The following is a transcript of the early part of a conversation between three adults in a pub one evening.

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MARK: hey I tell you what though (.) heard this great phone in on the radio the other

night (.) erm (.) bout (.) about how people have (.) erm (.) things which make em

famous

SHAUN: what (1.0) like (.) objects (.) possessions

MARK: no::: (.) things which they have done which (.) links em to f (.) famous people

SHAUN: I don.t get it

MARK: okay (.) like one of the guys that rang in said (.) said he had worn Geoff Capes.s1wetsuit to go waterskiing (.) cos he was a friend of Geoff Capes.s son (.) who was with him when he needed a wetsuit (.) n his dad.s wetsuit was in the boot of his car

RICHARD: Christ (.) that must have been some wetsuit (.) I.ll bet you could.ve got two people into it

MARK: (*laughs*)

SHAUN: who.s Geoff Capes

MARK: you thick shit

RICHARD: oh for God.s sake

SHAUN: we:::ll (.) I.m (1.0) twenty years younger than you two

MARK: yeah (.) you just wanna watch me n Rich later tonight mate (0.5) live n learn boy (.) live n learn

RICHARD: I dunno what you got in mind (.) but I.ve got a patio to lay tomorrow

MARK: always an excuse isn.t there

(*laughter from all three*; silence of 9 seconds)

RICHARD: actually (.) I.ve got a friend who.s got a genuine claim to fame

MARK: let.s hear it then

RICHARD: we:::ll (.) it.s one of me examinin colleagues (.) we were staying at a hotel in York (1.0) overnight (1.0) an I saw him goin out runnin in the morning (.) as I was goin down fer breakfast (1.0) so I asked him later on (.) are you a serious runner then Andy (.) n.e said yeah (.) I.ve always tried to keep fit n stay at a good (.) standard (1.0) so I said (.) what standard (.) like d.you do marathons an stuff (0.5) n.e said (.) yeah (.) so I asked him (.) to what standard (.) n.e was a bit cagey (.) so I said (.) national (.) a:::nd he replied (.) actually beyond that (.) so I said what (.) international (.) and he said (.) no (1.0) Olympic actually

MARK: shut up

RICHARD: honest to God (.) so I said (.) how did you do (.) an. he said

SHAUN: *(laughs)*

RICHARD: what y.laughin at

SHAUN: as if you know an Olympic runner

RICHARD: lemme finish the story first before yer have a go (0.5) so I asked him how he had done (.) n.e said (.) well I won a gold medal actually (.) but it was as part of a team (.) the modern pentathlon

MARK: right (1.0) s:::o (1.0) let.see (2.0) was that in 76 (1.0) or er:::m (1.0) Montreal (.) I think

RICHARD: erm yeah (.) think yer right (2.0) wasn.t Munich was it

MARK: na::::h (.) Munich was 72 (.) the one they.ve just made the film about

RICHARD: cuh (.) anyone.d think yer a P.E. teacher

MARK: (*laughs*)

SHAUN: when was the last time you saw him run around in a lesson then (.) he he (.) .e only needs to be fit enough to switch the video on (.) to show an episode of Grandstand

MARK: le (.) let.s get all the stereotypes in about P.E. teachers shall we

SHAUN: okay then <MARK *groans*>

RICHARD: I think that was (.) sarcasm Shaun

MARK: so what.sis name then

RICHARD: actually (.) there.s more yet (.) not only did he win a gold medal (.) he was also B.B.C. (.) sports personality of the year (.) well the team personality anyway

MARK: that was Jim Fox2 wasn.t it (.)

RICHARD: yeah (.) that.s the one (.) I.m just as impressed that you knew the year actually Mark

SHAUN: my dentist has met Jordan3

RICHARD: bloody hell (.) you prat

SHAUN: no (.) seriously

MARK: I.ll get some more beers in shall I

RICHARD: think I might come with yer if .e.s gonna talk about bloody Jordan

In this transcript, four young men are talking during their lunch hour about the possibility of an evening out together. They are then joined by two young women during the course of the conversation. They are all known to one another.

Explore the ways in which the speakers use language in this exchange to convey their feelings and views.

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Phil: right (.) we goin out tonight then or what

Steve: yeah::: (.) .sabout time we went (*inaudible*)

Dave: Bar 661 for me like (1.0) cheap drinks on a Thursday (.) you comin Matt

Matt: nah::: (.) I.ve got a ticket for the match

Phil: yer what (.) to go and watch that pile of shite (.) I.d rather have me (.) me eyeballs washed in acid than go an see them

Steve: (*laughs*) too right

Matt: fff::: (1.0) get lost the pair of yer (.) anyhow (.) it was only five quid a ticket (1.0)

I.ll come on out on Sat.day though (.) the olds are off to the flicks2 (.) so I.ll be on

me tod

Phil: (*laughs*) the olds (.) yer mean y.mam an dad (.) why don.t yer speak properly

Steve: girls girls (.) let.s stop this now shall we (*laughs*)

Dave: yeah (1.0) it.s cheapo drinks tonight though Matt (.) .snot on a weekend (.) hey

why doan yer come before the match

Phil: .sno good speakin to him Dave (.) hey yeah (.) good idea (.) yer could couldn.t yer (.) then you could meet us afterwards (.) then we could go off to a club

Matt: well:::::

Phil: come o::n (.) we.ll meet you at seven (.) what time.s kick-off

Matt: eight o.clock

Phil: yer.ll get a quick one3 in before (.) an then we.ll text yer to tell yer where we.ve

got to (.) erm (.) Yates4 or (*inaudible*)

Dave: the Drunken Parrot5

Matt: I.m a bit strapped like (.) haven.t been paid yet (1.0) which club are you thinkin of (*laughs*)

Steve: Triple X6

Phil: (*laughs*) not a chance (*laughs*)

Dave: (*laughing*) nah (.) nah

(Abi and Heather enter the conversation)

Abi: what are you lot gigglin about

Phil: hiya

Heather: hi

Steve: just talkin about goin out tonight

Abi: oh (.) where yer goin

Phil: Steve was tellin us that he fancied goin to Triple X

Dave and Matt: (*laugh*)

Steve: it was a just a daft suggestion

Abi: aww (.) you wouldn.t go there would you Ste

Steve: er:::: (1.0) I might do (1.0) if I.d had enough to drink (*laughs*)

Abi: God I.m well disappointed in you

Matt: that.s your chances gone mate

Steve: yeah (.) .sif I stood any chance with Dan around

Heather: woo:: Steve (.) I didn.t know you cared

(*Collective laughter*)

Matt: well I won.t be joining you (.) it sounds too expensive for me

Steve: I was just jokin about Triple X Matt

Matt: I still don.t think I can afford it (.) anyway I.m having a pizza with me old man (.)

before the game

Heather: oh:: (.) I.m goin to the match tonight Matt (.) are y.goin to The Crown7 for a drink beforehand

Dave: he was supposed to be comin to Bar 66 with us

Matt: what it is to be in demand eh (*laughs*)