

Speech Acts

- We do things with speech.
Requesting, commanding, promising, informing, questioning
- Performative verbs
–I promise to return the book.
- Non-performative verbs
–Prices are going up these days.

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Politeness

- Face-saving & face-threatening
- Positive face (being connected and a member of the group) & negative face (being independent and free from imposition).

Let's do this together. وجهه مثبت •
I'm sorry to bother you ... وجهه منفی •

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Direct and indirect speech acts

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	Structure	Function
Did you open the door?	Interrogative P[S]	Question
Open the door (please)	Imperative P	Command (Request)
You opened the door	Declarative SP	Statement

Request

Open the door, please. P (Direct)

May I ask you to open the door? P[S] (Indirect)

There's the bell. SP (Indirect)

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Speech Acts

- 1. Locutionary act = The saying of something meaningful that can be understood.
- 2. Illocutionary act = Using a sentence to perform a function.
- 3. Perlocutionary act = The results or effects that are produced by saying something.

Open the door.
 1. The meaning
 2. Uttered as a request or order
 3. The act of opening the door

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