LING 1235/2235: Language, Gender, and Society

Fall 2005 (06-1)

Homework 4

Due Monday, September 12

1. As noted in class, I would like you to listen to the conversation between Pete and Jen. They are both students at a University in the East. They are sitting in a bar with two other men. Pete and the other men had been sitting at the table alone until Jen came in with a group of friends and sat at another table. After a few minutes Jen came over, and Pete introduced everyone. Then the conversation you will listen to occurred. For each 'level' of language, suggest how a choice made by Jen *or* Pete in this conversation helps them create masculinity or femininity (or prevents them from doing so).