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CLASS 4: QUESTIONS

TERMINOLOGY: SOME OPPOSITIONS

clause types (declarative, interrogative, imperative, exclamative)

clause type vs. sentence type

question vs. interrogative

open question vs. closed question

open interrogative vs. closed interrogative

answer vs. response

CLOSED INTERROGATIVES

- the notion of *form*
- subject, auxiliaries, and inversion
- auxiliary insertion (“dummy *do*”)
- role of negation (and inversion)
- intonation types (rising, falling)

LOOKING AT QUESTIONS

- *polar questions vs. alternative questions*
- intonation
- *interrogative tags*
- reversed polarity tags (dialects? registers?)

OPEN INTERROGATIVES

- interrogative phrase (fronting, case)
- *who* or *whom* ? — function and *style level*
- multiple interrogative (phrase)s

OTHER ISSUES

- (open) *questions* and (their) *answers*
- replacement phrase (*personal vs. non-personal*)
- *information question vs. direct question*
- *echo question* (stimulus)