

*2 right*: this is an all-purpose question tag; tags are added at the end of a clause and typically ask the listener for confirmation – sometimes called a ‘response getter’.

*Cool*: an evaluative ‘insert’: inserts are stand-alone elements that are common in spoken language and have a variety of functions.

*Yeah*: another type of insert, this time functioning as a positive response to the previous utterance.

*Mm-hmm*: A ‘back-channel’ device, i.e. a way that listeners indicate they are following the conversation but, for the moment, are not intending to launch a turn. *Great, Okay, Wow, Phew* (later in the conversation) are also back-channel devices.

*kinda (kind of)*: indicates lack of assertion or vagueness.

*y’know*: an appeal to shared knowledge, often serving to engage with the listener.

*Oh my gosh*: Another insert, signalling the speaker’s appraisal of what follows.

*like*: like *kinda*, this indicates that what follows is not exact.

*I mean*: a common monitoring device, whereby the speaker corrects or re-phrases what they have just said; on its own it can register surprise or indignation.

*That's crazy:* An evaluative backchannel device – evaluating what the speaker is saying is an important listener role.

*But:* Another insert – the listener is signalling the contrast from ‘That’s crazy’ to ‘Good training’.

*Good training:* the listener sums up the gist of the previous speaker’s turn in order to demonstrate understanding and to show empathy.