

## Attitudinal signals

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### 3.3.2.4.2 Tracking attitudinal ostensions

Attitudinal ostensions refer to instances of other Appraisal values (e.g., instances of GRADUATION or ENGAGEMENT) which have the potential to invoke an attitudinal assessment. Attitudinal ostension is related to the ‘Russian doll’ phenomenon (Thompson, 2014), where an expression of one category of evaluation may function as a token (an indirect expression) of a different category. For example, an instance of GRADUATION or ENGAGEMENT can potentially invoke an attitudinal assessment. As well, an instance of Affect or Appreciation can activate an assessment of Judgement. This phenomenon is very well investigated in the existing literature (e.g., Don, 2016; Hood & Martin, 2007; White, 2003, 2012). Such attitudinal ostensions alert the audience that subjectivity is at play and that potential attitudinal assessments are at risk. **Table Error! No text of specified style in document..1** lists some attitudinal ostension examples chosen from Episode\_W02. The attitudinal signals are labelled following Don (2016).

**Table Error! No text of specified style in document..1 Attitude ostension examples in Episode\_W02**

Utterance (Chinese)	Utterance (English translation)	Attitude signal	Potential attitude(s)
他越对我这样...我心情越..低落(Wife_W02_WW)	The more he treats me like this... <b>the lower my mood</b>	attitudinal instance of inscribed Affect (potential invocation of -ve Judgement)	invoke -ve Judge antagonist
我是..要离婚(Wife_W02_WW)	I.. want a <b>divorce</b>	attitudinal token of Appreciation	invoke -ve Judge marital relationship / the couple
那你可以现在来看(Wife_W02_WW)	Then you can come and check my phone now	directive	invoke -ve Judge antagonist
拳头蹬我脚了没...你打我腿了没(Wife_W02_WW)	Did your fist kick my feet... did you beat my leg	rhetorical question	invoke -ve Judge antagonist
一天三顿饭..都是我做(Husband_W02_AH)	Three meals a day...all cooked by me	up-scaling	invoke +ve Judge self
你结果不给我发信息...你结果给人家发信息(Husband_W02_AH)	it turned out that you <b>didn't send me</b> a message... it turned out that you <b>sent him</b> a message	contrast	invoke -ve Judge antagonist
不可能说了一个小时..两个小时..在谈的(Husband_W02_AH)	It's <b>impossible</b> to talk for an hour.. two hours.. talking	denial	invoke -ve Judge antagonist

他们还去到..宾馆..开过房间 (Husband_W02_AH)	They <b>even</b> went to...hotel...checked in hotel rooms	counter- expectancy	invoke -ve Judge antagonist
很多事情..我也 <b>想</b> 做...也 <b>想</b> 维护(Husband_W02_AH)	Many things.. I also <b>want to</b> do... also <b>want to</b> maintain	irrealis Affect	invoke +ve Judge self
<b>她跟..人家说嘛</b> (1.0)我私底下 给你弄点钱... <b>她说</b> ...我们的 感情没处理完之前..我不能 明目张胆地跟着你 (Husband_W02_AH)	<b>She said.. to the guy</b> (1.0) I'll manage to get you some money in private... <b>She said</b> ...before our relationship is finished [ <i>Translator's note: before I have my divorce settled</i> ]...I can't openly date with you	quotation: other	invoke -ve Judge antagonist
她生了病..都是我询问她很 详细的... <b>哪个地方不舒服...</b> <b>吃什么药</b>	When she was sick.. I was the one who asked her for her details ... <b>what's wrong with you... what medicine to take</b>	quotation: self	invoke +ve Judge self