

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.

