Transcript for Chapter 14 Exercise 8

Dinner Table Conversation (Gleason)
(Transcript streamlined)

Participants: CHI Victor [2;4], MOT Mother, FAT Father, HOW (Unidentified)

The following excerpts from this CHILDES transcript have been reformatted and renumbered consecutively here for convenience. Asterisks mark places where material from the original transcript has been omitted.

Transcription symbols:

  < >  Produced in overlap with surrounding talk
  :  Lengthening of preceding sound
  (.)  Very brief silent pause
  (..)  Somewhat longer pause
  (…)  Rather long silent pause
  …  Utterance trails off
  xxx  Unintelligible utterance

1  CHI:  can I have a (.) spoon: ?
2  MOT:  <a spoon> ?
3  MOT:  <sure> .
4  CHI:  <xxx want that> .
5  MOT:  do you want a spoon ?
6  CHI:  yeah I want ...
7  MOT:  xxx you can have one .
8  CHI:  I want that one .
9  MOT:  this one ?
10  MOT:  the big one you want the big one ?
11  MOT:  or you want a smaller one ?
12  FAT:  xxx (.) it's kind of hot I think maybe you want a s ...
13  FAT:  nice cool small spoon.
14  FAT:  here's one here.
15  CHI:  I: xxx to eat now.
16  FAT:  okay.
17  MOT:  it's a little hot still a little ...
18  MOT:  but the salad is cold.
19  CHI:  Daddy xxx is this hot?
20  FAT:  no it's cool it's the salad.
21  CHI:  xxx eat some?
22  FAT:  yes you may.
23  CHI:  I want a toma:to.
24  FAT:  <here>.
25  CHI:  <I want>.
26  FAT:  tomato?
27  FAT:  here.
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28  MOT:  <he might need help cutting>.
29  FAT:  do you want a tomato?
30  FAT:  here.
31  CHI:  uh a:h I can’t (.) cut it won’t cut how do you tut?
32  CHI:  xxx.
33  FAT:  cut?
34  FAT:  well (.) this meat is too hard to cut with a spoon we’ll have to use a knife.
35  FAT:  xxx well no (.) it won’t work for you.
36  CHI:  Ma I want to xxx now.
37  MOT:  xxx you’re hungry, huh.
38  FAT:  okay I’ll cut this meat.
39  CHI:  you take that.
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40 FAT: you may keep the spoon. I'll cut the meat in small pieces and then
41 FAT: you can eat it with your spoon, okay?
42 CHI: that's a knife and that's a fork?
43 FAT: that's right.
44 CHI: that's xxx and that's the knife?
45 FAT: that's right.
46 CHI: look how long (i)s the knife.
47 FAT: [laughs].
48 FAT: that's the one that (do)es the cutting.
49 CHI: and what's that?
50 FAT: you know what this is.
51 CHI: let's eat.
52 FAT: xxx.
53 FAT: just eat.
54 CHI: now!
55 CHI: do you want some of my food Mama?
56 MOT: <no thank_you>.
57 FAT: <I do> ... 
58 FAT: I have some right here.
59 MOT: I got some here.
60 CHI: you want some?
61 FAT: I I got some.
62 MOT: you want some of mine?
63 CHI: here Papa?
64 FAT: Thank you. I'll eat that little piece right now. would you like some
65 FAT: of mine?
66 CHI: yeah.
67 FAT: good. okay.
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68 MOT: tell Papa about when you went outside today?
69 FAT: try this please.
70 FAT: where did you go?
71 CHI: I don’t know.
72 FAT: [laughing] you don’t know?
73 CHI: no.
74 FAT: what’d you see?
75 CHI: what?
76 FAT: what did you see?
77 CHI: no: tur.
78 MOT: not tellin(g) huh?
79 CHI: what kind do you have?
80 MOT: kind of what?
81 CHI: what(t) kind do you have?
82 FAT: what kind of what do I have?
83 CHI: what kind of food do you have?
84 MOT: laughs.
85 FAT: oh I have beef Stroganoff.
86 FAT: do you have beef too?
87 CHI: yeah.
88 FAT: it’s kind of meat.
89 MOT: he watched it get made.
90 MOT: that corn might be.
91 MOT: put your fork in and if it’s really stiff it’s not done.
92 FAT: it’s stiff.
93 MOT: or it’s overdone.
94 MOT: laughs.
95 FAT: no I’m tryin(g) to think vegetables get (...) stiffer I guess mushrooms do I don’t think <corn gets (...) stiffer again>.
[Father talks to HOW, who comes to borrow a car.]

118 MOT: you're doing a good job.

119 CHI: you're doing good dob [= job] too.

120 MOT: oh thanks Babe hmm.

121 CHI: I'm eating some of Poppa's.

122 MOT: are you, that's fine.
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123  CHI:  where is Poppa ?
124  MOT:  he went to the door for a minute, he'll be right back .
125  CHI:  what is that ?
126  CHI:  are it a ticktocker ?
127  MOT:  hmm ?
128  CHI:  that a ticktock ?
129  MOT:  ticktock ?
130  MOT:  clock ?
131  MOT:  no that's a taperecorder .

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132  MOT:  here's some ...
133  MOT:  I'm putting a little more meat on my plate .
134  CHI:  I want it .
135  MOT:  if you want it ...
136  MOT:  should I put it right on yours ?
137  CHI:  yeah .
138  MOT:  <okay it's hot> .
139  CHI:  <I want some (.)> torn .
140  MOT:  the corn is still just (.) too just too hot for you .
141  MOT:  <it's> ...
142  MOT:  <can you see the steam> ?
143  CHI:  <I want on my plate> .
144  MOT:  I know but if you bump your arm on it, it will really burn you, do you see the steam on it ?
145  CHI:  yeah what <was that> ?
146  MOT:  <well that's the reason> that was the (.) corn water .
147  CHI:  xxx thing .
148  MOT:  mhm splat !
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149  MOT:  milk and butter.
150  CHI:  Momma?
151  CHI:  <I want some .) what xxx you have> /.
152  MOT:  <here's the butter> .

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153  FAT:  okay this is your corn.
154  FAT:  it's still a little bit hot (..) and we put butter on it that ...
155  FAT:  oh ya know what?
156  FAT:  we have little corn holders, don't we?
157  MOT:  oh I don't know where.
158  MOT:  xxx go and fetch them [laughing] .
159  FAT:  sure there's one.
160  [looking in drawer]
161  MOT:  that's enough salt hon, just xxx use y a little bit (7.) .

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162  CHI:  <wha > what's this?
163  FAT:  that's a corn holder, that's to help you hold it.
164  CHI:  xxx .
165  CHI:  is it hot?
166  FAT:  a little bit.
167  CHI:  xxx mine.
168  FAT:  yours too.
169  FAT:  you eat one and then you're gonna have the other one.
170  MOT:  laughs.
171  MOT:  you're hungry!
172  CHI:  no it's hot.
173  FAT:  okay then you have_to wait.
174  CHI:  what's that little thing?
that's a corn holder.

it's a handle.

I want some in the I want some in there too.

when ...

<can't> find them honey [laughs].

laughs.

<I want> ...

when you finish this one then you take it out and put it in this one.

xxx.

xxx.

I [/] I ...

what is this?

what is this?

I [/] I [/] what is this?

it's (.) uh (.) on my plate (.) and (.) uh (.) don't worry about it and the corn will get cool soon.

xxx .

<y know that> [/] you know that corn that comes in a can (.)

we open (4.)?

you know that kind?

just let it cool and eat your other food.

<this is the same kind> (4.).

but why is it there?

why is that there?

yeah .

I put it there to help you hold the corn.

I'm going to dunna [: gonna] eat it right now.
202   FAT:    [ sighs ] . 
203   MOT:    no you’re not . 
204   FAT:    don’t eat it right now well (.) it’ll be waiting for you . 

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205   CHI:    Poppa let me up .
206   CHI:    xxx wants to be like this .
207   CHI:    Mommy …
208   MOT:    oh this corn is so good !
209   CHI:    I wan …
210   CHI:    Mommy ?
211   CHI:    I don’t wan …
212   MOT:    what’s the matter ?
213   CHI:    <I don’t wan> …
214   FAT:    <what do you want> ?
215   MOT:    what’s the matter ?
216   CHI:    what happened ?
217   CHI:    xxx .
218   CHI:    I wanna go outside .
219   MOT:    I don’t understand, before you eat your corn or dessert ?
220   CHI:    yeah .
221   MOT:    that’s crazy !
222   FAT:    mm [laughs] .
223   CHI:    go outside .
224   MOT:    I’d like you to do a little more .
225   CHI:    no: .
226   FAT:    <alright you> …
227   MOT:    <now is that> corn too <hot to eat> ?
228   FAT:    <you may go> outside but I’m staying here (.) until I finish my
dinner.

231  FAT:  and I'm not coming with you until I finish my dinner.

232  CHI:  I want some torn!

233  MOT:  oo give him some corn.

234  FAT:  oh!

235  MOT:  are you gonna have a ball game after dinner?

236  CHI:  yeh.

237  MOT:  which kind of ball game would you play?

238  FAT:  there it's <cool now>.

239  CHI:  <my new>...

240  MOT:  your new kind?

241  CHI:  yeah.

242  MOT:  what kind is your new kind?

243  CHI:  wawfa [= Wiffle].

244  MOT:  woofer [= Wiffle] ball.

245  MOT:  [laughs].

246  CHI:  [laughs].

247  MOT:  Wiffle [snickers].

248  MOT:  it's awful hot but it's awful good.

249  CHI:  I don't want it hot.

250  MOT:  I don't want it hot either.

251  MOT:  it'll be cool very soon.

252  CHI:  I want a big one.

253  FAT:  [grunts].

254  CHI:  big big!

255  MOT:  big ones hotter.

256  CHI:  can I have one?
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257 MOT: you can have mine but it's hotter still it's very hot woah!
258 CHI: is it hot?
259 MOT: yeah.
260 MOT: now which one do I get?
261 CHI: Poppa's.
262 MOT: laughs.
263 FAT: [grunts].
264 CHI: xxx.
265 MOT: I think I got a raw deal (.) here.
266 FAT: xxx.
267 FAT: of course xxx.
268 MOT: o:h mm: xxx.
269 FAT: hmm hmm hmm hmm hmm.
270 FAT: [clears throat].
271 CHI: is it hot?
272 MOT: yeah a little bit.
273 MOT: what are you eating the corn or the butter?
274 CHI: the torn.
275 MOT: good.
276 CHI: I mean the butter.
277 FAT: mm [laughing].
278 MOT: I thought so.
279 CHI: this is hot.
280 MOT: mhm.
281 CHI: real hot.
282 MOT: someone showed you that good way to butter on?
283 CHI: lick (.). my finger.
284 MOT: hmm?
[Mother and Father talk about a new restaurant opening up nearby]

292 CHI: here Mommy what's this ?
293 MOT: what is that ?
294 CHI: I don't know .
295 MOT: don't put it in your mouth .
296 CHI: why ?
297 MOT: it's ... 
298 MOT: no no <it's a sharp point> 
299 FAT: <it's sharp> 
300 MOT: stick it in your corn but not in your mouth . 
301 MOT: could I have some um (.) club soda ? 
302 FAT: mhm [sighs] .
303 CHI: I want some too .
304 MOT: I'll give you some green lime (.) lemonlime .
305 [pouring drink]
306 CHI: I licked my finger .
307 MOT: mhm .
308 CHI: doesn’t it feel good , Ma ?
309 MOT: actually I'm picking my tooth .
310 MOT: you really need to brush your teeth after corn (.) ya know ?
311 MOT: here xxx .
312 CHI: it's mine .
313 MOT: it is yours I know.
314 CHI: Ma where's yours?
315 MOT: I ate mine.
316 MOT: I ate my whole piece of corn.
317 MOT: this other half is your half if you want it.
318 MOT: switching?
318 CHI: yuh [= yeah].
320 CHI: xxx.
321 CHI: Poppa?
322 CHI: we're sharing.
323 FAT: xxx.
324 CHI: <we're sharing>.
325 MOT: hmm: we're sharing.
326 FAT: oh boy!
327 CHI: where's Poppa's?
328 MOT: he's (...) busy scraping.
329 FAT: <I ate mine>.
330 CHI: what?
331 FAT: I ate mine.
332 CHI: where is it?
333 FAT: my corn?
334 CHI: yeah.
335 FAT: well it was all gone and I took the middle called the cob and I threw it in the trash.
336 MOT: we were calling it the ear.
337 FAT: oh really [laughing]?
338 MOT: laughs.
339 CHI: what's wear?
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340 MOT: ear ?
341 CHI: yeah .
342 MOT: <an ear of corn (..)> .
343 FAT: right .
344 MOT: or corn on the cob .
345 FAT: <corn on the cob> .
346 MOT: <same thing> .
347 FAT: an ear of corn has a cob right in the middle of it .
349 MOT: you don’t eat straight butter .
350 CHI: <why: > ?
351 MOT: <xxx > ...
352 MOT: you just don’t it’s really not good for .
353 FAT: xxx .
354 CHI: <wa:h > .
355 MOT: here .
356 MOT: put it on your corn .
357 MOT: that’s okay .
358 MOT: I’m sorry .