

Conversations come from the London-Lund Corpus (LLC) of Spoken English. The informal Conversation category (LLC_01) includes spontaneous conversations between intimates and distants. The speakers are British, and the recordings were made without the prior knowledge of the main participants. The Public Conversation category (LLC_05) consists of non-surreptitious public conversations between equals including committee and academic meetings as well as radio discussions.

Written narratives for this study come from the London-Oslo-Bergen (LOB) Corpus of Written English. The Popular Lore category includes texts from British magazines from the early 1960s. The narratives come from such magazines as *The Countrymen*, *Family Star*, *Woman's Mirror*, *London News*, *True Magazine*, and *Wine and Food*. The General Fiction category includes works published in 1961 by contemporary British short story writers like Vernon H. Bennett, Ithell Colquhoun, and David Hughes. The sample size and the types of data are shown in Table 1.

Table 1

Discourse Type and Sample Size

| Discourse Type | Data Source | Sample Size in Words |
|--------------------------|----------------|----------------------|
| Information Conversation | LLC_01 | 264,130 |
| Public Conversation | LLC_02 | 212,824 |
| Popular Lore | LOB Category F | 106,174 |
| General Fiction | LOB Category K | 69,950 |
| Total | | 653,078 |

Note. Sample sizes vary in part because of variance in the number of documents included in the discourse type categories and the average length of the documents in these categories.