

## 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.

