

Is there discourse in discourse?

Scott Thornbury

discourse Any connected piece of speech or writing...

Trask, R. (1999) *Key Concepts in Language and Linguistics*. Routledge.

text A continuous piece of spoken or written language, especially one with a recognizable beginning and ending...

ibid.

“Discourse is the pragmatic process of meaning negotiation. Text is its product.”

Widdowson, H. 2004. *Text, Context, Pretext: Critical issues in discourse analysis*. Blackwell.

A discourse provides a set of possible statements about a given area, and organises and gives structure to the manner in which a particular topic, object, process is to be talked about.

Kress, G. 1985. *Linguistic Processes in Sociocultural Practice*. Routledge. Burwood, Victoria: Deakin University Press, p. 7.

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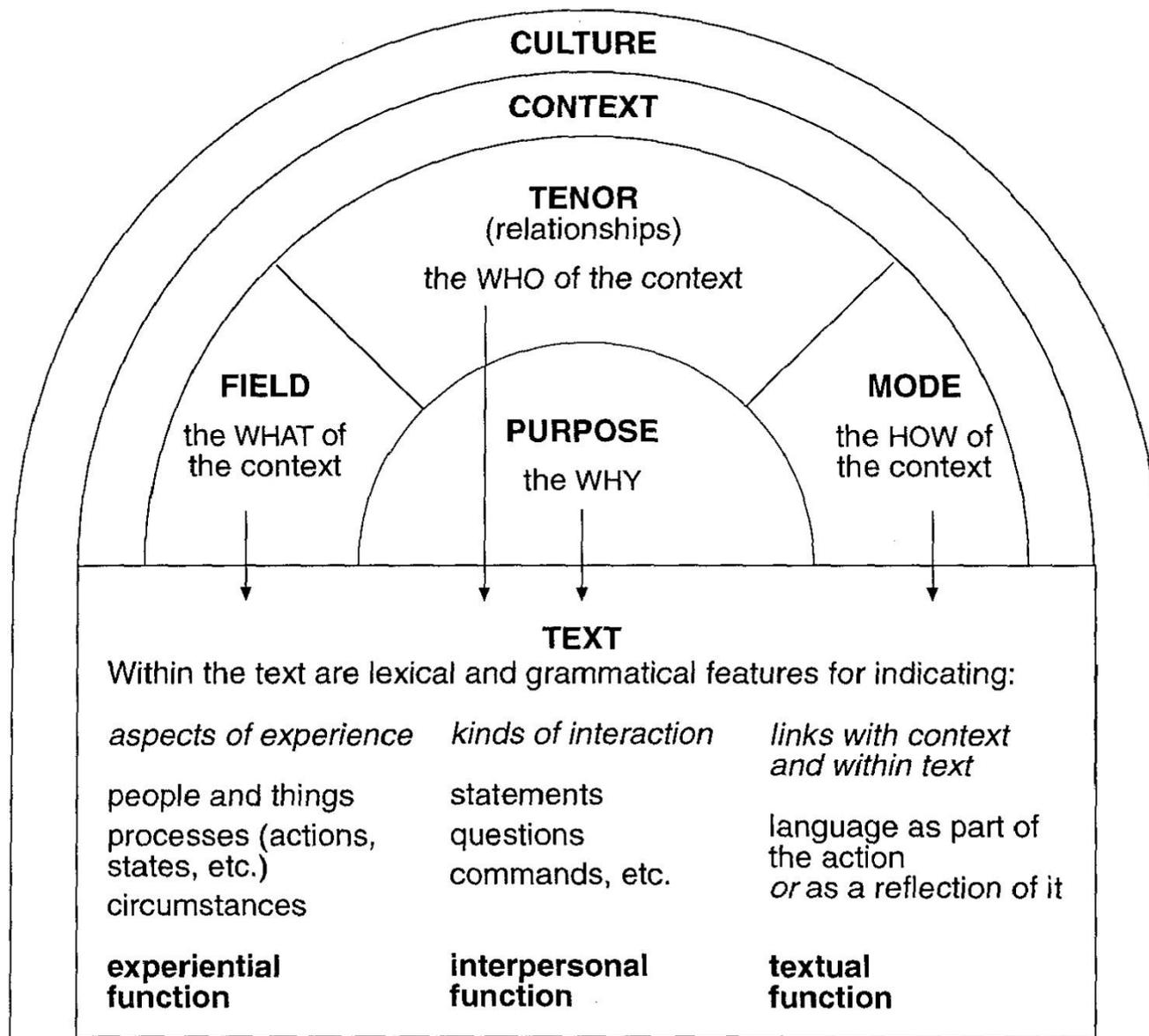
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nd there was my older brother and his really friends living room and my friends brothers see that my door was cracked and my brothers a clay water balloon. Of course this really s completely humiliated I fell in front of a ne time I was at a party and I saw a totally go to the bathroom but instead she paid the ut my mom wasnt behind me it was this really I was driving home from soccer with a really ally saw my butt. Even worse he told all his side to my next class and I saw this totally ver my face and my outfit. When I got up the to the movies once and there was this really so I went to go sit down. Then these really ets so we decide to take pictures of all the ped too We were laughing really hard and the math class. We were all whispering about how ing my bike when I spotted a group of really t some drinks I heard them talking about how just walked away. My crush heard me call him earlier. I had told my friend all about how my mom hired happened to be this one really pletely off When I looked up my best friends r more than a day After I said it two really th a group of friends. Our waiter was really was clear. I told my friends that he was so ng to begin and we started talking about how ding one day there was no one in the pool or the sunroof was open I took a picture of my

HOT friend I just stood there like an idiot then t
HOT friend was also at their house. I was wearing
HOT friends were watching us the whole time. One e
HOT group of guys was right there to witness it. I
HOT guy A few summers ago I was going to a camp fo
HOT guy in the corner so my mom noticed me staring
HOT guy \$10 to dance with me I was mortified and e
HOT guy from my school that I had a crush on. He j
HOT guy who I had a major crush on even though he
HOT guy friends about the whole thing I IMed the W
HOT guy walking nearby. I tried to strut so he wou
HOT guy was laughing at me. I was so embarrassed I
HOT guy taking our money for the tickets. I was le
HOT guys came in and we started to talk a bout the
HOT guys there. My friend Chris who I liked was ha
HOT guys were laughing at us and making fun of us
HOT he was when we realized that our tea cher was
HOT guys. I got distracted and rode right into the
HOT I was. So when I came back with the drinks I b
HOT Ive been in love with a junior from my school
HOT my crush was and how nice he was and that I re
HOT older boy I had a crush on. One day my mom pic
HOT older brother and his best friend had seen the
HOT seniors from my school walked out from behind
HOT so I took a picture of him when he was taking
HOT that I would bake cookies on him Apparently he
HOT the male lead was and what wed like to do with
HOT tub so I thought I would do that run and slide
HOT waiter I went to a restaurant with a group of

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Keywords in the *Seventeen* “cringe texts”

crush

tripped

underwear

cute

embarrassed

humiliated

spilled

locker

diary

video

mall

accidentally

flip

butt

bathroom

laughing

pants

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(3) Select max string size: 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 words (4)

Input method B WITH DIFFERENT OUTPUT FORMAT (for larger text files, tested on texts to 250,000+ words, string-lengths = 4, 3, 2)

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Most frequent 5-grams in the *Seventeen* corpus

- 001. [6] I WAS SO EMBARRASSED!" I
- 002. [5] HAD TO GO TO THE
- 003. [5] IN FRONT OF MY CRUSH!
- 004. [4] "MY FRIEND AND I WERE
- 005. [4] "I WAS AT SCHOOL AND
- 006. [4] AND FELL FLAT ON MY
- 007. [4] ALL OF A SUDDEN I
- 008. [4] IN THE MIDDLE OF THE
- 009. [3] WHEN WE GOT BACK TO
- 010. [3] I HAD TO GO TO
- 011. [3] I WAS SO EMBARRASSED!" MY
- 012. [3] AT ME. I WAS SO
- 013. [3] MY CRUSH! I WAS SO
- 014. [3] AND WE STARTED TALKING ABOUT
- 015. [3] MY FRIENDS AND I WERE
- 016. [3] WAS HANGING OUT WITH MY
- 017. [3] MY CRUSH WALKED IN ON
- 018. [3] WE GOT BACK TO THE
- 019. [3] I FELL IN FRONT OF

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read our sex convo I was flirting with **THIS** guy online and we started talking about
ast the corner I announced my love for **THIS** boy. His friends were down the hall do
d my head into a door I had a crush on **THIS** hot senior. We were on the swim team t
Didnt Have a Tampon One time I was at **THIS** huge party and I thought I had finishe
ng so there werent too many customers. **THIS** man came in and started looking in the
chool I decide to wear flip-flops with **THIS** skirt. On the way out of the lunch lin
a girl I slipped in front of everyone **THIS** one time at school I came out of shop
y. The kid my mom hired happened to be **THIS** one really hot older boy I had a crush
ortified I Rode My Bike Into the Water **THIS** past summer my friends and I were ridi
t with a clay water balloon. Of course **THIS** really hot group of guys was right the
just moved. In English class there was **THIS** really cute boy in front of me and we
urns out my mom wasnt behind me it was **THIS** really hot guy from my school that I k
countered I laughed too hard There was **THIS** really cute guy in my advanced P. E. c
ing into the movies once and there was **THIS** really hot guy taking our money for th
picture so I had to look nice. I wore **THIS** skirt that was long and flared out. Wh
ing outside to my next class and I saw **THIS** totally hot guy walking nearby. I trie
y best friend on MSN telling her about **THIS** totally embarrassing story I read. I c
at school one day and we were watching **THIS** video that was REALLY graphic about sc
wear my favorite pair of flip-flops on **THIS** wet humid day. Wrong choice I ended up

new my name or even acknowledged I was there **ONE** day I saw him walking in the halls with his fr
h looked horrified. The whole class heard me **ONE** day my desk partner and I got sent outside dur
tting He saw me slip When I was lifeguarding **ONE** day there was no
ednesday my older brother has S. T class and **ONE** day I went with my dad to pick him up. My dad
running around wouldnt see I slipped in mud **ONE** day I chose to wear high heels to school. I th
activities so I wasnt getting enough sleep. **ONE** day during my first-period math class I decide
rd between me and him He was right behind me **ONE** day I was coming in from outside and
riend trying to grind on me My skirt flew up **ONE** day at school I decide to wear flip-flops with
k goodness he didnt Clay balloon catastrophe **ONE** day when I was walking from my locker to see m
was so embarrassed My Mom Honked at My Crush **ONE** day I stayed home from school but I had to go
e and we would make small talk all the time. **ONE** day we got a really stupid assignment to docum
there mortified I passed out I was at school **ONE** day and we were watching this video that was R
barrassed I wanted to cry I ran into the net **ONE** day I was walking in the park and I saw a majo
the worst thing ever My principal caught me **ONE** day during my freshman year I was standing on
eek. I was mortified The toilet overflowed **ONE** day I went to my crushs house for the first ti
s so embarrassed I Tried to Impress My Crush **ONE** day I was hanging out with some of my friends
lly humiliated I Farted In Front Of My Crush **ONE** day in gym class I was talking to my crush and
we had to wear skirts and dresses every day. **ONE** day I didnt have any clean underwear except th
unded by a privacy gate we often go topless. **ONE** day we were doing just that when we noticed so
ight behind me My Brother Took My Thongs Out **ONE** day my crush and I were talking in my room and
l on that bus and heard it I Was Goofing Off **ONE** day I was sitting in the car with my mom at a
e were mortified I Fell in Front of my Crush **ONE** day at dismissal at my school I was running la
ush and I had been flirting for a while when **ONE** day he asked me out online. I said yes but fro
elt so stupid He read my AIM convo about him **ONE** day I had my crush over we were supposed to be
d back either They wrote our names in hearts **ONE** day I told this girl which guy I had a crush o
rtainly an interesting party. Flip-Flop Flop **ONE** day my mom and I were going to Wal-Mart. It ha
ing a bat Oops I fell for him I fell for him **ONE** day I went to a party knowing my crush would b
rush sits right in front of me at school and **ONE** day he turned around and winked. I totally tho

ound and blew a kiss at my crush. All of the **SUDDEN** I felt a big smack on my head--I crash
riend and we were just talking when all of a **SUDDEN** I called him by my exs name He got so
ke. I guess I ate too much because all of a **SUDDEN** I puked all over my friend And worst o
ipped in line for the team drills. All of a **SUDDEN** I heard laughing and sni ckering behin
 dancing talking and laughing when all of a **SUDDEN** I tripped on the cable that was connec
I ran away and hid behind a chair. All of a **SUDDEN** *my* crush came up behind me and sat on
arted acting all cool and stuff and all of a **SUDDEN** *my* hand hit *my* tray and *my* chocolate m
. I felt myself falling asleep but all of a **SUDDEN** *the* suitcase rolled out from under me
y room. We started talking and then all of a **SUDDEN** we started making out. Then we looked
yers plate I was at a big supermarket when I **SUDDENLY** got really hungry. The store always
ends I saw something flying right at me and **SUDDENLY** I was all wet and sticky It turned o
ared. I wasnt looking where I was going and **SUDDENLY** I walked smack into a pole in the mi
with my back to him looking for my money and **SUDDENLY** I farted really loud and stunk up th
I totally tripped on the stairs I didnt see **SUDDENLY** I slipped o ut because I didnt see t
ng out with my best friend watching TV when **SUDDENLY** *someone* grabbed my sides. I jumped a

N	File	Words	Hits	r 1,000	persion	Plot
1	cringe107.txt	160	1	6.25	-0.069	
2	cringe030.txt	97	1	10.31	-0.069	
3	cringe001.txt	89	1	11.24	-0.069	
4	cringe012.txt	85	1	11.76	-0.069	
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6	cringe072.txt	79	1	12.66	-0.069	
7	cringe136.txt	79	1	12.66	-0.069	
8	cringe091.txt	75	1	13.33	-0.069	
9	cringe110.txt	73	1	13.70	-0.069	
10	cringe103.txt	69	1	14.49	-0.069	
11	cringe011.txt	67	1	14.93	-0.069	
12	cringe069.txt	65	1	15.38	-0.069	
13	cringe029.txt	63	1	15.87	-0.069	
14	cringe105.txt	59	1	16.95	-0.069	
15	cringe055.txt	49	1	20.41	-0.069	
16	cringe098.txt	35	1	28.57	-0.069	

ot a hand full of his swim trunks. I was so **EMBARRASSED** because I had just totally felt up
it from a teenage girl I could tell he was **EMBARRASSED** but I was
I sat down in my chair I fell out I was so **EMBARRASSED** I Made a Fool of Myself I was at
up the hot guy was laughing at me. I was so **EMBARRASSED** I gave him a bloody nose I was ru
ne in the hallway was cracking up. I was so **EMBARRASSED** I Tripped Over My Hem It w as Chr
ard what I said and laughed at me. I was so **EMBARRASSED** I wanted to cry I ran into the ne
y crush was laughing at my mom and I was so **EMBARRASSED** I stained his jeans My boyfriend
sweet and made sure I was okay but I was so **EMBARRASSED** I took off my shirt in class I wa
isgust. My face turned bright red. I was so **EMBARRASSED** I Tried to Impress My Crush One d
told everyone. I was so humiliated. My mom **EMBARRASSED** me in front of my crush I was hav
d him by my exs name He got so mad I was so **EMBARRASSED**. Motion in the Ocean I was in the
rd in hearts and when he walked in I was so **EMBARRASSED** My crush walked in on me peeing I
with my thongs in front of my crush I was so **EMBARRASSED** My Mom Honked at My Crush One day
walking past. I felt really bad and was so **EMBARRASSED** My parents read my AIM conversati
ds the floor in front of everyone. I was so **EMBARRASSED** My Dad Picked Us Up in His Hippie
like Your shorts are on backwards I was so **EMBARRASSED** Shot Down Me and my friend were r
riend had let them go ahead of her I was so **EMBARRASSED** that I ran to find my seat and su
at him just to get his attention. I was so **EMBARRASSED** They Misheard Me I was walking to
really hard and I could have died I was so **EMBARRASSED** They placed bets on me falling I
but I was **EMBARRASSED** too and forgot to even give him a
e and ended up dislocating my toe It was so **EMBARRASSING** and it hurt I Walked into a Flag
s hanging out like a handkerchief It was so **EMBARRASSING** because you could tell they were
e on my face and a chipped tooth. IT WAS SO **EMBARRASSING** Didnt Have a Tampon One time I w
n me from being on the floor. It was really **EMBARRASSING** I got covered in milk I was leav
y ripped it and they heard it too It was so **EMBARRASSING**. My Underwear Was Showing I used
very mad at my guy friends. It was totally **EMBARRASSING** Nightmare Class For Valentines D
own and pretended like it never happened An **EMBARRASSING** slip After a soccer game our coa
riend on MSN telling her about this totally **EMBARRASSING** story I read. I copied and paste
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4	cringe034.txt	61	1	16.39	-0.069	
5	cringe039.txt	68	1	14.71	-0.069	
6	cringe056.txt	85	1	11.76	-0.069	
7	cringe057.txt	54	1	18.52	-0.069	
8	cringe060.txt	91	1	10.99	-0.069	
9	cringe062.txt	82	1	12.20	-0.069	
10	cringe063.txt	85	1	11.76	-0.069	
11	cringe083.txt	43	1	23.26	-0.069	
12	cringe085.txt	71	1	14.08	-0.069	
13	cringe088.txt	74	1	13.51	-0.069	
14	cringe096.txt	70	1	14.29	-0.069	
15	cringe098.txt	35	1	28.57	-0.069	
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Frequency of some key phrases in the *Seventeen* corpus (n = 137)

...this [really/totally] [hot/cute] [*male*] (x 10)

one day... (x 31)

all of a sudden/suddenly... (x 16)

I was so embarrassed./...it was so embarrassing. (x 25)

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Integrating discourse into the curriculum:

1. Collect short texts of the same genre
2. Compare texts of the same type, and identify generic features
3. Situate the text in its context of use, and its context of culture
4. Use corpus tools to identify lexical threads, keywords, clusters, etc
5. Identify both macro- and micro-features of the genre, including multi-modalities and intertextualities

6. Contrast texts that differ in one variable, e.g. spoken vs written; formals vs informal
7. Interrogate texts: Why is it the way it is? What discourse is it the trace of? Is there a sub-text? What is NOT said?
8. Compare and contrast genres and discourses across languages
9. Ask learners to respond to the text, reproduce it, subvert it

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