

Structure in conversation

- 1 What appears to be the purpose of their conversation?
- 2 What topics are discussed?
- 3 How are topics introduced?

Text: Andrew and David

DAVID: how's your dogs (.) alright?

ANDREW: yeah (.) they're in the kennels

DAVID: had any sort of snow yet?

ANDREW: had a sprinkling on the moors (.) when I was going to work (.)
er but nothing serious

DAVID: you had a visitor the other night (.) little Mr Hudd?

ANDREW: yeah, yeah, I was

DAVID: he said you were abusive to him as usual

ANDREW: he found the place alright (.) only took him about half an
hour (.) to drive from Warrington

DAVID: bloody hell (.) he must have been moving

ANDREW: he was alright

DAVID: yeah

ANDREW: now he's moving (.) we're off to the States on holiday as well

DAVID: yeah (.) we'll all be out there (.) some of the blokes at work said
they wanted to go to the States (.) I said (.) oh one of my mates is
going to work out there (.) oh give us his address they all said (.) we'll
be able to do the New York Marathon (.) know someone who's over
there in Jersey (.) how's your mum and dad?

ANDREW: all right

DAVID: last time I seen your mum (.) I was running up the hill (.) she
was on the bus stop (.) arthritis still bothering her?

ANDREW: oh yeah (.) you can see it in her hands when she picks things
up (.) the joints are actually quite nobbly (.) they've actually swollen
up (.) I think she takes painkillers and anti-inflammatory tablets (.) but
that's about it

DAVID: how long you down here for? (.) I

ANDREW: going back tomorrow

DAVID: oh you're not

ANDREW: some time (.) going to Denise's for lunch and then driving
back some time later (.)