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## CLASS 5–7: QUESTIONS ABOUT 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. *direction question*
- *echo question* (stimulus)

### OTHER TERMINOLOGY

*acceptability* (✓ / \* / # / %)

*insertion* (into / deriving the  
*derivation* syntactic structure)

*economy* / *last resort*

