Exercise 1.1 The effects of prior linguistic context on the perception of 'next turn' sentences

Instructions for the Speaker

1   Give the listener one of the lists of questions presented on pages 204–205. Each list contains 24 context questions which are either related to the stimulus sentence (these are written as 'Rel.' in your copy below) or contextually neutral context questions, such as 'What's happening?'

2   Ask the listener to read the first question on their list and reply with the response utterance ('Resp.' on the list below). The listener should repeat the utterance back as accurately as possible. It is expected that the listener will have more difficulty with the sentences following the contextually neutral questions than the prior context questions (or 'Rel.' questions).

3   Score the listener's progress by counting how many key words the listener identifies correctly (underlined words in the 'Resp.' sentences are the key words).

Note: Exercise 3.0 and 3.1 have NOT been formally assessed for equivalence.

1   Rel. Why is your daughter repeating her studies?
Resp. **She failed her exams last year.**

2   Rel. Why did you lay carpet in the hall?
Resp. **We found the wooden floor was too noisy.**

3 Rel. Why is your brother so tired and hungry?
Resp. **He spent all last night lost in the snow.**

4   Rel. Why are your parents selling their house?
Resp. **They have decided to move to the country.**

5   Rel. Why weren't the children home when I called?
Resp. **They were playing in the park all afternoon.**

6   Rel. Why are you walking around in bare feet?
Resp. **I can't find my shoes and socks anywhere.**

7   Rel. Why do your parents visit so often?
Resp. **They like to spend time with the family.**

8   Rel. Why didn't those people get wet in the rain?
Resp. **They ran for cover when the storm began.**

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[106] Source: Lind, Erber & Doyle, 1999

9   Rel. Why did your plane arrive so late?
    Resp. **There was heavy fog at the airport**

10 Rel. Why is the water level of the lake low?
    Resp. **The dam has not released enough water.**

11 Rel. Why does your dog always stay outside?
    Resp. **We have carpet in every room.**

12 Rel. Why did you move to the new apartment?
    Resp. **We found one closer to my work.**

13 Rel. Why did your brother stop watching television?
    Resp. **He watches all his programs on the computer.**

14 Rel. Why have you brought a new car?
    Resp. **The old one was a gas guzzler**.

15 Rel. Why are you taking Spanish lessons?
    Resp. **We are moving to South America**

16 Rel. Why did you cancel your skiing trip
    Resp. **The weather report said it would rain.**

Exercise 1.1 The effects of prior linguistic context on the perception of 'next turn' sentences (list one)

Instructions for the Listener
Read question 1. The speaker will answer. Repeat or write down as much of the speaker's answer as you can. Then go on to question 2.

List A
1 What's been happening?

2 Why did you lay carpet in the hall?

3 Why is your brother so tired and hungry?

4 What's been happening?

5 What's been happening?

6 Why are you walking around in bare feet?

7 Why do your parents visit so often?

8 What's been happening?

9 Why did your plane arrive so late?

10 What's been happening?

11 What's been happening?

12 Why did you move to the new apartment?

13 Why did your brother stop watching television?

14 Why have you brought a new car?

15 What's been happening?

16 What's been happening?

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Instructions
Read question 1. The speaker will answer. Repeat or write down as much of the speaker's answer as you can. Then go on to question 2.

1   Why is your daughter repeating her studies?

2   What's been happening?

3   What's been happening?

4   Why are your parents selling their house?

5   Why weren't the children home when I called?

6   What's been happening?

7   What's been happening?

8   Why didn't those people get wet in the rain?

9   What's been happening?

10   Why is the water level of the lake low?

11   Why does your dog always stay outside?

12   What's been happening?

13   What's been happening?

14   What's been happening?

15   Why are you taking Spanish lessons?

16   Why did you cancel your skiing trip?

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