

24.903 PROBLEM SET #1

Expected length: No more than 2 pages

The Assignment

- Collect four random naturally occurring utterances during your day tomorrow (for example, whatever you last said or wrote at 11:30am, 1:30pm, 3:30pm, and 5:30pm).
- For each of the utterances,
 1. describe the context in which it occurred;
 2. describe the purpose it was meant to serve;
 3. describe what background knowledge your addressee needed to understand your utterance.