 공# ~[gong]²#- ah

148 (ladder) yeah anyway

149 (cloud) en- engineering something {the way}

150 (wind) {I mean I took}- I took- ah- chinese

151 character just as example

152 (ladder) mm

153 (cloud) ah hah

154 (wind) just as- a- as a example- because- just I wanted to say I couldn't do

155 what I wanted to do

156 ((researcher enters room and interrupts meeting)) 72:28

157 ((researcher leaves room)) 72:40

158 (wind) because our environment in korea don't make students study=

159 (ladder) =yeah

160 (wind) what they want

161 (ladder) {eh}

162 (rainbow) I think that- ah- in korea- {ah-} education system is- ah:-

163 very si- ah- similar {in} japanese and {united} states=

164 (ladder) {eh} {eh} =yeah

165 (rainbow) but- that- ah:- education system is very different in jap- in- ah- russian

166 and german- ah- american education system is

167 (ladder) mm {eh} {eh}

168 (rainbow) related to {experience}and {practice-} ah- russian and german

169 education- hh:- system is related of theory³ {but-} ah=

170 (ladder) {eh}

171 (wind) =what what

172 (rainbow) theory⁴ theory⁵ theory⁶ not exper- ah- little- ah- {# #}

173 (wind) {ah theory}=

174 (rainbow) yes theory

175 (wind) ah theory

176 (rainbow) yeah yeah

¹ Technology ((Korean))

² ?eng(ineering)? ((Korean))

³ [tʃi:ri]

⁴ [tʃi:ri]

⁵ [tʃi:ri]

⁶ [tʃi:ri]

((researcher returns))

73:30

ENCOUNTER B:

B (a)	PREVIOUS MEETING	
1	(rainbow) did you- ah- presentation- ah- last week/	2:20
2	(wind) you mean I made a presentation/	
3	(rainbow) yeah	
4	(wind) no not personally	
5	(rainbow) {oh really}	
6	(wind) {just we} had a class	
7	(rainbow) ah =	
8	(wind) =ah but last week we hadn't had presentation class because- (.)	
9	{?cabbage?}	
10	(rainbow) {# #} last week	
11	(wind) two weeks ago we had a presentation {class}	
12	(rainbow) {ah ah }	
13	(wind) but last week we couldn't have because (.) cabbage has a- got a s-	
14	appointment	
15	(rainbow) ah =	
16	(wind) = ?cabbage? got a some problem=	
17	(rainbow) =yeah	
18	(wind) so she couldn't come	
19	(rainbow) mm	
20	(wind) and I also had a (-1-) some problems	
21	(rainbow) mm =	
22	(wind) =so (.) I also wasn't able to come	
23	(rainbow) mm	
24	(wind) so the presentation class was cancelled (.) and=	
25	(rainbow) =really {oh }	3:00
26	(wind) yeah but- {but} we had a discuss- discussion	
27	(rainbow) ah=	
28	(wind) =we had a discussion	
29	(rainbow) ah::=	
30	(wind) =from four o'clock	
31	(rainbow) which topics- ah- did you-	
32	(wind) ah:: hh:: I think- I was a bit late last week I think we talked- just	
33	we had a- just trivial one	
34	(rainbow) ah =	
35	(wind) =not just to discussion I think	
36	(rainbow) mm =	
37	(wind) =yeah cos we had just a few people	
38	(rainbow) yeah	
39	(wind) so just (.) we had a <u>conversation</u> ?yes?	
40	(rainbow) oh yeah ((clears throat)) mm::=	
41	(wind) =how about you- why didn't you come- why couldn't- why you	
42	couldn't come	
43	(rainbow) @@ ::hh ah- I had- ah- any- ah- problem/- ah- for private work	
44	(wind) ah	
45	(rainbow) so- mm- I went to any places ::hh @@=	
46	(wind) =ah	
47	(rainbow) so for them@ so I couldn't come here@@	
48	(wind) hmm:: (.) so what have you been doing these- these days	
49	(rainbow) ((clears throat)) these days were- were generally well@	
50	(wind) are you working/	
51	(rainbow) ::hh no=	
52	(wind) =studying	
53	(rainbow) no:: ::hh only studying and ah- ::hh going any- any other places	4:00
54	(wind) for- can I ask for what what's for	
55	(rainbow) @@@@hh:: ah::-	
56	(wind) is it too private/	
57	(rainbow) @ yes @@ yes@ {private@ @@@@}	

58 (wind) {sorry sorry @@@@@}
59 (rainbow) but- ah- just now- ah- any ah- any one of these- ah- works- ah::- has
60 not been decided so @ just still ?un?- still=
61 (wind) =mm
62 (rainbow) still private @@
63 (wind) okay
64 (rainbow) yeah

4:30

B (b) RAINBOW 1

- 1 (wind) you're a graduate student right 4:31
 2 (rainbow) yeah yeah yeah
 3 (wind) (.) I can remember your subject is quite difficult
 4 (rainbow) :hh yeah hh:: so many ((making talking heads gesture with both hands)) {# #}
 5
 6 (wind) {but you're en-} you said you're enjoying it
 7 (rainbow) :hh (.) yes and eh
 8 (wind) that's enough I think if you are like it
 9 (rainbow) yeah
 10 (wind) you don't need anything
 11 (rainbow) really/=
 12 (wind) =else of course I if you enjoy (.) what you are doing I think that's enough {# #}
 13
 14 (rainbow) mm I- ah- I'm worried little bit because I {have} no- ah::- much 5:00
 15 more experience in- ah- speaking/ so :hh I worried but- ah- I think
 16 that- ah- many times- ah- how I- ah::- practises in- ah- speaking- ah-
 17 my practice- ah- will be- ah- advanced :hh so I think- ah- so many
 18 times @
 19 (wind) you mean in english/ speaking- what kind of speaking you- what you-
 20 (rainbow) english speaking/
 21 (wind) what are you mean:: speaking
 22 (rainbow) ah- in free- ah- free topics
 23 (wind) ah free topics
 24 (rainbow) yeah

(-3-)

- 25 (wind) you need- you need to speak (-1-) in every- ah- every subject (.)
 26 (rainbow) ((shakes head)) no (-1-) I have no @any@ subjects ((nods slightly))
 27 (wind) ((nods)) hmm- do you think that you need a practice (.) for speaking
 28 (rainbow) yeah I have @no practice@ @@
 29 (wind) (-1-) why- why/- why do you need a-
 30 (rainbow) (-1-) ah::=
 31 (wind) =you mean in english/=
 32 (rainbow) =# # =
 33 (wind) =or in korean/ or in your languages
 34 (rainbow) (-1-) # # 6:00
 35 (wind) you need a practice:: you said ((looks at handbag)) that you need a
 36 speaking/
 37 (rainbow) :hh mm-
 38 (wind) ((looks in handbag)) sorry ((takes out mobile phone)) (looks at
 39 phone) ((looks at watch)) oh:: can I receive a call
 40 (rainbow) (-2-) oh ((nods)) ?okay?
 41 (wind) ((on phone)) 여보세요 ~ [jɔbɔseioʊ]/¹ 'g' 잘지내 ~[a tʃal
 42 tʃine]²/어 ~ [v]³ 근데 # # # 수업같은 # # 하고 있거든 ~ [sɔvb
 43 gatən # # haɡoʊ idɡɔdən]⁴ 그래서 ~[kresv]⁵- 그래- 여섯시 이후
 44 # # 여섯시 이후에 - 아 여섯시 이 후 아/ ~ [kre jɔsɔt ʃɪ i
 45 hu # # jɔsɔt ʃɪ hu e a jɔsɔt ʃɪ i hu a]⁶ ((hangs up)) 6:39
 46 ((to rainbow)) I'm sorry
 47 (rainbow) @@ yeah no problem=

¹ Hello? ((Korean))

² 'g', how are you? ((Korean))

³ Yeah ((Korean))

⁴ Actually # # # # a kind of class # # at the moment. ((Korean))

⁵ So- ((Korean))

⁶ Right. After 6 o'clock. After 6 o'clock. Right. After six o'clock. Bye. ((Korean))

B (c) PASTIMES AND
PERSONAL LIFE

6:41

1 (wind) =okay ((clapping hands once)) we can keep talking ((leans elbows on
2 table))
3 (rainbow) yeah

(-2-)

4 (rainbow) mm {@@@@@}
5 (wind) {@@@@@}
6 (rainbow) (-1-) ah- (-2-) do you like- ah- what do you like- ah- doing (.)
7 weekends/ on the weekends/
8 (wind) on the weekend/
9 (rainbow) yeah 7:00
10 (wind) ah::: (-3-) I spend time usually:: (.) to:: (-4-) take a relax
11 (rainbow) ah {take a relax mm}
12 (wind) {take a relax} (-1-) doing- watching tv- watching- not tv- watching
13 (.) mm:: (.) I mean using internet {and-}
14 (rainbow) {ah internet}
15 (wind) and watching movies reading books (-3-) ((rainbow nods)) yes on
16 the weekend I think that usually I got up late
17 (rainbow) mm
18 (wind) I get up late (.) and then- yes ha- how about you/
19 (rainbow) (-1-) I usually spend time- mm- weekends for- ah- studying some-
20 ah::- some subjects (.) ?professional? subjects mm-
21 (wind) really/ {studying/
22 (rainbow) {eh going} yeah ah and- ah- going museums in seoul- ::hh-
23 ah- history museum and ## museum (.) ah # 8:00
24 (wind) = okay ((clapping hands once)) next time I can join you
25 (rainbow) yeah tomorrow I'm planning to go to- em- ah- history museum in
26 seoul
27 (wind) where
28 (rainbow) ::hh=
29 (wind) =which part of seoul
30 (rainbow) ah:: (-3-) sodaemun station/
31 (wind) mm=
32 (rainbow) =yeah it's located in sodaemun station # =
33 (wind) =what kind of hi- history museum is that
34 (rainbow) um- I'm- I'm interested in history of- ehm- seoul located- ah::-
35 location a::nd- eh (.) all of them history
36 (wind) ah
37 (rainbow) city about city
38 (wind) ah after finishing this-
39 (rainbow) no tomorrow
40 (wind) ah tomorrow ah tomorrow=
41 (rainbow) =tomorrow
42 (wind) ah tomorrow
43 (rainbow) yeah
44 (wind) saturday
45 (rainbow) {yeah saturday}
46 (wind) {yeah saturday}
47 (rainbow) yeah
48 (wind) oh::
49 (rainbow) (-1-) usually I- eh- I go to museums::
50 (wind) where do you live
51 (rainbow) uh- I'm living { # # } yeah
52 (wind) {near} near here 9:00
53 (rainbow) yeah yeah yeah in front of road- eh- main road ((points over

54 shoulder)) @ @
55 (wind) really/
56 (rainbow) yeah yeah I=
57 (wind) =are you living alone=
58 (rainbow) =I- ah- yes alone sometimes- ah- ah- time is sad¹- sad for me
59 (wind) time is pardon/
60 (rainbow) ah:: s::ad
61 (wind) what
62 (rainbow) I am sad sometimes
63 (wind) sad
64 (rainbow) yes sad
65 (wind) why why
66 (rainbow) mm
67 (wind) you mean sad
68 (rainbow) yeah yeah
69 (wind) S A D=
70 (rainbow) =some- sometimes- {sometimes}
71 (wind) {sometimes}sometimes why
72 (rainbow) yeah ::hh ah- if I'm- if I'm sad- if I'm sad- ah- I reading and- # #
73 because I be lone ah- every- ah- everyone is Koreans- I want to- ah- I
74 sp- ah- talk about- ah- talk- ah- any Mongolian or {another friends}
75 (wind) {mm::}
76 (rainbow) but @@ there- ah::- there is no any one mongolian friends so- um-
77 I's talking korean friends but sometimes I want @to@- so ah- when
78 time- when the that time I call the- ah- mongolian friends@@=
79 (wind) =mm::=
80 (rainbow) =yeah {# #}
81 (wind) {I think} there are a lot of mongolian in korea
82 (rainbow) yeah ah::- there are many mongolian students but- ah- ?my? now- 10:00
83 friends- ah- couldn't come in here @@
84 (wind) ah::=
85 (rainbow) =yeah I don't know- ah- most of mongolian frie- ah- students/ ?yeah?
86 (wind) I think you'd better go- you'd better visit the mongolian community I
87 think
88 (rainbow) yeah
89 (wind) yes
90 (rainbow) Ah did you know- ah- ::hh- mongolian korean students joined th- ah
91 (wind) =no I don't know
92 (rainbow) ah= {# #}
93 (wind) =this is the {first time to meet} mongolian=
94 (rainbow) =cere- cere- ah- ceremony in- ah- last::/ last july
95 (wind) I didn't know
96 (rainbow) ah:: ah- I read- ah- that- about that from news
97 (wind) ah =
98 (rainbow) =it was a very- ((coughs)) very exciting and=
99 (wind) =ah =
100 (rainbow) =interesting for korean and mongolian students ah- in (.) chosun ilbo²/
101 ah- is supported that- ah- s- ::hh ah- hi- that- ah- ceremony/ 11:00
102 (wind) ah ah
103 (rainbow) so:: (.) mm- some korean students- are- were really interested in- ah-
104 culture of nomadic in mongolians
105 (wind) ah::
106 (rainbow) and are- riding horse and @ eh- {somethings}
107 (wind) {ah} horse =
108 (rainbow) =yeah some # and met ah- em- a- ah- wrestler- mongolian wrestler and
109 (.) also- ah- talking- ah- free talking mongolian st- student and ::hh
110 some mongolian professors made a presentation about mongolian
111 history
112 (wind) mm:: =
113 (rainbow) =and ah culture social (.) problems and ?subjects?
114 (wind) mm

¹ [sʌdə]

² 조선 일보 – Korean daily newspaper.

115 (rainbow) maybe it will be continued next ah=
116 (wind) =maybe=
117 (rainbow) =year- ah- year
118 (wind) yeah
119 (rainbow) many- eh- students ?examed? for the- for the ceremony
120 (wind) ah hah =
121 (rainbow) =pa- participated in ceremony
122 (wind) ah (.) it's quite big one I think
123 (rainbow) yeah

12:00

B (d) RAINBOW 2

1 (wind) (.) I can remember you said you wanna be a scientist right {no/} 12:03
2 (rainbow) { @scientist@ }
3 ah- y- yes- ah ::hh- ah- I'm ah- majoring and researching in the- ah-
4 professional- ah:: # (-1-) ((nods))
5 (wind) after finishing your studying (.) are you going to go back to your
6 country or are you staying in:: korea
7 (rainbow) Ah- ::hh I'm plan to stay- ah::- just a one or two years in korea after
8 then I go- I'm going to mongolia
9 (wind) is it easy to find a job in # mongol/ {no/}
10 (rainbow) {mm} recently it's- ah- difficult to
11 { find new job} but ah:-
12 (wind) {oh }
13 (rainbow) if- anyone ah- study in a foreign countries that- ah- that's poss- ah-
14 opportunity for- them
15 (wind) mm::
16 (rainbow) # # (-3-) especially in- anyone studying in ah- united states or 13:00
17 german or england it's very hh::@@ opportunity @to@
18 {find} very good places for job
19 (wind) {mm }
20 because they've got a more good- better- better:: career
21 (rainbow) yeah ((nods))
22 (wind) (-1-) mm yes ((rainbow nods)) ((wind nods)) 13:18

(-7-)

((wind has a drink from her cup))

B (e) WIND'S EXPERIENCE IN
ENGLAND

1 (wind) is there anything you want to ask me 13:24
2 (rainbow) ah hh::@
3 (wind) no/ you're not an- ((burying face in arms on table))interested in me=
4 (rainbow) @@@@@=
5 (wind) =@@@@@=
6 (rainbow) =@@@=
7 (wind) ((sits back up)) @@=
8 (rainbow) mm (-1-) ah- did you- ah- did you made many friends in england for-
9 for {during} the studying
10 (wind) {yes } ((claps hands together))
11 (rainbow) that was very interesting/ ?for? exciting for- eh- foreign lifestyle¹
12 (wind) of course I like it I love I loved I loved my english life
13 (rainbow) So ah:- # {do you want-}
14 (wind) {so I miss it a lot}
15 (rainbow) mm do you want again/ to go to england/=
16 (wind) =of course of course=
17 (rainbow) =@@@@::hh=
18 (wind) =I'm eager to go there
19 (rainbow) yeah ah did you- ah do to- ah:- (-1-) private money to spend and 14:00
20 stud- for studying
21 (wind) yes
22 (rainbow) ah::=
23 (wind) =and then I worked I worked
24 (rainbow) ah =
25 (wind) =as well {?so I-?}
26 (rainbow) {how} did you- ah- make- ah- opportunity to study in- in
27 england/ only ah- did you apply of- privately- ehm- # # university/
28 university/
29 (wind) just I- I (.) applied for the just academy
30 (rainbow) academy {ah }
31 (wind) {private academy}
32 (rainbow) private academy
33 (wind) yeah
34 (rainbow) a::
35 (wind) {?I've heard?}
36 (rainbow) {it was} very expensive for ?tuition? # # ah:: how did you-
37 (wind) {how-}
38 (rainbow) {how did it cost} tuition- eh- a year
39 (wind) I can't remember- I- actually before going back to england I applied
40 for two schools (-1-) so I- at first time I stayed in countryside
41 (rainbow) ah=
42 (wind) =after that (.) I moved to london
43 (rainbow) ah london ah= 15:00
44 (wind) = so I stayed london for four months
45 (rainbow) ah yeah
46 (wind) and then I stay::ed about two and a half months in coun- countryside
47 (rainbow) ah::=
48 (wind) =so usually the schools (.) ah:: (.) in countryside
49 (rainbow) yeah
50 (wind) is me- are very expensive
51 (rainbow) ah
52 (wind) but in london there are too many {schools}
53 (rainbow) {s- ah } {yeah}
54 (wind) so there are {so} competitive
55 so they are a lot of kinds of (.) ah- schools
56 (rainbow) yeah

¹ [laɪfsti:l]

57 (wind) so you can choose the- from the expensive and the-
58 (rainbow) ah not expensive
59 (wind) yeah
60 (rainbow) ?cheaper?
61 (wind) very cheaper ones =
62 (rainbow) =mm
63 (wind) but in:: countryside one week ((holds up right index finger))
64 (rainbow) yeah=
65 (wind) =you have to pay one hundred and eighty pounds one week
66 (rainbow) ::hh one hundred eighty five pounds/
67 (wind) one hundred and eighty pounds
68 (rainbow) ah
69 (wind) so in korean money about::t- ah- three hundred thousand won one week
70 (rainbow) ah:: three hundred ?thousand?=
71 (wind) =that's very expensive
72 (rainbow) ?only? a week ((holds up one index finger))
73 (wind) for a week ((holds up one index finger))
74 (rainbow) ::hh # # # very expensive
75 (wind) yes very expensive

(-1-)
((rainbow nods))

16:00

76 (wind) but it's good- but I- I really made- had a lot of good memories in
77 (rainbow) england
78 (rainbow) mm=
79 (wind) =I really- I met very fabulous friends:: (.)
80 (rainbow) mm:::=
81 (wind) =I can't forget it I can't
82 (rainbow) mm
83 (wind) I really had a good time- great time
84 (rainbow) yeah
85 (wind) yeah so I'm missing a lot I think
86 (rainbow) mm
87 (wind) but- and ma- many things are different between korea and england
88 (rainbow) yeah
89 (wind) I mean environmen::t
90 (rainbow) environment social education system=
91 (wind) =yeah {education system yeah}
92 (rainbow) {any one every one yeah} every one=
93 (wind) =I could have more opportunity to:: (.) to see a- like a- more- ah- like
94 (rainbow) a mu- music/
95 (rainbow) music mm do you like music=
96 (wind) =concert concert =
97 (rainbow) =concert ah::
98 (wind) cheap yeah- I don't need- eh- enough- ah- a- # that much money- I
99 (rainbow) don't need that much money
100 (rainbow) ah
101 (wind) in korea actually if you want to see the opera or=
102 (rainbow) =yeah
103 (wind) I mean high level of cul- I mean- you kn- I mean classic classical one 17:00
104 (rainbow) yeah
105 (wind) in korea it's quite expensive to see
106 (rainbow) yeah=
107 (wind) a concert but=
108 (rainbow) =yeah {co-}
109 (wind) in england there a lot of (.) {classical} concerts
110 (rainbow) yeah
111 (wind) so I can enjoy that with (.) not so much money
112 (rainbow) ah::
113 (wind) especially in london
114 (rainbow) ah::=
115 (wind) =so

116 (rainbow) # @
 117 (wind) the thing which I like (.) most is I can:: have many opportunity (.) to
 118 get them
 119 (rainbow) mm =
 120 (wind) =to enjoy my #- London gives you a lot of opportunity
 121 (rainbow) yeah mm (.) did you- eh- ?could? you not try to- ah- to apply any
 122 university/ during the=
 123 (wind) =university/=
 124 (rainbow) =yeah university ?in england?
 125 (wind) I wanted to but (-1-) that's not so=
 126 (rainbow) =did you apply any scholarship to study ?english?=
 127 (wind) =eh #
 128 (rainbow) to continue any ::hh- master or bachelor course
 129 (wind) but I don't know I have no idea about that
 130 (rainbow) ah
 131 (wind) yeah I want but I don't know
 132 (rainbow) mm
 133 (wind) any way but at that time I was third year 18:00
 134 (rainbow) yeah
 135 (wind) at high- at university and so I have one more year
 136 (rainbow) yeah
 137 (wind) so actually I worried whether I have to go back to our- come back to
 138 ((tapping table twice)) our country or to stay
 139 (rainbow) yeah
 140 (wind) I couldn't decide because I really liked england I really like to stay
 141 more but I'm a still student
 142 (rainbow) yeah=
 143 (wind) =so I have to finish my studying so that's why I came back here (-2-)
 144 but (.) I miss it (.) I'd like to go again 18:37

B (f) OVERSEAS STUDY

1	(rainbow)	it's difficult to get any scholarship to study in foreign countries	18:38
2	(wind)	I think so	
3	(rainbow)	yeah I- I tried to- ah- sometimes- ah- to- ah- last year- ah- two years	
4		ago- but it's difficult to get @any@ scholarship in	
5	(wind)	eh	
6	(rainbow)	united states or england but- mm- england- in england any scholarship	19:00
7		is very competition from so <u>many</u> ah- ?exam?- ah- applicants so it's	
8		difficult {in england}	
9	(wind)	{ah:: }	
10	(rainbow)	ah united states it's mm	
11	(wind)	{it's a bit easier}	
12	(rainbow)	{?a little bit?}possible and- for applicants mm- but mm- <u>anyone</u>	
13		((clears throat)) anyo::ne (-1-) eh- if anyone- apply- ah:: this	
14		scholarship they must- ah- must pass the- toefl ¹ toefl ² test	
15	(wind)	ah toefl	
16	(rainbow)	yeah toefl test I- I couldn't pass the toefl test so @I@- I could- I am-	
17	(wind)	mm=	
18	(rainbow)	=I couldn't get any @scholarship@	
19	(wind)	{so- okay yeah/ }	
20	(rainbow)	{but if I- I- if I-} ah- want to pass toefl test- a toefl test- it's mm- I	
21		@must@ pay @ so many @ times so it's expensive for me	
22	(wind)	mm::	
		(-2-)	20:00
23	(wind)	so:: if you pass the toefl test ³ (.) so- so american government will	
24		support you for the scholarship I mean- ah=	
25	(rainbow)	=yeah some universities	
26	(wind)	ah some universities=	
27	(rainbow)	=yeah yeah universities I'm not apply- the- eh- united government	
28	(wind)	oh =	
29	(rainbow)	=only- only uni- <u>universities</u> - some universities	
30	(wind)	why do you think university support you	
31	(rainbow)	::hh ah:: I think- I- I thought that if I applied=	
32	(wind)	=ahah	
33	(rainbow)	study=	
34	(wind)	=ahah	
35	(rainbow)	=universities	
36	(wind)	ahah=	
37	(rainbow)	=so maybe ah- that university- ah- can give a::ny scholarship for me I	
38		th- I- I thought that (-2-) so I applied some universities	
39	(wind)	if they give you a scholarship (.) mm:: which could be (.) good for	
40		them	
41	(rainbow)	what	
42	(wind)	I mean- (-1-) I think there must be obvious reason to give <u>you</u> a	21:00
43		scholarship- I mean give s- some foreign students	
44	(rainbow)	yeah	
45	(wind)	a scholarship=	
46	(rainbow)	=yeah yeah # foreign students	
47	(wind)	yeah =	
48	(rainbow)	=yeah	
49	(wind)	so (.) it must be:: good effect	
50	(rainbow)	yeah	
51	(wind)	in:: considering to <u>their</u> position- I mean in <u>their</u> position	

¹ [topik]

² [topik]

³ [tast]

52 (rainbow) oh- oh- con- condition/ ?provision?
53 id? # #
54 (wind) I mean like good- ah:: good points I mean=
55 (rainbow) =yeah yeah yeah
56 (wind) reason I mean
57 (rainbow) hh::=
58 (wind) =why they support foreign students (-1-) in their position
59 (rainbow) ah- (.) mm- I found some scholarships ah:: conditions that made
60 (wind) ah hah
61 (rainbow) really- ah- high- ah- opportunity for united states students eh:: they-
62 eh- united- ah- nations- nations (.) people (-3-) I- I- I saw that

(-2-)

63 (rainbow) ah- it's- it's- ah- more po- possibility for- ah- for united states- ah- 22:00
64 united- ah- peoples/=
65 (wind) =hmm=
66 (rainbow) =than ah foreign students
67 (wind) more opportunity
68 (rainbow) more- yeah- more opportunity=
69 (wind) =what kind of opportunity do you mean
70 (rainbow) to get- ah- to get a scholarship
71 (wind) ah (.) eh

(-12-)

((wind has a drink from her cup)) ((rainbow has a drink from her cup))

72 (wind) I'd also like to keep studying (.) not right now- not- not right grad-
73 after graduating but in the future

(-3-)

74 (wind) ?you know? I think I'd like to enter the university- I mean graduate
75 school
76 (rainbow) ah- graduate school/
77 (wind) in the future
78 (rainbow) hmm=
79 (wind) =abroa- abroad not in korea
80 (rainbow) ah in ?foreign? yeah=
81 (wind) =but it's not easy I think I have to find a scholarship because it's too
82 expensive {?you know?}
83 (rainbow) {yeah }
84 (wind) to staying abroad and to studying abroad 23:00
85 (rainbow) eh yeah
86 (wind) I need a lot of money
87 (rainbow) yeah ?it's good idea?
88 (wind) (-1-) hmm (.) so I have to study toefl ((smiles))
89 (rainbow) hh::@ ah did you pass the toefl/
90 (wind) no- but- but it is not the problem of passing and failed
91 (rainbow) ah
92 (wind) we need a grade
93 (rainbow) # yeah mm
94 (wind) like {toeic}
95 (rainbow) {?maybe?} yeah
96 (wind) hmm- I think that- no- to enter the (.) graduate school in england you
97 have to:: take ielts
98 (rainbow) ielts/
99 (wind) yeah ielts
100 (rainbow) hmm
101 (wind) yeah (.) toefl for american school
102 (rainbow) yeah

103 (wind) ielts is for english school
104 (rainbow) ah yeah yeah mm
105 (wind) yes it is academic one
106 (rainbow) yeah

23:49

B (g) CULTURAL DIFFERENCES

- 1 (wind) (.) oh:: korea is too crowded 23:52
 2 (rainbow) @@
 3 (wind) I think you feel-
 4 (rainbow) I think that korea is ah- follow- going following- mm- japan and 24:00
 5 united states especially most of time korea is following united states
 6 (wind) yes=
 7 (rainbow) = # # yeah ah
 8 (wind) korea is too westernised

(-4-)

- 9 id? mm
 10 (wind) (-2-) we affected a lot
 11 (rainbow) mm- some countries in- ((clears throat)) sou- eh- southern asia is
 12 following @korea@ and japan @@@@ @@@@
 13 (wind) @ yeah some developing country in asia=
 14 (rainbow) =yeah yeah
 15 (wind) @@@@=
 16 (rainbow) =@@@@

(-5-)

((wind has drink from her cup))

- 17 (wind) that's interesting

(-7-)

- 18 (rainbow) mm- but- ah- korean people (.) peoples are very very diligent
 19 (wind) ah=
 20 (rainbow) =yeah ?very diligent?
 21 (wind) (.) mm there are a lot of hardworking people
 22 (rainbow) (.) so @hard{@ @} so @hard@ @workers@ @@@@ yes= 25:00
 23 (wind) {@@@} = really/
 24 (rainbow) so many- yeah (-1-) ah- I- I saw some students who are sleeping in-
 25 the- eh- eh- in the classroom (.) I think that ?may?- ah- they are
 26 ((clears throat)) ah- they were studying all time every day and night
 27 @in day@ so they @are@ @=
 28 (wind) =hh:: @=
 29 (rainbow) =so they are sleeping ?and? couldn't ?say? any @classes@ @=
 30 (wind) =@@@@=
 31 (rainbow) =so I think that- ah- if they- ah sleep ?is?- in sleeping time then- ah- if
 32 they- eh- study in classroom it's very good @result@- ah- for
 33 @them@=
 34 (wind) =@@@=
 35 (rainbow) =but @ studying sleeping @studying@ @sleeping@ so @ it's not- ah-
 36 they are not- um- results for them
 37 (wind) yes that's true
 38 (rainbow) yeah (.) sleeping sleeping @study@ @@@=
 39 (wind) =I also think like that=
 40 (rainbow) =@I really surprised@ @@@@
 41 (wind) @@@@@ ㅇ|ㅇ| ㄱ ~[a ɪ gu]¹=
 42 (rainbow) =I thought some @students@ they are=
 43 (wind) =@@@@=

¹ Oh dear! ((Korean))

44 (rainbow) ={@sleep@} @sleep@ @ only fo::r three hours a day 26:00
45 (wind) {@@@@}
46 eh=
47 (rainbow) =I really surprised so then at night- classroom they sleep- sleep
48 @@@@
49 (wind) @@@
50 (rainbow) it's not- eh- result for them
51 (wind) that's not good actually
52 (rainbow) yeah
53 (wind) that's not so effective=
54 (rainbow) =yeah anyone must sleep sleeping time and study
55 (wind) of course=
56 (rainbow) =harder
57 (wind) yes
58 (rainbow) a day
59 (wind) yes=
60 (rainbow) =yeah
61 (wind) yes that's true
62 (rainbow) yeah (-2-) some- ah- @workers@ hh::@ had too @hard@=
63 (wind) =eh
64 (rainbow) and @falling@ in the street @I saw that@ @@@=
65 (wind) =@@@@=
66 (rainbow) =too @hard@ @workers@- too hard @workers@=
67 (wind) =@@@@
68 (rainbow) yes so there are too many hard workers so # =
69 (wind) =our society make them
70 (rainbow) yeah but
71 (wind) work hard
72 (rainbow) but that's not- ah bad- bad in the social- ::hh (-3-) korean- ah-
73 development- ah- is related to their hard @studiers¹@ and 27:00
74 {hard workers}
75 (wind) {uh huh }
76 (rainbow) yeah
77 (wind) I'm not sure in america but in europe usually workers can have a
78 holiday about a for one month
79 (rainbow) ah=
80 (wind) =during a year for a year but in korea the maximum is one week
81 (rainbow) one week yes # =
82 (wind) =just five days=
83 (rainbow) = # # five days or=
84 (wind) =for a year=
85 (rainbow) =four days yeah yeah in our country- ah- anyone have a- eh- three-
86 three months hol- for holiday a- per year (.) so I really surprised in
87 korea@@ only just=
88 (wind) =really yes=
89 (rainbow) =yeah
90 (wind) yes yes yes
91 (rainbow) in our country ah:: # =
92 (wind) =I think three months is too long @@@
93 (rainbow) @ yes too long but- ::hh- ah- so most of our country's peoples are
94 lazy- eh-
95 (wind) @@@=
96 (rainbow) =relax relax # # they have too long holiday @@=
97 (wind) =ah::=
98 (rainbow) =yeah
99 (wind) in korea that's really sad
100 (rainbow) yeah ((nods))
101 (wind) so I don't want to live in korea I want to live in foreign country
102 (rainbow) @@@@
103 (wind) =really it's really ridiculous = 28:00
104 (rainbow) =@=
105 (wind) =just- ah- five days

¹ [stʌdɚˈz]

106 (rainbow) yeah=
 107 (wind) =how can we go
 108 (rainbow) yes=
 109 (wind) =abroad
 110 (rainbow) yes=
 111 (wind) =for four days
 112 (rainbow) really @just@ ?for?=
 113 (wind) =just for=
 114 (rainbow) =short=
 115 (wind) =stay stay=
 116 (rainbow) =short time=
 117 (wind) =stay=
 118 (rainbow) =yeah
 119 (wind) stay at home
 120 (rainbow) st- yeah
 121 (wind) that's not enough to
 122 (rainbow) but=
 123 (wind) =travel
 124 (rainbow) yeah- but sometimes I saw any- any some peoples- ah- have five days-
 125 eh- holiday but they ah:: had a holiday two days or:: maximum three
 126 days then after- they go to for working after three days- or- or four
 127 days- or five days they are working studying ::hh=
 128 (wind) =yeah
 129 (rainbow) @surprised@
 130 (wind) yeah
 131 (rainbow) {yeah}
 132 (wind) {four days}

(-3-)

133 (wind) ah korea's too tough country
 134 (rainbow) @@@

(-5-)

135 (rainbow) in japan maybe it's same/ o:r =
 136 (wind) =yeah {yeah same same same}
 137 (rainbow) { # I- I- # # # # } same
 138 (wind) japan's also very
 139 (rainbow) too @hard@
 140 (wind) yeah=
 141 (rainbow) =for the @workers@ # workers
 142 (wind) they're very similar with our country
 143 (rainbow) yeah in our department ah- there- ah- japanese- ah- professors in- 29:00
 144 teach- korean students- in {# #-} in ehm- korean language-
 145 (wind) {mm:: }
 146 (rainbow) mm- he- ah- he- that pro- ah- professor stayed at university for all day
 147 from- ah- seven o'clock in the morning- ah::- until eleven o'clock
 148 eleven P M {# # night} I @really@ surprised @
 149 (wind) {in the night}
 150 (rainbow) maybe- eh- the- ah- his- wife- eh- wait- @wait@ @all day@ @=
 151 (wind) =@=
 152 (rainbow) =ah- in the- ah- weekends and- ehm- general days same he stays
 153 only the university
 154 (wind) ((coughs)) I'm sorry=
 155 (rainbow) =all day really @surprised@
 156 (wind) yes
 157 (rainbow) they have any- ah- ah- holiday
 158 (wind) yeah we are not given a lot of time to relax- to be relaxed
 159 (rainbow) yeah (.) yeah

160 (wind) ah four days is too short (.) one month is nice 30:00
161 (rainbow) yeah one month is {# # # # just-}
162 (wind) {one month I can go somewhere-} you know to travel
163 (rainbow) @ one month anyone- ah- if- if anyone wants to- ah- travel any=
164 (wind) =yeah of course
165 (rainbow) ah- abroad it's ?can? possible (-1-) hh::@ @five days@ @
166 (wind) I'm korean but in that aspect I don't like korea (-2-)
167 (rainbow) hmm
168 (wind) (-1-) but I like korean people ((smiles)) 30:30

B (h) FUTURE TRAVEL

1 (rainbow) @ where do you g- ah- like to go:: eh- for s- ?land? 30:32
 2 (wind) what=
 3 (rainbow) =a- a foreign countries to sight seeing or {anything}
 4 (wind) {ah } yeah I like- I wa-
 5 I'd like to go everywhere
 6 (rainbow) everywhere @@@=
 7 (wind) =I'm very adventurous person
 8 (rainbow) mm
 9 (wind) I like adventure/ and I like travelling a lot
 10 (rainbow) mm=
 11 (wind) =and I like to see many things which I never seen
 12 (rainbow) mm (.) {also I # #}
 13 (wind) {they are marvellous for me}

(-2-)

14 (rainbow) yes
 15 (wind) I'd like to go visit- I'd like to visit turkey 31:00
 16 (rainbow) ah turkey
 17 (wind) and another countries I've never been in europe
 18 (rainbow) mm yeah {also}
 19 (wind) and america also I'd {like} to go there and- eh- just I'd like to see
 20 the differences between england and america
 21 (rainbow) mm yes very different
 22 (wind) yeah {well}- yeah
 23 (rainbow) {# #}
 24 (wind) must be
 25 (rainbow) yeah
 26 (wind) and- australia as well and {new} zealand =
 27 (rainbow) {yeah} =yes new zealand
 28 (wind) oh::=
 29 (rainbow) =yeah australia
 30 (wind) yes australia and new zealand and japan-
 31 (rainbow) mm 31:30

((researcher returns))

ENCOUNTER C

C (a) FOCUS GROUP MEETINGS ⇔

WEATHER

1 (wind) ((rubs upper arms)) it's quite cold though here ((looks up and around)) 34:00
 2 (rainbow) ((looking up and around)) ?this? air con hh::@
 3 (cloud) eh
 4 (wind) I brought cake ((picks up cake box)) ((taps side of cake box))
 5 (rainbow) {@@@}
 6 (cloud) {#}
 7 (wind) {## now}
 8 (rainbow) {# you want} @
 9 (cloud) is that for me
 10 (wind) {for us}
 11 (rainbow) {@@}
 12 (cloud) for us uh huh
 13 (wind) like a small one ((holding up two fingers)) we- I bought two one
 14 (cloud) ah hah
 15 (wind) two piece of cake and- we bought one and- eh-
 16 {# ?ate one?}
 17 (rainbow) {@## # one @} @@@ {so one is @remain@}
 18 (wind) {###} for us
 19 (cloud) well=
 20 (wind) =do you want or not
 21 (rainbow) do you want now/ =
 22 (cloud) =well- part of it- half of it=
 23 (rainbow) @@@@
 24 (wind) @@@@ ((standing up)) okay I'm going to bring::=
 25 (rainbow) =yeah
 26 (wind) fork ((waving at camera)) see you later ((walks to door))
 27 (rainbow) ((to cloud)) did you come last week
 28 (cloud) yeah yeah
 29 (rainbow) ah
 30 (cloud) ah- I've not- ((wind closes door behind her)) I've not missed one
 31 (rainbow) oh::=
 32 (cloud) =I've never missed one
 33 (rainbow) did you make the presentation/ ?make? the presentation/=
 34 (cloud) =ah no- ah- I don't {make}=
 35 (rainbow) {#} =ah=
 36 (cloud) =I don't take- ah- {presentation} class
 37 (rainbow) {?presentation?} ah::=
 38 (cloud) =I just participate in {this ###}
 39 (rainbow) {what topics} what topics
 40 (cloud) ah=
 41 (rainbow) =topics =
 42 (cloud) =top- topics=
 43 (rainbow) =yeah=
 44 (cloud) =well we talked about soccer- ah::- education system 35:00
 45 (rainbow) soccer ah =
 46 (cloud) =soccer and (.) ah:: last time was just a:: (.) just the free talking
 47 (rainbow) ah free talking=
 48 (cloud) =but it was- it was not recorded=
 49 (rainbow) =ah @yeah@=
 50 (cloud) =we just talk about=
 51 (rainbow) =mm::=
 52 (cloud) =anything (-1-) eh- well the weather is quite hard for you right
 53 (rainbow) yes @I@- I was really busy to- eh- ah- last week- ah- two weeks ago
 54 so I couldn't come here
 55 (cloud) ah hah well=

56 (rainbow) =I really- ah:: ::hh sent email to matthew hh::@=
 57 (cloud) =ah hah
 58 (rainbow) really @sorry@ hh::@ hmm

(-2-)

59 (cloud) in mongol
 60 (rainbow) yeah
 61 (cloud) is summer hot like this
 62 (rainbow) (.) now it's ?the? twenty:: three or twenty five degrees=
 63 (cloud) =ah=
 64 (rainbow) = # any place is different in::=
 65 (cloud) =ah hah=
 66 (rainbow) =in desert it's- eh- thirty or thirty five degrees thirty degrees 36:00
 67 (cloud) eh hm
 68 (rainbow) in- ((clears throat)) in the mountains region it's ah- mm- twen- ah ten
 69 or twenty- ah- fifteen degrees=
 70 (cloud) =ah fifteen ah hah=
 71 (rainbow) =in the- ah- steppe # # regions=
 72 (cloud) =ah hah=
 73 (rainbow) =twenty- around twenty degrees=
 74 (cloud) =ah are you okay with this weather/ hot and humid
 75 (rainbow) ::hh ah- in korea is- hh:: too humid
 76 (cloud) ah yeah yeah right=
 77 (rainbow) =and hot
 78 (cloud) ah hah=
 79 (rainbow) =yeah
 80 (cloud) so- ah- in mongol- ah- the city you are living in is not like this right
 81 (rainbow) yeah- yes yes
 82 (cloud) ah is it cool is it- ah- (.) well (.) does it feel (.) does it feel
 83 comfortable when you go out in day (.) {#}
 84 (rainbow) {yeah} yes it very- ah-
 85 comfortable- re- ah- season is- ah- autumn and=
 86 (cloud) =mm
 87 (rainbow) spring winter is- it's too- too cold=
 88 (cloud) =ah hah
 89 (rainbow) and summer a little hot
 90 (cloud) ah:: ?really?
 91 (rainbow) little hot yeah but- ah- ::hh- mm- mountains region's okay 37:00
 92 (cloud) ah {#}
 93 (rainbow) {#} yeah round fifteen degrees in summer july and august ::hh=
 94 (cloud) =mm=
 95 (rainbow) =in ((clears throat)) deep snow does not- ah- f- melt in summer =
 96 (wind) =((looking in through door)) hey hello can I have a ramyeon¹/
 97 (cloud) well=
 98 (wind) =no I can't/ because of this one/
 99 (cloud) well
 100 (wind) can I =
 101 (cloud) =I- I think you can have it
 102 (wind) how about you you will have a bread
 103 (rainbow) ah bread yeah
 104 (wind) bread
 105 (rainbow) yeah=
 106 (cloud) =ah I won't have bread
 107 (wind) you don't want
 108 (cloud) because of- {(gesturing to cake)} # # #}
 109 (rainbow) {ah- ah yeah- # # # # so-}
 110 (wind) {@@@@} @@@@@@ okay ((closes door)) 37:38

¹ Korean instant noodles.

C (b) NEWSPAPERS

1 (cloud) (.) ah well- I don't- I usually read newspaper 37:43
 2 (rainbow) ah::=
 3 (cloud) =I don't read
 4 (rainbow) ah::=
 5 (cloud) =because=
 6 (rainbow) =@ {why }
 7 (cloud) {I was-} I'm a little lazy @=
 8 (rainbow) =ah=
 9 (cloud) =so=
 10 (rainbow) =busy/=
 11 (cloud) =I don't=
 12 (rainbow) =ah lazy @@@=
 13 (cloud) =lazy {# # lazy}
 14 (rainbow) {lazy to read} ?the? newspaper
 15 (cloud) so I- I don't- put aside some time=
 16 (rainbow) =ah=
 17 (cloud) =just to read a {newspaper} 38:00
 18 (rainbow) {mm}
 19 (cloud) but- ah- from yesterday
 20 (rainbow) yeah
 21 (cloud) I decided (.) ah- to read a newspaper
 22 (rainbow) yeah
 23 (cloud) because I feel I should be aware of current issues
 24 (rainbow) yeah
 25 (cloud) I'm- so ignorant of current issues- politic- political issues economical
 26 (cloud) issues so=
 27 (rainbow) =social scientific {# #} # # # # # =
 28 (cloud) {eh- ah hah- yeah} =so- ah- even if I can't
 29 (cloud) read- ah- a:: (.) newspaper everyday I'll read- ah- one per two or three
 30 (cloud) days
 31 (rainbow) al- also I same @I@- I couldn't- eh- read newspaper every day
 32 (cloud) ah hah there are too many=
 33 (rainbow) =I sometimes- eh- # # # (.) two times or three times per week @@
 34 (rainbow) yeah=
 35 (cloud) =hah

(-3-)

36 (rainbow) so I think that- ah::- ::hh if I read a newspaper in korean language and- 39:00
 37 (rainbow) eh- in korean newspaper and- ah- english newspaper the- I can- mm (.)
 38 (rainbow) ((touching forehead)) remember so many words in many fields=
 39 (cloud) =ah hah=
 40 (rainbow) =?which is?=
 41 (cloud) =# #=
 42 (rainbow) =recently yeah
 43 (cloud) yeah=
 44 (rainbow) =so-

(-2-)

45 (rainbow) so (-1-) I'm @trying@ @read@ newspaper every day next @week@-
 46 (rainbow) oh- next @week@ @@@@ ((looks at newspaper on table))

(-6-)

47 (cloud) ah- do you- do you find many difficult words reading a newspaper (.)
 48 like this
 49 (rainbow) ah yes especially in politics words=
 50 (cloud) =ah hah politics=
 51 (rainbow) =yeah
 52 (cloud) ah
 53 (rainbow) politics ?and? many deep- ah- professional words
 54 (cloud) ah hah
 55 (rainbow) in korean language yeah sometimes I can't understand ah:: news on
 56 tv in korean language
 57 (cloud) ah hmm=
 58 (rainbow) =about- eh- politics- politicians speaking @@=
 59 (cloud) =ah hah yeah
 60 (rainbow) very difficult words they @use@ @
 61 (cloud) ah yeah I agree=
 62 (rainbow) =yeah yeah=
 63 (cloud) =yeah
 64 (rainbow) ah generally ah- lifestyle¹ words that's okay 40:00
 65 (cloud) ah hmm

(-3-)

66 (cloud) well- ah- I like- I like to:: ah:: ask you if you had any difficulty
 67 entering korea
 68 (rainbow) yeah=
 69 (cloud) =as for the matter of visa
 70 (rainbow) yeah
 71 (cloud) was it easy or was it diff- 40:20

((meeting interrupted by researcher))

((researcher leaves room)) 40:43

((wind moves into seat))

72 (wind) ((places cup noodles on table)) ((putting chop sticks on table)) ah- how
 73 can I give this one to matthew ((sits down)) ((holds cake box)) (-3-)
 74 ((opening cake box))@@@

(-4-)

75 (wind) can we have it later ((pointing into box)) this one
 76 (cloud) ah- of course 41:00
 77 (wind) yeah ((rainbow nods))

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((wind puts cake box on table))((wind closes cake box))

78 (cloud) do you like cake
 79 (wind) yes of course
 80 (cloud) ah=
 81 (rainbow) @@@@=
 82 (wind) =don't you like=
 83 (rainbow) =@@@@=
 84 (cloud) =ah=
 85 (wind) =@@@@=

¹ [laɪfsti:l]

86 (cloud) =eh

41:14

PRIVATE TOPIC

Not transcribed

43:57

C (c) SPECIAL DAYS

PRIVATE TOPIC

Not transcribed

- 1 (rainbow) is the lunar day or (.) solar day for birthday 43:58
 2 (cloud) (-1-) ah excuse me/ 44:00
 3 (rainbow) ah do you celebrate your birthday on se- lunar (.) {calendar}
 4 (wind) {lunar calendar}=
 5 (cloud) =ah lunar no no not lunar {calendar} solar
 6 (rainbow) {solar}
 7 solar=
 8 (cloud) =solar calendar=
 9 (rainbow) =ah ((wind opens cup noodles))((wind begins dipping noodles))
 10 (cloud) is- ah- is there something special about mongol traditions celebrating
 11 birthday/ {eh}
 12 (rainbow) only- ah- white day¹/ ah- ::hh em- {설날 ~[sɔɭal]²/} is- ah- celebrate
 13 on lunar calendar
 14 (cloud) ah hah
 15 (rainbow) others celebrate solar {calendar}
 16 (cloud) {ah} so nothing=
 17 (rainbow) =anyone celebrates the birth- their birthday on solar days
 18 {solar calendar}
 19 (cloud) {solar days} ah hah solar days ah hah

(-4-)

((wind dips instant noodles up and down))

- 20 (wind) @@@@=
 21 (rainbow) =@@ please@ ((gestures to instant noodles))((wind begins eating
 22 noodles))
 23 (cloud) is- is there something- something- ah- unique in your custom
 24 (rainbow) ::hh unique/
 25 (cloud) ah- yeah ah- celebrating- eh- birthday
 26 (rainbow) ah ::hh most of them celebrates generally- eh- european styles
 27 (cloud) ah european
 28 (rainbow) ah take a (.) cake eh- ah- eat a cake- cake and (-1-) eh- dancing @@= 45:00
 29 (cloud) =dance
 30 (rainbow) yeah eh- dance # =
 31 (cloud) =traditional dance you mean
 32 (rainbow) (.) no @modern@ ## {modern dancing} yeah
 33 (cloud) {modern just modern} ah hah
 34 (rainbow) most of youngsters celebrate- eh- their- # - eh friends
 35 (cloud) ah hah
 36 (rainbow) yeah
 37 (cloud) ah

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- 38 (cloud) well s- I guess- since my birthday is summer I don't (.) abhor heat that
 39 much (.) I {don't} dislike heat that much well-
 40 (rainbow) {ah}
 41 (cloud) I can't- I cannot- ah- bear too much cold (.) too much cold weather
 42 (wind) really

¹ In Korea, White Day is 13 March in the solar calendar. It is a kind of second Valentine's Day when men give presents to women.

² Lunar New Year ((Korean))

43 (cloud) reall- I'm scared of it
 44 (wind) do you- do you prefer winter
 45 (cloud) no no no pre- not prefer (.) I prefer summer because I- I really- ah-
 46 abhor (-1-) cold 46:00
 47 (wind) you mean you can't bear the ho- the very cold weather
 48 (cloud) yeah yeah
 49 (wind) ah so you prefer summer @@@=
 50 (cloud) = yeah yeah yeah {ah}
 51 (wind) {@@} no I don't like summer
 52 (cloud) really eh
 53 (wind) it's irritating
 54 (rainbow) {@@@@@}
 55 (cloud) {irritating ah why}
 56 (wind) mm
 57 (cloud) {###}
 58 (rainbow) {?yes? I don't like}@summer@
 59 (wind) I prefer winter 46:20

PRIVATE TOPIC

Not transcribed 47:23

C (d) TOPICAL NEWS

47:24

- 1 (rainbow) do you- do you watch the- ah- news- en- about kim- kim byung-joon¹
2 {ah}
3 (wind) {ah} {yeah}
4 (rainbow) {education} minister
5 (cloud) ah hah ((rips lid off instant noodle cup))((water flecks newspaper on
6 table))
7 (rainbow) ah his a-
8 (wind) sorry ((wiping newspaper with fingers))
9 {@@@@}
10 (rainbow) {plag-} plagiarism
11 (wind) @@@
12 (rainbow) do you wa- do you interested in- ah- his-
13 (cloud) topic {ah}
14 (rainbow) {yeah} plagiarism
15 (cloud) ah plagiarism
16 (rainbow) yeah
17 (cloud) (-1-) that- well
18 (rainbow) I'd=
19 (cloud) =controversial
20 (rainbow) yeah
21 (cloud) ah hah
22 (rainbow) I just eh- ah- read- ah- ehm- about his plagiarism in newspaper ::hh 48:00
23 hmm (.) first- ah- his students- ah::- ah- wrote the dissertation that
24 topics then after- ah- this- ehm- education minister kim- eh- kim
25 byung-joon ::hh write- ah- write and- and submitted dissertation that
26 same topics ah- also he borrowed- ah- so many results of- from- his-
27 ah- students' dissertations' results=
28 (wind) ((leaning forward)) =?excuse me? What the dissertation
29 (rainbow) dissertation {thesis}
30 (cloud) {it is}- eh- {thesis}
31 (rainbow) {thesis} thesis
32 (wind) thesis ah ((sits back))((nods))
33 (rainbow) thesis
34 (wind) thesis
35 (cloud) dissertation ah
36 (rainbow) then- ah- ah- (-1-) he was- ah- elevated as ah- (.) dep- ah- deputy/
37 deputy prime minster before=
38 (cloud) =ah
39 (rainbow) then- ah- he was- ah- his ah:: elevated- ah- to education minister
40 (cloud) mm=
41 (rainbow) =but his ah- plagiarism was extracted so many ah- peop- ah- people's 49:00
42 (.) ah- display
43 (cloud) ah hah=
44 (rainbow) =so (-1-) many ah- politicians- ah- researched about his- ah-
45 dissertation results and- ::hh- em- also- ah- discussion about (.) about
46 his results ah- with him but he really- mm (.) did not- he did not accept
47 i- ah- wrong- ah- wrong results ah- no- mm- wro- mm- pla- pla- ah-
48 plagiarism plagiarism
49 (cloud) ah hah
50 (rainbow) but today- ah- this morning he- ah- gone out the
51 (cloud) right
52 (rainbow) office=
53 (cloud) =he resigned
54 (rainbow) yeah {yeah}
55 (cloud) {yeah}
56 (rainbow) # #

¹ 김병준 – Kim Byung-Joon, Korean education minister.

(-4-)

57 (cloud) if he really borrowed without any ah- (.) ah::- any quotation 50:00
58 (rainbow) yeah quotation yeah
59 (cloud) well then he should be punished because it's ill- i- i- immoral and
60 illegal
61 (rainbow) yeah
62 (cloud) so
63 (rainbow) (-1-) also- ah- hwang suk-woo¹ professor in seoul national university
64 (cloud) ah- hwang woo-suk
65 (rainbow) yeah=
66 (cloud) =ah=
67 (rainbow) =hwang woo-suk (.) ah- take out of his- ah- work and- ah- degree and
68 other (.) awards
69 (cloud) ah hah
70 (rainbow) yeah (-2-) I really surprised professor done false work
71 (cloud) ah=
72 (rainbow) =also # # ::hh kim byung-joon ah- received so many- ah- assistance
73 for research working but- ah- he didn't- ah- spend that money
74 (cloud) ah
75 (rainbow) for research work only ?own?- ah (.) his pocket
76 (cloud) ah hah
77 (rainbow) and they- mm- he (.) he published so many papers 51:00
78 (cloud) {mm}
79 (rainbow) {and} different journals and some papers also- all of- ah- these papers
80 (cloud) uh hmm
81 (rainbow) ah- results same (-2-) same ((clears throat)) (-4-) same results
82 (cloud) ah but=
83 (rainbow) =yeah yeah=
84 (cloud) =he pretended this
85 (rainbow) yeah
86 (cloud) were various ah- ah-
87 (rainbow) so many papers {#} yeah
88 (cloud) {#} thesis papers
89 (rainbow) yeah
90 (cloud) ah hah
91 (wind) ((places empty instant noodle cup to side))((picks up cup))((smiling))
92 hh::@ ((rainbow smiles))
93 (cloud) ((nodding)) # # 51:36

(-5-)

¹ 황우석 – Hwang Woo-Suk, Korean geneticist who falsified data in his embryo stem cell research.

C (e) FOOD

1	(cloud)	in mongol	51:41
2	(rainbow)	yeah	
3	(cloud)	I wanna know- ah- there- is there- are there many people who eat	
4		ramyeon ¹ /	
5	(rainbow)	most of people don't like it	
6	(cloud)	don't like=	
7	(rainbow)	=ramyeon because- mm- before we- ah- had ne- never eat- ah-	
8		ramyeon/ ah- but- ah- ::hh- after- ah- nineteen ninety years- ah- some	52:00
9		peoples bring out export from china ((wind nods)) then- ah- peoples-	
10		mm- ate- ah:: ((wind looking around table)) ramyeon but so many	
11		peoples died ah- caused by ramyeon because- ((cloud turns to	
12		bag))((cloud puts hand on bag)) ah- some businessmen	
13	(wind)	((to cloud)) ㅇㄹㄴ ~[anɪ] ² ((gets packet of tissues out of bag))	
14	(rainbow)	businessmen bring out bad r- ramyeon from china ah- which- mm-	
15		((wind opens tissue pasket)) produced very- mm- not high levels pro-	
16		((wind wipes mouth with tissue)) ah- indus- industry so that's very-	
17		mm (.) very bad for ah- health ((wind leans elbows on table)) body	
18		health=	
19	(cloud)	=yeah yeah=	
20	(rainbow)	=so so many peoples died so then- ah- ah- most of peoples don't like it	
21		ramyeon=	
22	(cloud)	=ah ah hah	
23	(rainbow)	also- mm- our (.) country's people ::hh think that ramyeon is not- ah-	
24		not food/ @@@=	
25	(wind)	=not food	
26	(rainbow)	yeah yeah only just ah-	53:00
27	(wind)	(-l-) side=	
28	(rainbow)	=si- yeah	
29	(cloud)	(to wind) ah do you- you- you seem to like ramyeon	
30	(wind)	no no no I don't like it	
31	(cloud)	ah but you were	
32	(wind)	today {I-} I didn't have lunch so {I had ramyeon}	
33	(cloud)	{but} {ah so} ah hah but ah- (.) to my eyes	
34		you were- you looked happy eating ramyeon	
35	(wind)	<u>yeah</u> sometimes I mean	
36	(cloud)	sometimes=	
37	(wind)	=I- I rarely have ramyeon sometimes	
38	(cloud)	ah hah sometimes	
39	(wind)	when I want to really- when I really want to have ramyeon	
40	(cloud)	ah hah	
41	(wind)	at that time I like it	
42	(cloud)	well there was a time I really enjoyed ramyeon but- ah:: from (.) two	
43		or three years ago I really hate {ramyeon because}	
44	(wind)	{why what} makes you hate	
45	(cloud)	digestion	
46	(wind)	{ah::}	
47	(rainbow)	{ah::}	
48	(cloud)	{digestion}	
49	(rainbow)	yeah	
50	(cloud)	is the mat-	
51	(rainbow)	yeah	
52	(cloud)	matter	
53	(wind)	really	
54	(cloud)	I- well there is some (.) some problem after eating ramyeon	
55	(wind)	ah::=	
56	(cloud)	=I can't digest it	

¹ 라면 - Korean instant noodles.

² No ((Korean))

57	(wind)	<u>really</u>	
58	(cloud)	so	
59	(rainbow)	also I	
60	(cloud)	yeah	
61	(rainbow)	{can't}	
62	(cloud)	{I suffer} after ra- eating ramyeon I- I don't eat ramyeon	54:00
63	(wind)	(.) oh	
64	(rainbow)	(.) for me is very (.) spicy so I can- I don't like {# yeah}	
65	(cloud)	{ah yeah yeah}really	
66		spicy	
67	(rainbow)	yeah=	
68	(wind)	=oh it's not <u>spicy</u>	
69	(rainbow)	@ it's spicy too sp- {most of}	
70	(wind)	I'm not good at having {spicy} food (.) even I'm a Korean	
71	(rainbow)	yeah	
72	(wind)	(.) but this is not so spicy I think=	
73	(rainbow)	=@@@@@=	
74	(cloud)	=ah hah	
75	(wind)	maybe for foreigners could be spicy	
76	(rainbow)	yeah	
77	(cloud)	uh hmm	
78	(rainbow)	too spicy for me @@	
79	(cloud)	ah hah	
80	(rainbow)	(-2-) if I eat spicy food ah- my face is	
81	(wind)	{red}	
82	(rainbow)	{mm} very bad	
83	(wind)	@@@@=	
84	(cloud)	=uh huh=	
85	(rainbow)	=and extract any somethings	
86	(cloud)	ah=	
87	(rainbow)	=so I don't like spicy {food} yeah	
88	(cloud)	{spicy} maybe	
89	id♀	@=	
90	(cloud)	=that- that's the cause of my	
91	(rainbow)	@@@@=	
92	(cloud)	=pimples my face	
93	(rainbow)	yeah=	
94	(cloud)	=ah	
95	(rainbow)	most of=	
96	(cloud)	=spicy spicy food is poison	
97	(rainbow)	@ @yes@=	
98	(wind)	=oh poison	
99	(rainbow)	also japanese people don't like eh- spicy food and	
100	(cloud)	ah hah	
101	(rainbow)	can't eat	
102	(wind)	spanish food span=	55:00
103	(rainbow)	=japanese	
104	(wind)	{no}	
105	(rainbow)	{not-} not spicy I ate mainly japanese food ah # # =	
106	(wind)	=ah spanish ¹ food {yes yes yes}	
107	(rainbow)	{japanese food} japanese food	
108	(wind)	is not good yeah	
109	(rainbow)	yeah	
110	(wind)	is not spicy=	
111	(rainbow)	=not spicy	
112	(cloud)	ah hah	
113	(wind)	(-1-) sushi::	
114	(rainbow)	(-1-) sushi sushi sashimi=	
115	(wind)	=sushi ² you don't know sushi ¹	

¹ Wind pronounces the word 'Spanish' here, but from the context and from follow up interview data, it is clear that her intended meaning is 'Japanese'

² [səʃɪ] – This is the typical Korean pronunciation of 'sushi' when rendered into hangeul (한글) – i.e. 쓰시

- 116 (rainbow) su- sushi²/
117 (wind) yeah sushi japanese food
118 (rainbow) sushi
119 (wind) yeah sushi
120 (rainbow) sushi=
121 (wind) =sushi
122 (rainbow) sashimi sashimi ah sushi (-2-) @
123 (cloud) uh
124 (rainbow) お ~[oo]³- ah- お ~[oo] ⁴means ah:: (.) respective respect mean- so-
125 ah- just really name is- ah- sushi sashimi but- ah- some people- ah-
126 like # sashimi
127 {お ~[oo]-sashi- お ~[oo]} means respective
128 (cloud) {uh huh} ah hah {#}
129 (rainbow) {respective}
130 (cloud) it just a (-1-) a- a- a-
131 (rainbow) ((to cloud)) maybe you know
132 (cloud) idiomatic
133 (rainbow) =yeah yeah yeah=
134 (cloud) idiomatic expression I can say my name is like this in japanese わた- 56:00
135 ~[w a t a -] - わたしの ~[w a t a f i n o o -] ⁵ {[maewa]}- [maewa]-
136 (rainbow) {なまえは ~[namaewa]⁶}
137 (cloud) ah- なまえは ~[namaewa]⁷ なん なん なん なん なん なん
138 ~[nan nan nan nan nan nan]⁸ like this but
139 (wind) nan nan {nan nan nan }
140 (rainbow) {なん なん なん ~[nan nan nan]} @です ~[des]⁹@ @@@=
141 (cloud) =ah but if- if- if you want to make it sound a little more polite you say
142 ##あなたのお なまえは ~[anatanoo onamaewa]¹⁰
143 (rainbow) yeah=
144 (cloud) =ah- なんですか ~[nan deska]¹¹ like this you- you can make it
145 sound more polite
146 (rainbow) yeah- eh- ah- respecting
147 (cloud) ah=
148 (rainbow) =words
149 (cloud) ah=
150 (rainbow) =they use many respect words
151 (cloud) ah
152 (rainbow) and family names are- ah- friends' family names other
153 (cloud) ah hah
154 (rainbow) respect words=
155 (cloud) =さん ~[san]¹²
156 (rainbow) yeah
157 (cloud) ah=
158 (rainbow) =さん ~[san] yeah (-2-) さん ~[san]¹³- eh- same- eh- ㅅ ~[ʃi]¹⁴
159 in korea
160 (cloud) yeah yeah=
161 (rainbow) =yeah
162 (cloud) right windㅅ ~[ʃi]¹

¹ [səʃi]

² [səʃi]

³ Honorific prefix ((Japanese))

⁴ Honorific prefix ((Japanese))

⁵ m- my ((Japanese))

⁶ name ((Japanese))

⁷ name ((Japanese))

⁸ (is) such and such, such and such. ((Japanese))

⁹ is such and such. ((Japanese))

¹⁰ ..your name – (honorific form) ((Japanese))

¹¹ what is.. ((Japanese))

¹² Honorific suffix ((Japanese))

¹³ Honorific suffix ((Japanese))

¹⁴ Honorific suffix ((Korean))

163	id?	hmm	
164	(rainbow)	wind	さん ~[san] さん ~[san] ²
165	(cloud)	rainbow	ㅅㅏ ~[ʃi] ³ =
166	(rainbow)	=yeah rainbow	さん ~[san] ⁴ rainbowㅅㅏ ~[ʃi] ⁵ さん ~[san] ⁶
167	(cloud)	cloud	(.)그냥 ~[gənjʌŋ] ⁷ cloud
168	(rainbow)	hh::@ {cloudㅅㅏ ~[ʃi] ⁸ }	cloud さん ~[san] ⁹ @@@
169	(wind)	{@@@}	

56:59

PRIVATE TOPIC

Not transcribed

¹ Honorific suffix ((Korean))
² Honorific suffix ((Japanese))
³ Honorific suffix ((Korean))
⁴ Honorific suffix ((Japanese))
⁵ Honorific suffix ((Korean))
⁶ Honorific suffix ((Japanese))
⁷ just ((Korean))
⁸ Honorific suffix ((Korean))
⁹ Honorific suffix ((Japanese))

C (f) CLOUD'S TRAVEL TO CHINA

1	(rainbow)	what is your purpose go # # #	62:02
2	(cloud)	ah:: some	
3	(wind)	just travel	
4	(cloud)	just ah yeah=	
5	(rainbow)	=only travel/ mm	
6	(cloud)	well yeah that's the general purpose but to (.) to put it in a specific	
7		terms the first the first- ah:: purpose is to (.) ah- experience other	
8		circum- other culture and other circumstances	
9	(rainbow)	mm	
10	(cloud)	other than that of korea	
11	(rainbow)	mm	
12	(cloud)	and- that- that is- eh- the first thing and the second purpose was to- ah-	
13		practise my chinese with	
14	(rainbow)	ah= {mm}	
15	(cloud)	=a real- real chinese person {that is my} second purpose my third	
16		purpose was to just get to know how chinese young people think=	
17	(rainbow)	=mm= {mm}	
18	(cloud)	=of their lives {how} they- eh- plan to build their career well I wanna	
19		talk:: about this- ah- this matter with them but well as (.) as I have	63:00
20		conversations with the- with- ah- some of my friends or seniors ¹ who	
21		have been to china ah- I- I have to ah- abandon- ah- I- I've got to	
22		abandon this third purpose (.) have conversation with the chinese	
23		college student	
24	(rainbow)	mm	
25	(cloud)	ah about his life plan his li- his view of the life in general	
26	(rainbow)	mm=	
27	(cloud)	=@because@	
28	(wind)	((leaning forward)) can you speak this in chinese	
29	(cloud)	ah	
30	(rainbow)	he can=	
31	(cloud)	a little a little	
32	(cloud)	hh::@	
33	(rainbow)	ah- he studied in- until intermediate level of chinese #	
34	(cloud)	maybe yeah maybe now intermediate level	
35	(rainbow)	mm	
36	(cloud)	so=	
37	(wind)	=can you still studying chinese now	
38	(cloud)	ah-	
39	(wind)	{# # # # # # # #}	
40	(cloud)	{it's been a- it's been a}long time yeah it's been five years- five years	
41		to study chinese=	
42	(rainbow)	=::hh oh::	
43	(cloud)	but well I lacked co- concentration so my language study in chinese	64:00
44		was not- ah- did- didn't have a focus but- so- I can't- ah- I- I've not	
45		made m- (.) much improvement but at least I can communicate with	
46		chinese person	
47	(rainbow)	mm are you going to alone/	
48	(cloud)	yeah yeah alone	
49	(rainbow)	mm:: ::hh ㄹ ~[wa] ² that's interesting @ # you go to @ there=	
50	(wind)	=ㄹ ~[wa] ³ it sounds korean	
51	(rainbow)	@@why do you- go- ah:: s- ah- choose the go to travel place is china	
52	(cloud)	that's for a simple reason	
53	(rainbow)	mm= {yeah}	

¹ Commonly use to translate Korean word 선배~[sɔnbɛɿ], meaning a fellow student in a higher year in university or a colleague in a higher position at a workplace.

² wow! ((Korean))

³ wow! ((Korean))

54 (cloud) =we- well ah- that is- {china} china prices of goods are lower than
55 those of other countr- european or developed countries
56 (rainbow) mm::=
57 (cloud) =well I had not really- ah- planned to have a trip abroad this summer
58 (rainbow) mm
59 (cloud) but well- after- after the vacation started some weeks after- ah- I got to
60 think of the fact that this is the last summer vacation for me possibly 65:00
61 the last vacation because I have to go to the army dur- in the- in- the
62 winter vacation
63 (rainbow) ah::
64 (cloud) well I have to experience something- something good before I go to
65 the army
66 (rainbow) mm
67 (cloud) I just ah- I was in a hurry well hasty hasty of deciding my purposes of
68 plan and routes of travel- travel and- well- eh- everything else so I was
69 not good at- ah- I was not good at (.) ah making a plan so::

65:43

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(-8-)

70 (rainbow) my favourite place is- ah- go- ah- I like go to pla- ::hh- (.) ah- places- 66:10
71 ah- switzerland
72 (wind) ah # that's great
73 (rainbow) I read about switzerland in the landscapes and environmen-
74 environment so I want to see- eh- sightseeing ex- actua- ah- ex- actly
75 (wind) it's very pretty country
76 (rainbow) then after then- ah- I want to go to mm (-1-) australia hh:: to see an
77 desert zone
78 (cloud) uh huh=
79 (rainbow) =animals yeah
80 (cloud) ah hah
81 (rainbow) very huge hh::@ country (-2-) then third place is united states @?of
82 course?@ every- everyone wants to @go@ yeah
83 (cloud) ah

(-9-)

84 (wind) we've brought newspaper we haven't talked- we haven't talked about
85 it

67:13

PRIVATE TOPIC

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86 (rainbow) ((wind looking at newspaper)) are you staying only beijing city/ or (.) 68:39
87 beijing=
88 (cloud) =ah ah- yeah beijing {beijing} beijing
89 (rainbow) {bei- only}
90 (wind) beijing mm
91 (rainbow) ((turning page of newspaper)) beijing
beijing beijing

92 (rainbow) if- ah- mongolians ah- want to go to china it's- ah- there is no {need}-
93 don't need the- eh- visa
94 (wind) ((looking at newspaper)) {ah}
95 ((looks closer at newspaper))
96 (cloud) ah really
97 (rainbow) yeah=
98 (cloud) =ah because too close
99 (rainbow) yeah close but ah- if a chinese anyone wants to go in our country it 69:00
100 needs the (.) visa
101 (cloud) (.)ah- ah- so- oh=
102 (rainbow) =yeah vis- ah- (.) ((wind looks up from newspaper)) visa needs for
103 chinese visa don't need in for mongolians
104 (cloud) ah hah 69:20

C (g) INTERNATIONAL MARRIAGE

(-4-)

1 (wind) are you interested in international marriage/ (.) no 69:25
2 (cloud) no
3 (rainbow) I don't- @ I don't- I don't like
4 (wind) ah why/ ((leafing backwards through newspaper)) so you- you- you
5 think that you can't be married with foreign people
6 (rainbow) before
7 (wind) foreigners
8 (rainbow) before I @ wanted but now (.) ::hh mm- I real- eh- just- mm ?little a?
9 customs- ((wind looks at rainbow)) ah- foreign lifestyle¹ so- ::hh um-
10 my- um- thought is really- mm- been different recently
11 (wind) (-2-) ((to cloud)) so you will be married with korean woman
12 (cloud) (.) {well} eh- ((wind leafs backwards through newspaper))
13 (rainbow) { # }
14 (wind) well/ 70:00
15 (cloud) ah until some time ago until some weeks ago- ((wind stops leafing
16 through newspaper)) ((wind looks at cloud)) ah- some months ago I
17 (wind) a few months ago
18 (cloud) yeah a few months ago I had no- no:: negative feeling about
19 inter {national} marriage
20 (wind) {uh huh} uh huh
21 (cloud) but it changed
22 (wind) why why why did it- what made it change ((turns page of newspaper))
23 (cloud) ah it's just a simple reason what
24 (wind) yeah simple reason what ((closes newspaper))
25 (rainbow) @@@=
26 (cloud) =but that- that's too private so
27 (wind) ah really okay I'm sorry
28 (cloud) {yeah}
29 (rainbow) {ah}
30 (wind) there are too many personal things @@@ ((folds newspaper))
31 (cloud) well I- well I- I can say a bit of it to you I've got to like someone- I've
32 got to like someone
33 (wind) uh huh
34 (cloud) who is korean so (.) well I don't
35 (wind) ah now
36 (cloud) yeah
37 (wind) ah::
38 (cloud) so I don't {want to}
39 (wind) {I thought} that you got some kind of bad- bad emotion
40 to {against it foreigners}
41 (cloud) {ah no not that not that # }
42 (wind) hh::@
43 (cloud) but- but I think international marriage will really hard for
44 {both of} couple
45 (wind) {yes}
46 (rainbow) {yeah} yes ((folds newspaper)) ((puts newspaper in centre of table))
47 (cloud) uh hmm 71:00
48 (rainbow) {# # #} many problems @
49 (wind) ((sitting back)){# # #}
50 (cloud) in korea ((coughs)) in korea ah- (.) the- ah- the degree of intimacy
51 intimacy
52 id? mm
53 (cloud) ah by:: (.) ah- required by the family members from the- ah- husband's
54 side and and
55 (rainbow) (.) wife

¹ [laɪfsti:l]

56 (cloud) wife's side is so high right so hole the- ah- all the family on the
57 husband's side should try to get along with the wh- whole family of
58 the wife's side right/ so too many people are- get- ah- ah:: get closer
59 related to each other (.) in this process ah in by (-1-) with some korean
60 korean ah (.) conditions there are many clashes (.) that- that's really
61 negative (.) and if it is an international marriage it'll be even worse 72:00
62 (wind) @@@ @@@
63 (rainbow) (.) in mongolia women ((coughs)) ah- have married and- ah- foreign
64 men/ ah- recently so many problems it's- there- eh- there is- eh- so
65 many problems
66 (wind) eh::
67 (rainbow) ah- for example- eh- different culture
68 (cloud) ah hah ah {different culture}
69 (rainbow) { # # } yeah and that woman ah- can't go to their
70 homeland
71 (cloud) ah hah
72 (rainbow) and ::hh want to (.) family friends so so many problems @
73 (cloud) ah
74 (rainbow) yes
75 (cloud) ((to wind)) but you seem eager for international marriage
76 (wind) eager {not eager}
77 (rainbow) {@@} @@=
78 (cloud) =not eager ah
79 (wind) I don't have any negative
80 (cloud) just your {open mind}
81 (wind) {emotion} of course
82 (cloud) ah
83 (wind) I don't mind if that is (.) proper for me
84 (cloud) uh hmm
85 (wind) and if we are feeling ((cloud coughs)) and I- if I had a good feeling 73:00
86 for- for- foreigners I don't mind anything (.) I think I've talked you
87 before
88 (cloud) mm mm
89 (wind) # # # (-2-) maybe but there must be many problems
90 (cloud) uh huh
91 (wind) because we've grown up in different backgrounds
92 (rainbow) yeah
93 (wind) we are different culture it means our thoughts are different (.) so that
94 makes a lot of con- conflict between us I think (.) probably so I've
95 seen many times many (.) international marriages has a got a problem
96 and they are divorced
97 (rainbow) yeah (-2-) { # # # }
98 (wind) {because} in england there are a lot of international
99 marriages (.) international couples
100 (cloud) uh huh but the cases are somewhat different because eh- england- ah-
101 british is an- a european country and other european countries are
102 close
103 (wind) yes yes=
104 (cloud) =and
105 (rainbow) yeah=
106 (cloud) =there are many sim- {many similarities} in culture 74:00
107 (wind) {yeah yeah} ah yes=
108 (cloud) =but think of the marriage between an {asian}
109 (wind) {yeah} yeah yes yes yes
110 (cloud) and a=
111 (wind) =yeah
112 (cloud) european
113 (rainbow) yeah
114 (wind) yeah there- there might be more problem
115 (cloud) mm
116 (wind) (.) because they are- our culture are different (.) they are- we- anyway
117 they are western culture
118 (cloud) uh hmm
119 (wind) but they are (.) western and oriental

120 (rainbow) yeah
121 (wind) between (.) european and korean or- a- I mean asian
122 (rainbow) yeah
123 (cloud) (-2-) {mm}
124 (wind) {mm} (-2-) #

74:30

C (h) CULTURAL DIFFERENCES

(-3-)

- 1 (rainbow) korean and chinese japanese cultures is- are similar (.) really similar 74:35
 2 (wind) {korean and japanese}
 3 (rainbow) {I think jap-} japanese ah::
 4 (wind) (.) korean and chinese
 5 (rainbow) korean chinese japanese three countries cultures
 6 (wind) ah::
 7 (rainbow) ?little? # similar

(-2-)

- 8 (wind) similar but different
 9 (rainbow) yeah # (-2-) so firstly I think that ((coughs)) japanese and korean's 75:00
 10 culture really same all of them are same I think- I thought that first but
 11 ah- after I- I'm stay in korea and visiting japan- ah::- I s- I can see- ah-
 12 many differences {for} cultures between
 13 (wind) {mm} ?many?
 14 (rainbow) yeah
 15 (cloud) well I'm a korean but it's not easy for me to tell the:: exact difference
 16 between the korean {culture} and jap- {japanese} culture
 17 (rainbow) { # } { # }
 18 (cloud) what- what would be (.) the difference
 19 (rainbow) mm
 20 (wind) japanese are more individual
 21 (cloud) really
 22 (wind) yeah
 23 (cloud) I- I- I thought the opposite of it
 24 (wind) no
 25 (cloud) really
 26 (wind) I've heard many times
 27 (cloud) ah hah {#}
 28 (wind) (-2-) {more} individual a::nd they don't really want to: (-2-) you know
 29 affect other people I mean (.) 피해 주다 ~[pɪheɪ dʒuda]¹ how can I 76:00
 30 say in england- english/
 31 (rainbow) what
 32 (wind) 피해를 주다 ~[pɪheɪrəl dʒuda] 피해를 주다 ~[pɪheɪrəl dʒuda]²
 33 make a nuisance
 34 (cloud) ah hah=
 35 (wind) =they don't want to make a nuisance of themselves (.) so they all care
 36 themselves {I mean other people} other people
 37 (rainbow) { # # }
 38 (cloud) uh
 39 (wind) {yeah}
 40 (rainbow) japanese {peoples-} ah- don't say ah- often but korean peoples say
 41 often ah- made a friend- ah- easily= {ah yeah}
 42 (wind) =and I've heard {I was surprised} one day
 43 (rainbow) but japanese ah- friends- ah- japanese people don't say much and so if
 44 they want to make a friend it's very- it takes a long time because they-
 45 ah- don't s- ah- don't- talking too much
 46 (cloud) yeah

(-5-)

¹ to harm, to bother ((korean))

² to harm, to bother ((korean))

47 (rainbow) also they- mm- (-1-) mm keep many- ah- too tradition customs ah- for 77:00
 48 talking and:: all of- ah- for many things (-1-) really tra- tradition
 49 customs (.) talking each other
 50 (cloud) uh hmm
 51 (rainbow) respecting peo- ah- anothers too much
 52 (wind) hmm

(-5-)

53 (wind) and there is specific distance between people (.) one and strangers
 54 (cloud) uh huh- ah hah in that respect japanese people- japanese people don't
 55 brush other people
 56 (rainbow) yeah= {yeah}
 57 (cloud) =easily {but} in korea @
 58 (rainbow) @korea@=
 59 (cloud) =well there is
 60 (rainbow) @yeah@ @@=
 61 (cloud) =yeah
 62 (rainbow) make a friends easily

(-4-)

63 (wind) on the bus- or subway I think in korea some people could speak to
 64 other people talk to other- strange per- I mean- first- first/ no strangers 78:00
 65 (cloud) ah hah
 66 (wind) just (-1-) just they can talk to them
 67 (cloud) ah hmm
 68 (wind) today is too hot isn't it like this
 69 (cloud) ah hah ah hah ah hah
 70 (wind) you know what I mean
 71 (cloud) mm in japan
 72 (wind) no in korea
 73 (cloud) in korea/
 74 (wind) you- you don't think=
 75 (rainbow) =oh:: really/
 76 (wind) there is bus station maybe there are a lot of bus
 77 (rainbow) yeah=
 78 (wind) =and then maybe they are queuing
 79 (cloud) ah=
 80 (wind) =and then (.) they don't do anything to do and then- ah- maybe today
 81 is- is too hot (.) in this situation I could stay oh it's- today is too hot
 82 isn't it or bus is not coming like this=
 83 (cloud) ah hah ah hah
 84 (wind) I can say to them do you know what I mean just 말을 걸다 ~[marəɭ
 85 kɔlda]¹ I don't know=
 86 (cloud) = ah ah hah
 87 (wind) (.) don't you agree/
 88 (cloud) well- well-
 89 (wind) sometimes not- of course not all people=
 90 (cloud) =ah not all people but
 91 (wind) is it strange/
 92 (rainbow) hh::@=
 93 (cloud) =well ah::
 94 (wind) what do you think @is it strange@=
 95 (rainbow) =@@@=
 96 (wind) =I thought that is not strange=
 97 (rainbow) = # # in korea it's ah- in korea it's very {strange} 79:00
 98 (wind) {yeah} and many 아줌마

¹ to start talking (to someone) ((Korean))

- 99 ~[ad̥suma]¹(.) middle aged woman
100 (cloud) yeah some middle aged woman or many middle aged men might be
101 like that
102 (wind) yeah yeah yeah=
103 (cloud) =but (.) well young people {and old people}
104 (wind) {ah young people don't usually do that}
105 (rainbow) {#####}
106 (cloud) young- young people eh- old people
107 (wind) old people also do that
108 (cloud) #####=
109 (wind) =#####=
110 (cloud) really/=
111 (rainbow) =young people don't say like this {yes}
112 (wind) young people- ah okay- most young {people} but in japan I heard
never
113 (cloud) never
114 (rainbow) never really/=
115 (cloud) =no- no conversation like that
116 (rainbow) ah yeah yeah yeah
117 (cloud) ah
118 (wind) that's one thing which
119 (cloud) well-
120 (wind) I've heard

79:35

¹ Originally 'aunty', but used to address and refer to female middle aged strangers.

C (i) TALKING TO STRANGERS

1 (cloud) ah hah (.) last night I took a taxi 79:37
 2 (wind) hmm
 3 (cloud) and the taxi driver (.) just (.) gave me some words (.) I- I didn't want
 4 to talk with him but she- ah- he- he just break- broke the ice
 5 (wind) ah::=
 6 (cloud) =between us (.) well in that case also- that=
 7 (wind) =really/
 8 (cloud) korean taxi driver wanted to 80:00
 9 (wind) @@@@ {ah::}
 10 (cloud) wanted to say something wanted to {have conversation} with him
 11 even though I'm a total stranger to him maybe in korean culture=
 12 (wind) =usually I talk first I talk taxi driver first
 13 (cloud) ah you- you talk first
 14 (wind) yeah usually
 15 (cloud) {ah hah}
 16 (rainbow) {also} I talk usually because- mm- (.) if I ah- the ah- taxi's driver they
 17 ask- ah- are you a for- a foreigners/ yes really (.) like this {I talking}
 18 (cloud) {ah hah}
 19 (wind) {only just} I don't want to keep calm sometimes I usually
 20 (cloud) usually {oh::}
 21 (wind) {i- it's} a bit strange so (.) 아저씨 ~[adʒɔŋi]¹ uncle:: uncle
 22 sam @@@@ how are you today today is quite tough or something-
 23 this kind of thing=
 24 (rainbow) =but ah-
 25 (wind) trivial things
 26 (cloud) mm
 27 (rainbow) for me- ah- if he ask or ah- talk first so then I talk him ah::=
 28 (wind) really
 29 (rainbow) I don't say firstly @
 30 (wind) mm I talk first usually
 31 (rainbow) usually I talk (.) for second @time@ ::hh (.) another::s talk firstly then 81:00
 32 I talk

(-11-)

33 (wind) in my case I don't have any strange feeling even if I meet strange
 34 people I think that is my one of good points (.) strengths (-5-) I don't
 35 mind (.) I like people
 36 (cloud) you like people
 37 (wind) yeah=
 38 (cloud) =ah you seem so (.) you seem a- an affable person
 39 (wind) @@@@ an apple/
 40 (cloud) an- an affable {aff-} easy to talk to {affable}
 41 (wind) {aff-} {how} can I say=
 42 (rainbow) =ah:: ah
 43 (cloud) A F F {A}
 44 (wind) {A}F
 45 (cloud) F
 46 (wind) yeah
 47 (cloud) A B L E affable
 48 (wind) ah {really} affable ah=
 49 (rainbow) {affable}
 50 (cloud) =affable
 51 (rainbow) affable
 52 (cloud) ah w- we can find it in dictionary

¹ Originally 'uncle', but used to address and refer to adult male strangers, especially middle aged men.

53 (wind) okay ((opens electronic dictionary)) ((begins typing into electronic
54 dictionary))
55 (rainbow) ((moving notepad towards cloud)) please write
56 (cloud) uh huh ((writes on piece of notepad))((rainbow watches him write)) 82:00

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57 (cloud) I don't # letters @well@=
58 (rainbow) ah:::: affable affable affable
59 (cloud) ((phone buzzes)) I'm sorry but # # #
60 (wind) that's okay
61 (rainbow) affable
62 (cloud) ((answers phone)) 여머세요 ((speaks on Korean on phone))
63 ((reaching toward pen on table)) ((to rainbow)) can I borrow this
64 (rainbow) yeah yeah ((cloud takes pen)) 82:30

((cloud continuing to speak on phone in korean))((wind looking at
electronic dictionary)) ((rainbow watching wind))

C (j) SMALL TALK

1 (rainbow) ((wind continuing press keys on electronic dictionary)) is there a- a 82:52
 2 chinese character or japanese character
 3 (wind) yeah chinese
 4 (rainbow) ah:: (-1-) also japanese ((wind looks at rainbow)) (.) including ja-
 5 japanese
 6 (wind) ((lifts electronic dictionary))((pointing with pen at bottom of electronic
 7 dictionary)) yeah if you want you can put here=
 8 (rainbow) =ah::
 9 (wind) memory card
 10 (rainbow) mm:: (-1-) korean
 11 (wind) english
 12 (rainbow) english
 13 (wind) english english
 14 (rainbow) english chinese japanese
 15 (wind) yeah
 16 (rainbow) four lan- four languages
 17 (wind) (-1-) ((looking at rainbow))((pointing at electronic dictionary)) but we
 18 have to put memory card # #
 19 (rainbow) ah yeah
 20 (wind) to use it chinese japanese=
 21 (rainbow) =I- I want ah:: 83:25

((wind continues looking at dictionary)) ((wind shows dictionary
 screen to rainbow))
 ((wind and rainbow silently looking at electronic dictionary screen
 together))
 (-11-)
 ((cloud continuing to speak korean on the phone))

22 (wind) ((mumbling)) # # # # 83:44
 23 (rainbow) (-6-) do you use ah:: (-1-) contact lens/
 24 (wind) eh/
 25 (rainbow) do you- ah- use contact lens/
 26 (wind) yeah
 27 (rainbow) ah::=
 28 (wind) =can you se {# #}
 29 (rainbow) no{# #} because ah- before- when I met first time you used 84:00
 30 the- eh- {glasses}
 31 (wind) {glasses}sometimes I wear glasses
 32 (rainbow) mm:: # # #

(-6-)

33 (wind) oh (.) all things are related 84:16

(-11-)

34 (rainbow) please write (.) name- 84:27
 35 (wind) ah hah if you read korean
 36 (rainbow) yeah okay ((wind writes on paper)) ((wind shows paper to rainbow))
 37 (rainbow) ((looking at paper)) ah it's easy 84:39
 38 (wind) rainbow
 39 (rainbow) rainbow ye- yes @@@
 40 (wind) ((taking mobile phone out of bag))do you have a mobile

41 (rainbow) ah yes
 42 (wind) (.) can we exchange
 43 (rainbow) yeah yes @ ((takes out mobile phone))

(-4-)

44 (rainbow) one two three=
 45 (wind) =do you welcome we exchange our mobile number/
 46 (rainbow) yeah yeah
 47 (wind) @@@
 48 (rainbow) I want hmm ((wind and rainbow pressing keys on their mobile 85:00
 49 phones))one two three¹

(-3-)

50 (wind) how can you spell (.) rainbow # # =
 51 (rainbow) R A I N B=
 52 (wind) =R

((rainbow looking at screen on wind's mobile phone))
 (-3-)

53 (rainbow) R A
 54 (wind) ehm
 55 (rainbow) I N
 56 (wind) ehm
 57 (rainbow) B O W

((cloud hangs up))

85:24

58 (wind) rainbow
 59 (rainbow) yes
 60 (wind) number/
 61 (rainbow) mm:: (-1-) one two three four five ㄷ ~[jug]²- ah five six=
 62 (wind) =@@@@=
 63 (rainbow) =@@@ @@@@@@
 64 (wind) she is KOREAN my GOD {@@@}
 65 (rainbow) {@@@} @@@@ seven eight nine eight
 66 nine³ @@@

(-3-)

((rainbow and wind exchanging phone numbers))((speaking Korean)) 86:00

67 (rainbow) oh- ah- it's @wro-@ one two three four five @@@
 68 (wind) @@@ # # #
 69 (rainbow) two three four
 70 (wind) yeah two three four
 71 (rainbow) ㅇㅏㅓ.오 ~[aniou]⁴ ((says phone number in korean))
 72 (wind) no it's too long @@@ okay you can put I think that is better
 73 (rainbow) (-2-) ah yeah
 74 (wind) well- rain- ah- rainbow

¹ First three digits of Rainbow's phone number.

² six ((Korean))

³ Remaining digits of phone number.

⁴ no ((Korean))

PRIVATE TOPIC

Not transcribed

75 (wind) okay cloud 87:43
 76 (cloud) mm
 77 (wind) I can take a picture of you
 78 (cloud) really/
 79 ss @@@@ @@@@
 80 (wind) okay okay it's very good (-2-) oh I think this room is good okay you
 81 can take a picture of in a funny way {but} if you want one two three 88:00
 82 (rainbow) {@} ((miming telephone)) {# # #}
 83 (wind) (-2-) okay thank you if you call your- the pictures of you will {# # #}
 84 on screen
 85 (cloud) I wanna show my picture {#}
 86 (rainbow) {focus}
 87 (wind) {okay}excuse me after (-1-) storing 88:14

PRIVATE TOPIC

Not transcribed

88 (wind) ((looking at mobile phone screen)) yeah very good ((shows mobile 89:14
 89 screen to cloud))
 90 (rainbow) @@=
 91 (wind) =good (.) why
 92 (cloud) well
 93 (wind) good smile

((rainbow and cloud exchange name and numbers in korean))

94 (wind) okay we can keep talking (.) for matthew 89:33
 95 (rainbow) @@@@
 96 (wind) ((puts away mobile phone))((pointing at bun in front of cloud)) don't
 97 you like this one
 98 (cloud) ((touching bun)) today- today I don't feel like this
 99 (wind) oh really
 100 (cloud) yeah
 101 (wind) why
 102 (cloud) well- ((holding bun)) bread is usually bad for pimple so-
 103 (rainbow) ah::
 104 (wind) really
 105 (cloud) I- I try to abstain from this ((holding bun towards wind)) so # #
 106 (wind) okay ((takes bun))
 107 (cloud) flour is not good
 108 (rainbow) ah:: 90:00
 109 (wind) ((opening bun packet)) for you
 110 (cloud) for me

(-4-)

111 (cloud) ((wind starts to eat bun)) ((rainbow takes newspaper)) ((rainbow
 112 looking at front page of newspaper)) and the- ah the word that you
 113 looked in the dictionary was correct/ affable

- 114 (wind) mm
 115 (cloud) A F F- ah-

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((wind eating bun))((rainbow reading front page of newspaper))

- 116 (wind) affable

(-2-)

- 117 (rainbow) ((pointing at front page of newspaper)) recently korean ah- people in
 118 english- write- writing is like (.) like this # family name and-
 119 (wind) # # ((pointing at same spot on front page)) this is normal in korea
 120 (rainbow) oh::
 121 (wind) family name is first
 122 (rainbow) oh- ah- I think that mm ((writing)) (-4-) 문 ~[mun]¹((looks at wind
 123 and cloud))((looks back down at notepad)) (-3-) 문제인 ~[mun dʒeɪ
 124 ɪn]² ah- ((writing)) jae in mun (.) I think that I write in korean
 125 (wind) ((pointing at what rainbow wrote)) this is english way
 126 (rainbow) ah yeah yeah yes english way mm # # =
 127 (wind) =this is korean way
 128 (rainbow) ((pointing at newspaper)) yeah yeah but it's ah- in english wr- writing
 129 so- that
 130 (wind) ah::=
 131 (rainbow) =this is korean style
 132 (wind) mm

((rainbow puts notepad aside)) ((wind unfolds newspaper))

(-10-)

91:23

PRIVATE TOPIC

Not transcribed

- 133 (wind) ((reaching toward jug)) we need another kind of drink/ ((holds jug)) 92:10
 134 (cloud) ((holds out cup with both hands)) ah thank you
 135 (wind) #- another kind of drink or this one (.) I- I can change because I like to
 136 go to the restroom (.) you {like another}
 137 (rainbow) {# # # another}
 138 (cloud) wha- what kind of-
 139 (wind) ((handing menu to rainbow)) we can see

92:28

PRIVATE TOPIC

Not transcribed

- 140 (rainbow) ((closes menu)) how's 유자차 ~[judʒatʃa]³ @ 93:26
 141 (cloud) ((to rainbow)) ah- but it is- is it okay because it's hot
 142 (rainbow) ah:: {yeah}
 143 (cloud) {유자차 ~[judʒatʃa]⁴} is hot

¹ Korean family name.

² Korean name.

³ Korean citron tea.

⁴ Korean citron tea.

144 (rainbow) mm ((reopens menu)) do you want cold
145 (cloud) oh- ah- co- code/
146 (wind) do you need a cold one or hot water
147 (cloud) cold one (.) co=
148 (rainbow) =cold ah
149 (cloud) ((wind picking up another menu)) cold one would be better because
150 you don't like hot # =
151 (wind) I/ me/ I/
152 (cloud) uh huh=
153 (wind) =I like hot or cold
154 (cloud) ah
155 (wind) ((shaking hand in air)) I don't like middle one 93:53

((tape runs out))