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Conversation: Conversation is interactive communication between two or more persons. The development of conversational skills and etiquette is an important part of socialization. The development of conversational skills in a language is a frequent focus of language. Conversation analysis is a branch of sociology which studies the structure and organization of human interaction, with a more specific focus on conversational interaction.

Informal Conversation: Informal conversation is a kind of small talk which is related to an informal type of discourse that does not cover any functional topics of conversation or any transactions that need to be addressed. In essence, it is polite conversation about unimportant things. The phenomenon of small talk is initially considered as the meaning in primitive language. The ability to conduct small talk is a social skill; hence, small talk some type of social communication

In spite of seeming to have little useful purpose, informal conversation is a bonding ritual and a strategy for managing interpersonal distance. It serves many functions in helping to define the relationship between friends, father, mother colleagues, and new acquaintances to explore and categorize each other's social position.

Conversation opener: When the speakers do not know each other, it allows them to show that they have friendly intentions and desire some sort of positive interaction. In a business meeting, it enables people to establish each other's reputation and level of expertise. If there is already a relationship between the talkers, their informal conversation serves as a gentle introduction before engaging in more functional topics of conversation. It allows them to signal their own mood and to sense the mood of the other person.

At the end of a conversation: Suddenly ending an exchange may risk appearing to reject the other person: Informal conversation can be used to mitigate that rejection, affirm the relationship between the two persons, and soften the parting.

Space filter to avoid silence: In many cultures, silences between two persons are usually considered uncomfortable and/or awkward. Tension can be reduced by starting phatic talk until a more substantial subject arises. Generally, human find prolonged silence uncomfortable, and sometimes unbearable. That can be due to human evolutionary history as a social species, as in many other social animals, silence is a communicative sign of potential danger.

In some conversations, there is no specific functional or informative element at all.

Pre-discussion about the Conversation between me and my mother: My mother is quite an uneducated woman. Most of the times she talks informal local language. When I go to talk with her, she asks me about my getting job, education and other issues.

Every day she tells me that if I get a job, I should let her know first so that she can get satisfied from heart as she feels tension with me. I am staying in Dhaka for education and job purposes whereas my mother is staying in my village home for this reason I have to communicate with my mother over phone. A piece of informal conversation with my mother which took place yesterday is mentioned below.

I: Hello, ma. Assalamualaikum

My mother: Wa-alaikumussalam, baba. How are you?

I: Fine, ma and you?

My mother: I am also fine. What are you doing, baba?

I: I am taking preparation for the upcoming examination. What are you doing, ma?

My mother: I am lying on bed. When will your all exam finish?

I: This is the last exam of Jahangirnagar University, Ma.

My mother: Alhamdulillah. Try to get a good job after the exam and let me know first. I will be very happy when you will get a job.

I: Surely, ma. I am trying to get a good job and ins Allah very soon I will get a job.

My mother: Have you taken your lunch?

I: Yes, ma and you?

My mother: Yes, after taking lunch I have come on bed to take rest.

I: Do you need money, ma?

My mother: No, baba. But towards the end of the medicine, the medicine will be needed.

I: I'll send the medicine or the money to buy the medicine in a few days.

My mother: Take care of your health.

I: Surely, ma. You also take care of your health and eat on time, try to eat a little more.

My Mother: Will you come home in winter? Then your elder sister will also come.

I: Let's see what can be done. Will you say something else, ma?

My mother: No, baba.

I: Ok, ma. I will phone you after the Maghreb prayer. Allah Hafez.

My mother: Allah Hafez.

Analyzing the conversation elaborately:

This exploratory study aimed to shed light on the quality of my mother-me dialogues about conversational experiences among dyads with informal conversation as compared with dyads with formal conversation. Consistent with my expectations mother and me informal communication had more difficulties with co-constructing organized, structured, functional languages

Specifically, my findings show that mother-my conversation dialogues among us with informal conversation were mostly characterized by a lack of a dialogue.

First, our conversation was small. Despite this small size, I found significant differences and effect sizes were medium. Future studies should include large sample sizes.

Second, although my study highlights difficulties in mother-me conversation dialogues among us with informal conversation, more discussion is needed to examine why and how low level of conversation is associated with lower quality of mother-me conversation dialogue. One possible explanation may be that conversation is associated with little educational environment.

Third, I did not differentiate between mother-me dialogues about formal and informal conversations, nor between dialogues discussing or not discussing small part of conversation. Furthermore, although mother- me dyads use a little bit similar approaches when discussing about different issues, dialogues about different issues such as job, education may provide specific insight into how mother facilitate my meaning making present situation in our country's experiences.

Finally, observed a group of dialogues between educated mother and uneducated mother differences may reflect differences between son/daughter who comes from educated mother or uneducated mother. The level of suggestions from an educated mother and an uneducated mother varies in many ways.

As my mother is an uneducated woman, she can't give me a proper suggestion what should I do what shouldn't in this modern era. If she was educated, she could realize the present condition of Bangladesh for this reason she believes what she hears from others. Although she is uneducated, she is so much conscious about my future and think for the betterment of me, pray from core of heart.

Conclusion: An informal conversation may have low level words and may have grammatical problems. As my mother is an uneducated woman, she uses very common lower words, local words and she has consonant cluster's problem at the same time in her conversation there were grammatical mistakes. To cope with my mother, I have to use common words which she can understand at the same time I have to skip those words which she can't understand properly.