# **Delicacy Level Transitions:** Level 0-4

## **Objective**

This handout explores the notion of *levels of delicacy*, by examining transitions from lower to higher levels. Transitions between the following levels of delicacy are illustrated:

- Level 0: Lexical
- Level 1: Foundation
- Level 2: Basic
- Level 3: Boundary
- Level 4: Interaction

## **Examples**

For the example given, the same passage of discourse is transcribed at several different levels of delicacy. Features which are newly introduced at each level are indicated in boldface.

23. Level 0: Lexical (Risk SBC024: 299.283-310.952)

look at you being smart I'm not smart you're stupid don't call me stupid alright

- 24. Level 1: Foundation
- 1 JENNIFER; look at you being smart
- DAN; I'm not smartJENNIFER; you're stupid
- 4 DAN; don't call me stupid
- 5 JENNIFER; alright
- 25. Level 2: Basic
- 1 JENNIFER; Look at you being smart.
- 2 ...
- 3 DAN; @
- 4 ...
- 5 I'm not smart?
- 6 ...
- 7 JENNIFER; You're stupid.
- 8 ...
- 9 DAN; **D**on't call me stupid.
- 10 JENNIFER; **Mm.** 11 ...
- 11 ...
- 12 Alright.

### 26. Level 3: Boundary

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1
   JENNIFER;
                  Look at you being smart.
2
                  (1.0)
3
   DAN;
                  (H) @
4
                  (0.7)
5
                  I'm not smart?.
6
                  (0.3)
7
   JENNIFER;
                  You're stupid.
8
                  (0.9)
9 DAN;
                  Don't call me stupid.
10 JENNIFER;
                  Mm.
11
                  (3.4)
12
                  Alright.
```

### 27. Level 4: Interaction

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1
   JENNIFER;
                  <VOX> Look at you being smart.
2
                  (1.0)
3
                  (H) @
   DAN;
4
                  (0.7)
5
                  I'm not smart?
6
                  (0.3)
7
   JENNIFER;
                  You're stupid </VOX>.
8
                  (0.9)
9
                  Don't call me stupid.
  DAN;
10 JENNIFER;
                  Mm.
11
                  (1.3)
12
                  (KISS)
13
                  (2.1)
14
                 Alright.
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