

# Conjectural, Deliberative, Non-Intrusive, Reflexive, Self-Addressed or What? Why Bother?

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Lyons (1977:755) distinguished acts of asking a question from acts of “posing” a question, i.e., putting a question up for reflection, discussion etc. Several languages seem to possess non-standard interrogatives that specialize for the latter function. We will review the empirical and theoretical literature on these, with a particular eye on Hungarian. Some surprising cross-linguistic differences will lead us to discuss what appear to be fundamental gaps in existing approaches to the grammar-pragmatics “interface.”

Reference:

John Lyons. 1977. *Semantics*. Cambridge University Press, Cambridge.