

Relationship *HomeWork*

Open Mike 5/27/2008

Practice:

For the next two weeks practice using the speech acts of requests and promises with friends, family and co-workers.

Requests

3 elements

- Saying exactly what you want
- Saying exactly when you want it
- Saying exactly who you want it from

4 Responses to a request

- *Accept*—agree to take the action on the terms described in the request
- *Decline*—say no to the request
- *Counteroffer*—some aspect or element of the request is changed or modified
- *Promise to reply later*—puts the response on hold to give time to consider the request, and possibly to gather more information to aid in making a decision
- *Non-response*—a reply that does not lead to action

Promises—put you into action, a request you make to yourself.

3 elements

- Exactly what
- Exactly when
- Exactly who (you are the who)

Non responses:
I'll think about it.
I'll look into it back.
I'll try.
That's great idea.
As those I can get to it.
That's out, control, but I'll see what I can do.
I'll make it a priority.
I'll do my boss says.
If you get on response, follow up and get a reply.

Requests and promises are the only two speech acts that create action. Requests are more powerful when coupled with promises.