

Question Answers Study Annotation Guideline

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In this study we are interested in the phenomenon of answering a query with a query. In the attached file you will find 100 samples of question-question-response pairs (with added context). In what follows, we will use q_1 for the initial question posed and q_2 for a question given as a response to q_1 .

The task is to ascribe each q_2 into one of the following categories:

Tag	question-answer type
CR	clarification requests
DP	dependent questions
FORM	questions considering the way of answering q_1
MOTIV	questions about the underlying motivations behind asking q_1
NO ANSW	questions aimed at avoiding answering q_1
QA	questions providing an answer to q_1
IGNORE	questions ignoring q_1
IND	questions with a presupposed answer

In the annotation file we use the following conventions:

- an utterance which is q_1 is written in *italics*;
- an utterance which is q_2 is written with **bold font**;
- a context is marked with grey coloured font.

During the classification process, please use the following questions:

1. Is q_2 a query about something not completely understood in q_1 ?
example:
A: Why are you in?
B: What?
If yes, then it is CR
2. Is it the case that the answer to q_1 depends on the answer to q_2 ?
example:
A: Do you want me to <pause> push it round?
B: Is it really disturbing you? [FM1, 679-680]
(cf. *Whether I want you to push it depends on whether it really disturbs you.*)
If yes, then it is DP
3. Does q_2 address the motivation underlying asking q_1 ?
example:
A: What's the matter?
B: Why? [HDM, 470-471]
If yes, then it is MOTIV
4. Is it the case that q_2 enables the speaker to avoid answering q_1 while attempting to force the other speaker to answer q_2 first?
example:
A: Why is it recording me?
B: Well why not? [KSS, 43-44]
If yes, then it is NO ANSW

5. Is it the case that the way the answer to q_1 will be given depends on the answer to q_2 ? *If yes, then it is FORM*
 example:
A: Okay then, Hannah, what, what happened in your group?
B: Right, do you want me to go through every point? [K75, 220–221]
6. Is it the case that q_2 is rhetorical and in this sense it does not need to be answered and provides (indirectly) an answer to q_1 ? *If yes, then it is QA*
 example:
A: Are you Gemini?
B: Well if I'm two days away from your, what do you think? [KPA, 3603–3604]
 (cf. *of course I am Gemini*)
7. Is it the case that by asking q_2 an agent already presupposes the answer to q_1 . *If yes, then it is IND*
 example:
A: have you tasted this?
B: are they nice? [KPY, 653–654]
 (cf. *no, I have not tasted this*)
8. Does q_2 ignore q_1 but at the same time is related to the situation described by q_1 ? *If yes, then it is IGNORE*
 example:
A: Just one car is it there?
B: Why is there no parking there? *<unclear>* [KP1, 7882–7883]
 (*A asks a question, which is ignored by B. It is not that B does not want to answer A's question and that's why he/she asks q_2 . Rather, B ignores q_1 and asks a question related to the situation*)
9. If none of the above fits, please mark q_2 as OTHER.