

2. For a more detailed exposition of the methodology of ethnomethodology see H. Garfinkel 'Studies in Ethnomethodology' (Prentice Hall)
3. The concept of 'indexicality' refers to the notion that words and conduct do not possess intrinsic and unequivocal meaning across situations. A word can have different interactional meanings according to the situation of its use and production. In order to make an appropriate sense of their social environment members continuously have to hear to hear and analyse words or talk as part of the context of their use.
4. H. Sacks, G. Jefferson and E. Schegloff 'A Simplest Systematics for the Organisation of Turn-Taking for conversation.' (Unpublished mimeo.) expand on the context free yet context sensitive nature of these structures.
5. See H. Sacks 'On the analysability of stories by children' in J. Gumperz & D. Hymes (eds.) 'Directions in Socio-Linguistics, The Ethnography of Communication' (Holt, Rinehart and Winston 1972) for a discussion of 'category bound activities.'
6. See H. Sacks 'The Search for Help: No one to turn to' in E.S. Shneidman (ed.) 'Essays in Self Destruction' (Science House) for a fuller explication of 'Standardised relationship pairs.' His examples include husband/wife, friend/friend, parent/child etc.
7. It is important to note that it is the more general interactional competence associated with 'membership' which is being referred to here and not the narrow notion of language skill normally associated with school performance.

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### **Meditation**

Trunk concentrated in stillness like a fierce embrace;  
 Rough bark the pain-edged prelude to candled orgasms of tenderness.  
 Roots of desire exploring wounds of fallen fruits of knowledge,  
 Lighting for me the chestnut's secret flame.

**Denise Batchelor**