

Agenda



Recap: Pragmatics

- Which sentence types do we have in English?
- What are speech acts?
- Which speech acts do you know?
- What is the difference between a direct and an indirect speech act?
- Which maximes are part of Paul Grice's cooperative principle?

Warm-up game: Book guessing



- Everyone get up and find a book that you are currently reading or have recently read
- One person starts by giving a summary of their book
- Everyone else guesses which book the person is talking about
- The first person confirms the book by holding it into the camera
- The person who guessed right continues with their book
- If noone guesses the name of the book, the current presenter can pick the next presenter randomly

Text Linguistics

- The properties of a text:
- coherence (topical unity and logical structure, meaning)
- cohesion (linguistic structures linking sentences, form)
- Cohesive devices: -coordinating and subordinating conjunctions, linking adverbs, pronouns, definite reference, ellipsis
- How to group texts: genre, medium (written spoken), register (formal – informal), topic

Exercise: groups of 4

- Find a Wikipedia entry
- Copy and paste the part of the entry that you would consider a text into a text editor (word, docs etc.)
- Why do you consider it a text? (explain by using the terms coherence and cohesion)
- Find examples of cohesive devices in your text.
- Present your text and explanations in the plenum

Time For Questions

