

## Recurrent errors at BA and MA defences

### Grammar

- The use of articles
- Indirect questions

### Expressions-constructions

x **what** (not *how*) it looks like, the way to do it (not *the way how to do it*)

x as usual (no adverbial suffix)

x in his (her, my) opinion (not *according to him (her, me...)*)

x one of the reasons, one of the chapters

x he distinguishes

x any (meaning no), sympathetic (meaning likeable)

### PRONUNCIATION

**Segmental: th voiced:** the other x the udder

**th voiceless:** thousand, mythical

**open ash:** static, chapter, Germanic, classified, pragmatic

**Liaison:** in terms\_ of\_ importance, of\_ other\_ elements, impressive\_ accomplishment, co'mmunicative\_ goal

**Misplaced stresses:** 'admirable, characte'ristic, co'mmunicate, con'sider, con'tinue, con'tribute, con'vincing, hi'storical, intelli'gibility, it'self, par'ticular, per 'cent, persu'asive, phe'nomenon, suc'cessful

**Mispronounced names:** Grice, Trudgill, Deborah, Sarah, Noah

**Mispronounced words:** ambi'guity, to 'analyse, a'nonymous, s/he 'analyses, a'nalysis *sg.*, a'nalyses *pl.*, basic, change, com'pose, com'ponent, con'sist, cri'terion, de'cisive, de'cision, de'terminate, di'mension, di'ploma, e'xamine, focus, half, hy'pothesis *sg.*, hy'potheses *pl.*, insist, le'gitimate, novel, o'ccur, o'ccurrence, own, problem, 'process, to pro'cess, pro'cession, psycho'logical, their, they're, theo'retical, theore'tician, theorist, theory, thesis, theses, u'nanimous.

