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M1 Langues Appliquées ILTS Rédaction Technique
TD1 Technical Writing and Text Analysis

1. Register analysis : Revision

Field	What is going on, what the text is doing, what the text is about. Social activity (Syntactic Functions) Angle of Representation (Topic)
Tenor	Who is engaged in the interaction, and what their relationship is. Social roles (Distribution of Speech Functions) Social proximity / distance (Level of Formality) Speaker persona (Tone, Modality)
Mode	How language or text plays a part in the interaction, including the channel it takes Social interactivity (clause structure, interruptions, overlap)Level of Sponteneity (clause structure, lexical density, repetition)Communicative distance (cohesion: anaphoric, exophoric reference)

2. Register Analysis Exercise

Compare the following texts. What labels would you use to describe the main differences between them? What grammatical resources can be seen to be at work in each one?

Text 1	Just before the war, I happened to be in Lawrence country, Alabama. I was out walking, when I saw a school of minnows playing in the sunshine near the edge of the water. All at once a spider as large as the end of my finger dropped down among them from a tree hanging over the spring. The spider seized one of the minnows near the head. When the fish was dead, the spider moved off with it to the shore. The limb of the tree from which the spider lust have fallen was between ten and fifteen feet above the water. Its success shows that it had the judgment of a potential engineer. (source : <i>The Popular Science Monthly</i> , April 1877, 264)
Text 2	Spiders are predatory invertebrate animals that have two body segments, eight legs, no chewing mouth parts and no wings. They are classified in the order of <i>Araneae</i> , one of several orders within the larger class of <i>Arachnids</i> , a group that also contains scorpions, whip scorpions, mites, ticks, and opiliones (harvestmen). The study of spiders is called arachnology. <p style="margin-left: 40px;">All spiders produce silk, a thin, strong protein strand extruded by the spider from spinnerets most commonly found on the end of the abdomen. Many species use it to trap insects in webs, although there are also many species that hunt freely.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Spiders are found all over the world, from the tropics to the Arctic, living underwater in silken domes they supply with air, and on the tops of mountains. (source: www.en.wikipedia.org)</p>
Text 3	Do You Hate Spiders? If so, you are definitely not alone... I hate spiders too! In fact, over

<p>50% of the world's population suffer from arachnophobia. Yes, that's right, more than half of the people on this planet hate spiders! How can we stop them? Because of my own fear of spiders I have spent the last five years researching all the available methods out there to stop spiders in their tracks and prevent them from getting near us and ruining our daily lives. Some methods are common sense and others use all the current technology available to control spider occurrences and to deal with them if they dare show their ugly faces to us.</p> <p>Thanks to my spider controlling methods, my life is practically spider free now and my house is a much calmer place to be - just ask my boyfriend!</p> <p>What do we do now?</p> <p>You will find a lot of information throughout this website that will help you become as skilled as myself at preventing beastly spiders from getting near you or your home. But if you want a lazier fast-track way to get all this knowledge quickly then just press the magic button below and change your life forever...</p> <p>(source : http://www.spiderpanic.com/)</p>
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3. Text Typology

Look at the following examples and decide what kind of 'Genre' or text type each one belongs to. Then provide a contextual analysis (according to Field, Tenor and Mode). To support your analysis in each case, identify characteristic examples of language use from each extract.

1.	...the phone over my desk rang at four o'clock sharp, "Did you find Orrin yet,...
2.	...good afternoon, thank you for calling BT this is Linda speaking how can help you... hello erm yes I'm wanting erm a charge er yes a chargecard...
3.	...no it'll shut. So, try it now. That's better...
4.	...now I didn't come here to urge you to adopt Canada's health care system...
5.	...are erased away. Now, wouldn't you like to change your image?...
6.	...coat the fillets with breadcrumbs, press on firmly and fry in hot fat until nicely browned...
7.	...deal reached over Greece's debts. Eurozone states agree on safety net for debt-laden Greece...
8.	...even if you feel tremors of change in the air, if you maintain your position and don't rock the boat, you will sail through this month like a seasoned mariner...
9.	...so, you know, up I get, bad temper...
10.	...outside the hotel, set against a rough stone wall, was a long wooden bench. In the morning, after breakfast, Clive sat here to lace his boots...
11.	...but there are other causes of change, which, though slow in their operation, and

	invisible in their progress, are perhaps much superior to human resistance...
12.	...all are entitled to equal protection against any discrimination in violation of this Declaration and against any incitement to such discrimination....
13.	...I enclose herewith the Trust Deed document and shall be pleased if you will sign this where indicated in the presence of a Witness who should also sign ...
14.	... they hate to see a young nigga rich But I refuse to switch even though cause I can't move to the snow cause soon as y'all get some dough...
15.	...when I had burned off the last syllables of wind, a fresh wind rose and lingered...
16.	...Many learner drivers tend to put too much pressure on the footbrake, and so lock the wheels. But every driver should remember that the amount of brake pressure he / she can apply safely depends on the state of the road surface....
17.Whatever you want for your repairs, it'll cost less at B & Q...
18.The mummified body of a 5,300-year-man discovered in the Dolomites on the Austro-Italian border completed a controversial journey yesterday to an Italian museum
19.Lightly lubricate the cylinder head retaining bolt threads and under the head with clean engine oil and screw in the bolts finger tight.....
20.	...Once upon a time, there was a little girl who lived with her mother in a tiny house in the middle of a BIG forest...