

LEARNING LISTENING

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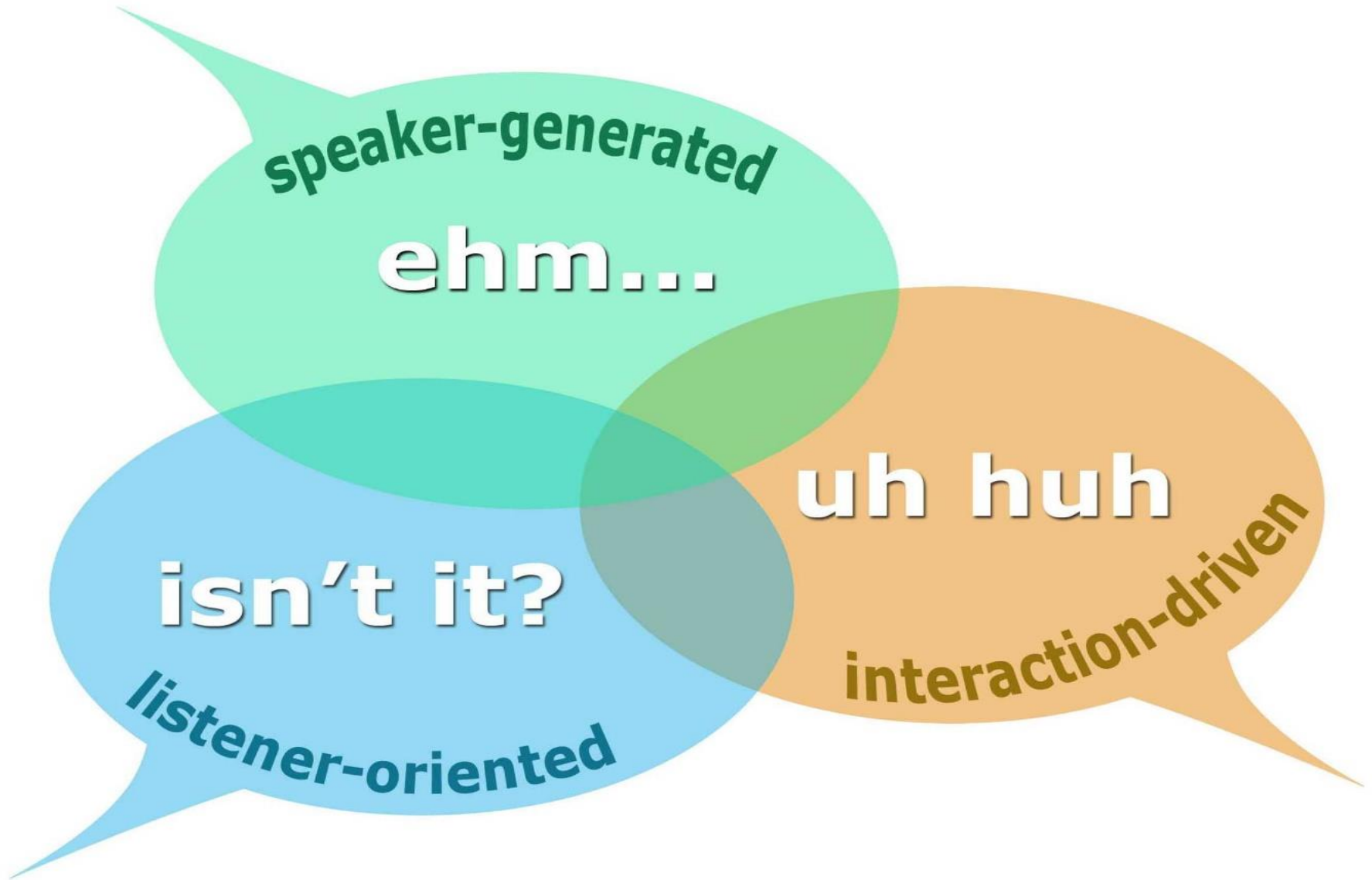
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isn't it?

Annie McDonald

THE CHALLENGE OF UNSCRIPTED LANGUAGE

Unscripted ...





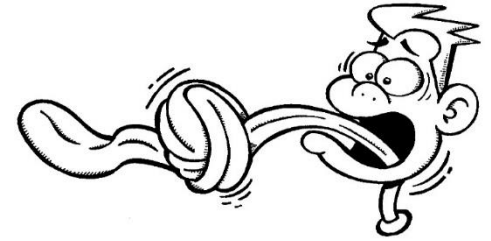
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- 2 changing sounds**
- 3 cutting sounds**



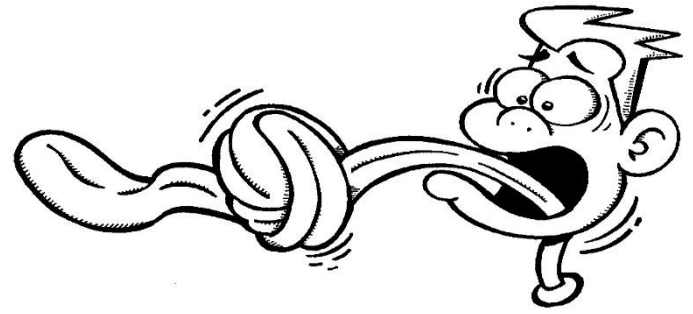
False starts



Mike:

But, don't you think even ... I think even that
... I think it was ninety or i-it could have been
wrong, hundred and twenty, could be wrong,
I think it was ninety, ehm, (laughter) don't
quote me on that, I'll just ... I just ... I I I

More false starts



Erm, ants are incredibly intelligent creatures, aren't they? So, how do they ... tell us a little about their intelligen- do ... Now, here's an important question, do ants have an individual intelligence or is it entirely a, a group thing?

Changing sounds

Listen to and read these fragments. The words in bold are written as they sound. Correct them.

1 the **goog** guys

2 and it **coob** be like almost harassing you er

3 the virus **kung** carry in a protein

4 **coob** be good at this

5 we **womp** more

6 you **shub** be polite

7 crusing **ing** company

8 I **cump** bear to watch it

9 **cum** be more that the sum of their parts

Cutting sounds – radical reductions

1 I must have about

2... **through** it **all** the **time** and think

- **100%**

3 I don't even **speak to you**

- 66%

- **33%**

4 They could say **anything**

- 0%

5 If you don't know 500 of them, you



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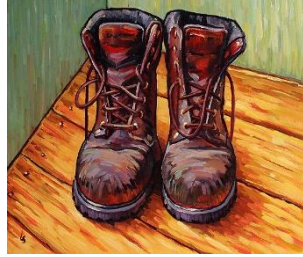


listener-oriented

isn't it?

- 1 you know etc**
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You know ...



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- 3 there were 30 in my family
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Rhetorical questions

- Is that your final answer?
- Really?
- Was it really?
- Erm, ants are incredibly intelligent creatures, aren't they?



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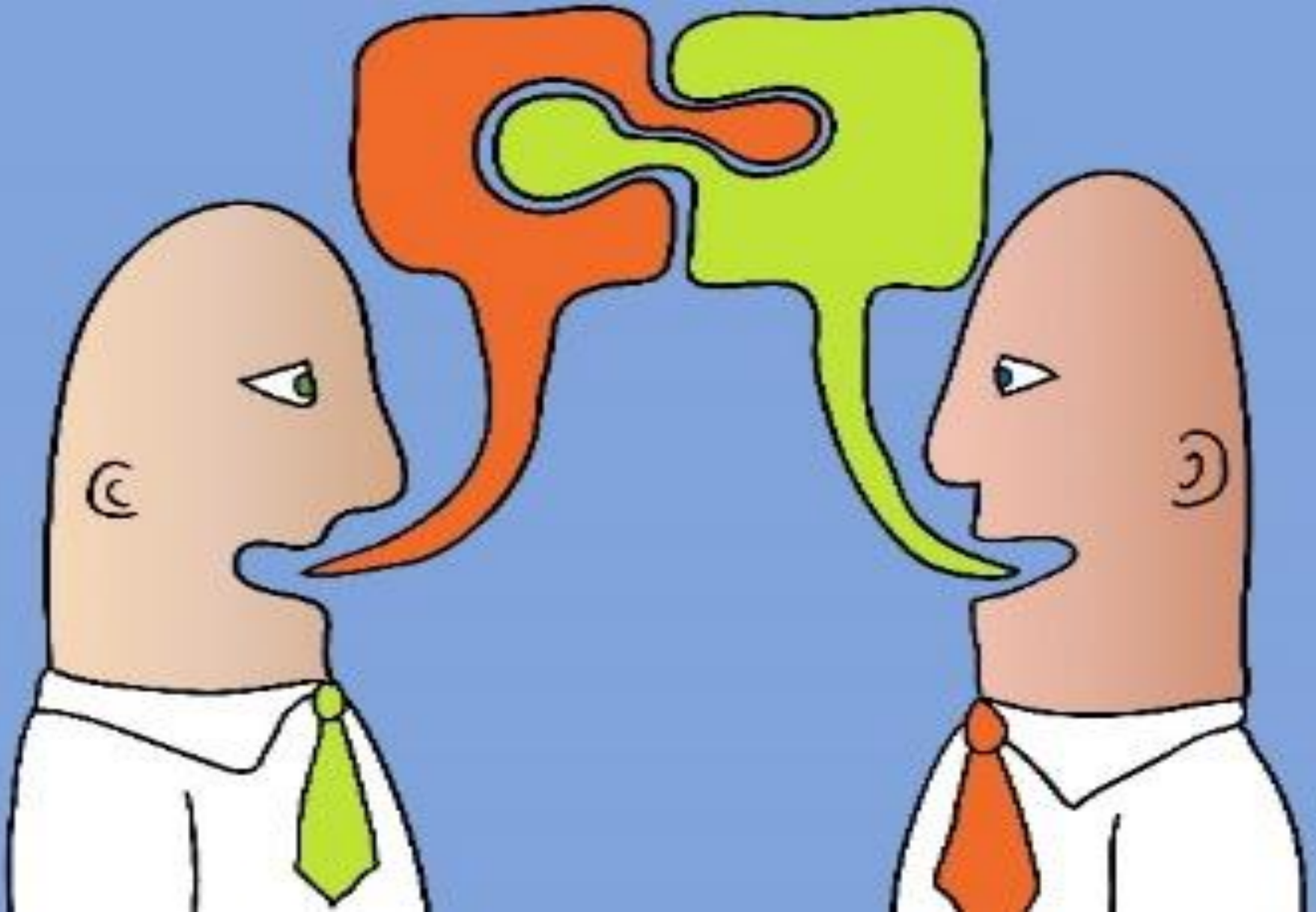
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1 questioning, turn taking
2 floor holding
3 back-channelling

Turn-taking



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Nic: Six hundred

Mel: Ooh no. I think it's less than that.

Nic: Really?

Mel: I'd say two fifty.

Mike: The average person, how many friends do you think they have on facebook? Is that your final answer? Two fifty and six hundred.

Nic: Six hundred.

Mel: Yeah

Mike: It's actually ninety.

Nic: Uh?

Mel: Ni

Mic: Really?

Mike: Yeah, ninety

Nic: We're above average. (girls laugh)

Mel: That we are Nicola. That we are!

Continuing a turn

Mike: *Buuut*, don't you think even ... I think even that ... I think it was ninety or i-it could have been wrong hundred and twenty could be wrong I think it was ninety ehm (girls laugh) don't quote me on that I'll just ... I just ... I I I

Nic: You are full of

Mike: I was adam

Nic: solid gold information (laughter)

Mike: adam it ... adamant that it was ninety and now I'm thinking was it one twenty

Mel: Was it really?

Mike: But I ... but I remember this morning them saying ... I do remember them saying, you know, erm, even ninety, right, do you really know ninety people?



Floor holding



Listen and underline the words which the speaker stretches a sound.

- 1 ... and if you wanna go to an Italian deli, you'll find that ...
- 2 I guess, you see, you know, there's all these, sort of ...
- 3 Then put in the rice.
- 4 and I think it's er, it's good for me
- 5 I think, yeah, I, I would like to have the lifestyle

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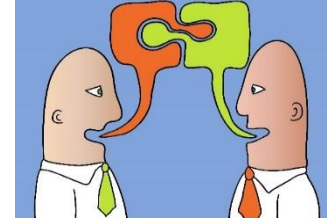
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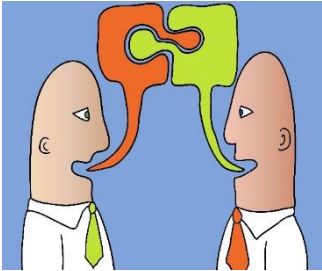
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A step towards rationalising the unruly ...



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