

Homework 7

Due Friday, September 30

Collect three compliments that you hear in the course of your daily interactions (only one should be with you as speaker, and there should be no repetition of forms, unless it is unavoidable).

Answer the following questions for *each* compliment. As with the requests, record as much about the interaction as possible, including the participants, setting, and the exact words used.

1. How do you know the utterance has the illocutionary force of a compliment?
2. What kinds of politeness strategies are used?
3. Is the compliment formulaic, deceptive, or sarcastic (or none of these)? How do you know it is or isn't?
4. What is the function of the compliment – what kinds of facework is done?
5. Would the compliment seem strange if the gender of any of the participants were reversed? Why? How is the compliment gendered?
6. What is the response to the compliment? Is it gendered?