



## Student Resource

### *Transcript for Chapter 14 Exercise 8*

Dinner Table Conversation (Gleason)

<http://childes.talkbank.org/browser/index.php?url=Eng-NA/Gleason/Dinner/victor.cha>

(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 ...*



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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: *wha(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> .*

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- 96 MOT: *hmm* .
- 97 MOT: *<it (do)es>* .
- 98 FAT: *yeah* .
- 99 MOT: *mhm yes it (do)es* .
- 100 CHI: *Pop Pop ?*
- 101 FAT: *mhm ?*
- 102 CHI: *xxx xxx ...*
- 103 CHI: *xxx (.) xxx ?*
- 104 FAT: *I beg your pardon ?*
- 105 FAT: *[laughs]* .
- 106 MOT: *[laughs]* .
- 107 CHI: *an and that fork and that's your knife ?*
- 108 FAT: *yeah ?*
- 109 FAT: *and ?*
- 110 FAT: *I I use them to eat* .
- 111 CHI: *what ?*
- 112 FAT: *<what> what are you eating with ?*
- 113 CHI: *I'm eating this* .
- 114 FAT: *oh how do you eat it ?*
- 115 MOT: *how is it ?*
- 116 CHI: *like this* .
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- 117 [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 ?*

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- 175 FAT: *that's a corn holder .*
- 176 FAT: *it's a handle .*
- 177 CHI: *I want some in the I want some in there too .*
- 178 FAT: *when ...*
- 179 MOT: *<can't> find them honey [laughs] .*
- 180 FAT: *laughs .*
- 181 CHI: *<I want> ...*
- 182 FAT: *when you finish this one then you take it out and put it in*  
183 *this one .*
- 184 CHI: *xxx .*
- 185 MOT: *xxx .*
- 186 CHI: *I [//] I ...*
- 187 CHI: *what is this ?*
- 188 CHI: *what is this ?*
- 189 CHI: *I [//] I [//] what is this ?*
- 190 FAT: *it's (.) uh (.) on my plate (..) and (.) uh (.) don't worry about it and the corn will*  
*get cool soon .*
- 191 CHI: *xxx .*
- 192 MOT: *<you know that> [//] you know that corn that comes in a can (.)*  
193 *we open (4.) ?*
- 194 MOT: *you know that kind ?*
- 195 FAT: *just let it cool and eat your other food .*
- 196 MOT: *<this is the same kind> (4.) .*
- 197 CHI: *but why is it there ?*
- 198 FAT: *why is that there ?*
- 199 CHI: *yeah .*
- 200 FAT: *I put it there to help you hold the corn .*
- 201 CHI: *I'm going to dunna [: gonna] [?] eat it right now .*



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- 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*

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- 229                    *dinner .*
- 230     CHI:         *no: !*
- 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 ?*

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- 285 CHI: *lick my finger .*
- 286 FAT: *[snickers] .*
- 287 MOT: *I don't wanna lick your finger .*
- 288 FAT: *you lick your finger .*
- 289 MOT: *laughs .*
- 290 CHI: *you lick your finger .*
- 291 [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 .*

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- 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 .*
- 348 MOT: *Victor Aaron: no: dear no: xxx .*
- 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 .*