

LIN 100 B05W

Sociolinguistic Analysis of a TV Sitcom

Your midterm project for LIN 100 will be to conduct a sociolinguistic analysis of a 30- minute TV sitcom of your choice. In order to begin your project, I suggest that you follow these steps:

1. Choose a sociolinguistic phenomenon that you might find interesting. It would be easiest if you choose only one aspect. For your topic, you could something like language and gender, pragmatics, conversational style, etc. If you are unsure what to choose, please schedule a meeting with me.
2. View your TV sitcom and look at the ways your sociolinguistic phenomenon occur in the dialogue. Be sure to make notes of this for use in your write-up.
3. Conduct some library research and connect what you see in your sitcom with existing scholarship on the matter.
4. Write a 3-5 page paper in which you do the following:
  - a) Present the sociolinguistic phenomenon under scrutiny (what you are looking at),
  - b) Display the data related to your topic (what the characters/actors SAY to one another), and
  - c) Conduct an analysis of the phenomenon in relationship to what scholars have written about previously (connecting what you are seeing in the data to what others are have seen).

NOTE WELL: All students are expected to use proper attribution of sources. Please make sure you cite both in-text and at the end (in a separate reference page). Please use APA.

Please send the write to me via email as an attachment (in WORD or as a PDF only) by May 2. Please let me know if you have any questions.