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APPLIED LINGUISTICS AND FOREIGN LANGUAGE TEACHING;

A NON-WESTERN PERSPECTIVE

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Introduction

field of foreign and/or second language teaching is so vast that it may be useful, at the outset, to indicate the exact context of my discussion. First, I will not make any distinction between foreign and second language teaching: This distinction is not very clear-cut from the perspective of a majority of non-Western countries. Ι will return to this point later. Secondly. as the issues arise, acquisition, second l anguage second second language teaching. and All three are related in the context of language education. Thirdly, I will confine myself to posing some questions applied for linguistics and language teaching. Ι am particularly concerned with the theoretical framework in second acquisition research, and the methodology of second language teaching.

Second vs. Foreign Language

First, let me address the question of second vs. foreign Ιt is true that historically speaking, English and French are foreign languages in several parts of the world where they were introduced by the colonial The countries where these two languages are used in



the present post-colonial era are referred to as Anglophone and Francophone, respectively. In these nations, English and French longer foreign languages, are nø they are used intranationally for purposes such administration. as education, and legal services. Hence, they are the most prominent second languages in these countries. Nations where English has become a prominent second language are listed in 1 below:

Non-English mother tongue countries where English has official status:

Botswana Burma Camroon Ethiopia Fiji Gambia Ghana India Israel Kenya Lesotho Liberia Malawi Malaysia Malta Mauritius Namibia

Nauru
Nigeria
Pakistan
Philippines
Sierra Leone
Singapore
*South Africa
Sri Lanka
Sudan
Swaziland
Tanzania
Tonga
Uganda
Western Samoa
Zambia

(Fishman, Cooper and Conrad 1977: 10,12)

Zimbabwe

(*The language situation is quite complex in South Africa, but is not relevant to our discussion)

What is true of English in the above countries is true of French in the Francophone countries of Africa. In the following countries of Africa, French is the medium of education and hence, of administration, etc.:

Former French colonies where French is the medium of education:

Algeria Benin Mali Mauritania Burund:
Central African Republic
Chad
Congo
Djibouti
Gabon
Guinea
Ivory Coast
Madagaskar

Morocco
Niger
Rwands
Senegal
Togo
Tunisia
United Rep. of Cameroon
Upper Volta
Zaire

(Bokamba 1985)

What is true of English and French in the countries listed in 1 and 2 above is true of Spanish and Portuguese in Latin America. Since I am most familiar with the Anglophone parts of the world, my subsequent discussion will focus on English in non-native contexts. I will particularly concentrate on English as a Second Language (ESL) as a representative case of second/foreign language teaching. This is perfectly justifiable on the grounds that a great deal of research in the area of Second Language Acquisition (SLA) is devoted to ESL all over the world.

SLA research: The state of the art

the paradigms of research in the field second language acquisition, this area has been approached from four major standpoints in the past three decades. first approach took the position that one's first or native language either helps or hinders one in learning subsequent language. Therefore, a careful comparison of the structures of the native and target languages is essential for effective language teaching. This approach, known as the CONTRASTIVE ANALYSIS HYPOTHESIS, was advocated by such welllinguists and langauge educators as Charles Fries and



Robert Lado (Fries 1945 and Lado 1957). A number σf contrastive analyses of well-known languages appeared and it was taken for granted that materials based on them would lead to better success in language learning. Good examples of such contrastive analyses are the works published by the University of Chicago Press on Spanish - English (Stockwell, and Bowen 1965 and Stockwell, Bowen and Martin 1965), German-English (Moulton 1962) and Kufner 1962) and Italian-English (Agard and Di Pietro 1965, 2 vols.). The bibliographies published by the Center for Appled Linguistics list several contrastive studies involving almost all major languages of the world (e.g., Gage 1961 and Hammer and Rice 1965).

Soon, however, disillusionment set in and experienced language teachers as well as researchers began to point out that contrastive analysis had limited predictive value. was argued that simply on the basis of a comparison of native and target languages, teachers will not be able to identify what causes most difficulty in learning the various sounds, words, and sentence patterns of a given target The errors that the learners make are not always what contrastive analysis predicts: It is not always the case that the errors made by the learners have their source in their native languages (e.g., Lee 1968, Duskova 1969). Researchers also pointed out that some of the errors learners make are similar to, or even identical with, the made by children learning the target (e.g., Ravem 1968 and as their first language 1974).



Emphasis thereafter naturally shifted to the learner errors. Studies by Corder (1967 and 1971), Dulay and Burt (1974) and others pointed out that systematic errors provide clues to the progress that learners make in their learning task. Hence, ERROR ANALYSIS is more relevant as compared to contrastive analysis as the paradigm of research in second language learning (e.g., Dulay and Burt 1974).

The emphasis on learner-centered approaches soon resulted in a more comprehensive framework for studying second language learning or acquisition. The new approach incorporated the techniques of contrastive analysis and error analysis and became known as the INTERLANGUAGE HYPOTHESIS (Selinker 1972). This hypothesis stipulated that systematic learner errors provide clues to the process of learning. A periodic study of such errors, and a comparison of learner performance in the target language with the native and target language systems, will identify the successive stages of learning. At each stage, learners have an interlanguage system that is different from their native as well target language system that they are attempting to acquire. A learner progresses through several stages of interlanguage before acquiring competence in the target language. In majority of cases of adult learners, native -like competence in the target language is difficult to achieve. Even at the most advanced stages of the interlanguage, adult learners have traces of fossilization of their native language, or of interlanguage, feature in their target language system. The interlanguage hypothesis, incorporating the insights of



earlier approaches and concepts such as fossilization, is by now well-established.

The interlanguage hypothesis represents a general acceptance of the assumption that second language learning is similar to first language acquisition (Dulay and Burt 1976). This in turn has led to ivestigations of learner errors language universals: It is claimed that explanation for errors in learner performance can be found if it could be established that it is the marked structures of the target language that cause learning problems (Eckman 1977). An example of this phenomenon is the following: Relative clause formation in English is marked in the sense that it involves, in addition to the use of appropriate relative pronouns, the fronting of the relative pronoun and hence a change in word order within the relative clause. For instance, in the sentence I would like to see the book which you recently bought, the relative pronoun which is understood as referring to the object of the verb buy, yet the word order is not you bought which. As a consequence of the front shifting of the relative pronoun, the structure becomes complex and difficult to acquire from the point As this hypothesis is attractive to view of a learner. researchers interested in linguistic universals, it has been adopted by a number of them.

Recent trends in SLA research

This emphasis on linguistic structure to explain language learning was not acceptable to all. A number of



researchers proceeded to demonstrate that language learning and teaching do not involve language structure only. Rather, successful language learning involves competence in communicating one's ideas, beliefs, needs, etc., in various types of linguistic interactions.

The activities of the Council of Europe dealing with the problem of teaching European languages to immigrant workers in Western Europe and Britain ultimately resulted in the development of a new approach labelled COMMUNICATIVE LANGUAGE TEACHING. According to this approach, what language teaching and learning have to deal with is the use of language in interactions rather than a mere mastery of skills of pronunciation, grammatical structures, vocabulary, etc. The main issue in teaching is how to equip the learners with the capability to use the target language appropriately in various social situations to achieve their communicative goals. This approach and related methodology were Wilkins (1976) and later elaborated in proposed in (1978). By now, the communicative approach to language teaching has gained wide acceptance on both sides of It should, however, be noted here that Atlantic. underlying theoretical and methodological insights for these approaches were provided by linguists and sociolinguists such as J.R. Firth, Dell Hymes and M.A.K. Halliday.

SLA: A non-Western perspective

Approaching second language teaching and learning from a non-Western perspective opens up a whole new range of issues



not normally addressed in the approaches discussed above. The issues of literacy and language in education are inextricably tied in with the issue of language teaching and learning in those areas of the world where English, Portuguese, and Spanish are the media of education without necessarily being the native languages. Ivory Coast. In Kenya, Singapore and South Asia, to name just nations, it is not a question of teaching French or English as a second language, but a question of teaching literacy skills, mathematics, sciences, history, etc., through French English. Thus, the whole issue of teaching a second language is linked with questions of language policy and planning (See ARAL 4, 1983 for a discussion of literacy in several regions of the world, and Rubin and Jernudd 1975 and Cobarrubias and Fishman 1983 for questions of language policy and planning in developed and developing countries).

It is worth noting that in a majority of the nations of the non-Western world (e.g., the ones listed in 1 and 2 above), it is not a question of 'bilingualism or not' (Skutnaab-Kangas 1984), as is clear from the data in 3 below:

- 3. Language profile of selected countries of the non-western world:
 - A. India:

 Number of mother tongues reported in the census: 1652. These belong to four language families: Indo-Aryan, Dravidian, Austro-Asiatic and Sino-Tibetan.

 Official languages: Hindi and English.

 Media of higher education: sixteen major languages and English.

Kenya: Four major languages: Swahili, Gikuyu and



Lubya (Bantu family) and Luo (Nilotic

family).

Official languages: Swahili and English. Medium of higher education: English.

Singapore: Three major ethnic groups:

Malay and Tamil.

Languages: several Chinese dialects.

malay, Tamil.

Official languages: Mandarin, Malay

Tamil, and English.

Medium σf higher education: English.

It is clear from the above that a majority of the population in these countries is bi-/multilingual and has been of bi-/multilingualism are centuries. Thus. concerns relevant for research second language extremely on acquisition from the point of view of these countries.

The case of non-native varieties of English

would like to elaborate on these concerns The case in point is that of English around world. In many of the countries where English is used either as an official language, as a language of higher education, or for international trade and commerce, diplomacy, etc., varieties of English have developed which identical with the native varieties used are not in Australia, Britain, Canada, New Zealand and the United States America (See Bailey and Gorlach 1982. ₿. Kachru 1983, Platt, Weber and Ho 1984, Smith 1983, among others, for details regarding these varieties). In some these is a considerable body of varieties, there creative The perceptions of some of the users of literature. varieties is given in 3 below:



3.a. Most Singaporeans recognize the fact that they speak English differently from the so-called "native speakers" of English. ... They accept these differences but are quite content to speak English their "own" way as long as they can be understood by fellow-Singaporeans and foreigners.

(Richards and Tay 1981: 54)

b. I feel that the English language will be able to carry the weight of my African experience. But it will have to be a new English, still in communion with its ancestral home but altered to suit its new African surroundings.

(Achebe 1965: 30)

c. I am an Indian, very brown, born in Malabar, I speak three languages, write in Two, dream in one. Don't write in English, they said, English is not your mother-tongue. Why not leave Me alone, critics, friends, visiting cousins, Everyone of you? Why not let me speak in Any language I like? The language I speak Becomes mine, its distortions, its queernesses, All mine, mine alone. It is half English, half Indian, funny perhaps, but it is honest, It is as human as I am human, don't You see? It voices my joys, my longings, my Hopes, and it is useful to me as cawing Is to crows or roaring to lions, it Is human speech, the speech of the mind that is Here and not there, amind that sees and hears and Is aware. Not the deep, blind speech of trees in storm or of monsoon clouds or of rain or the Incoherent mutterings of the blazing Funeral pyre. ...

(Das 1980: 38-39)

Some of the linguistic features that make these nonnative varieties different from the native varieties of English are given in 4 below (See B. Kachru 1982, Platt, Weber and Ho 1984, Smith 1981, among others, for details):

4. Fhonology

<u>Different stress placement in words</u> (the syllable preceding 'is stressed)

- a. Filipino: <u>laborato'ry</u>, <u>chara'cterized</u>, <u>circu'mstances</u>
- b. Singaporean: facu'lty, educa'ted, conte'xt, prefere'nce



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- c. Indian: <u>de'velopment</u>, <u>chara'cter</u>
- d. Nigerian: <u>su'ccess</u>, <u>recogni'ze</u>, <u>invostiga'te</u>

(Lowenberg 1984b)

Lexicon

- a. Singaporean: <u>Handicaps</u> on our island republic get stares wherever they go. (Lowenberg 1984b)
- b. Indian: What are the subjects you <u>offered</u> at B.A.? (Lowenberg 1984b)
- c. Ghanian: He does not use a <u>chewing stick</u> to clean his teeth. (Lowenberg 1984b)
- d. East African: He <u>ove listened</u> to the boy's conversation. (Hancock and Angogo 1982: 318)

Syntax

- A. Countability of non-count nouns:
 - a. Filipino: He has many <u>luggages</u>. (Gonzales 1983)
 - b. Singaporean: Give me a chalk. (Lowenberg 1984b)
 - c. Nigerian: I lost all my <u>furnitures</u> and many valuable <u>properties</u>. (Bokamba 1982: 82)
 - d. Indian: There are historical as well as synchronic evidences which can support separating of aspiration from stops.

(<u>IL</u> 35:3, 1976: 230)

- B. Resumptive pronouns:
 - a. Arab: the time I spent it in practice
 - b. Chinese: We put them in <u>boxes</u> we call <u>them</u> rice boxes. (Schachter 1976)
 - c. Nigerian: The politicians and their supporters, they don't often listen to advice. (Bamgbose 1982: 106)
- C. Tenses:
 - a. Singaporean: Are you feeling lonely. bored or <u>having</u>
 no time to get friends? (<u>SM</u> July 7,
 1984: 5)



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b. Indian: You are all <u>knowing</u>, friends, what sweetness is in Miss Pushpa. (Ezekiel 1976)

Interlanguage or bilingual's creativity?

The above examples and similar data from non-native varieties of English give rise to several questions. first question is whether the differences observable in the are due to overgeneralization of target language transfer from the native languages. features or difficulty is that this question is not easy to answer. To take one example, there is no consistent semantic basis marking the count/ non-count distinction in English especially in the case of collective and In such cases, learners simply follow the conventions of their own native languages (cf. examples in A above). Similarly, in the case of resumptive pronouns (cf. examples in B above), Schachter and Celce-Murcia (1980) argue that such structures in the performance of Chinese and learners are motivated by the topic-comment structure their native languages. Hatch (1978b) claims the same about the use of articles (a, an and the) in the English of Spanish In Hatch 1978b, it has been pointed out that speakers. analysis of total texts produced by Spanish speakers reveals the fact that these learners follow the Spanish convention of use of indefinite and definite articles This learner strategy leads to fewer errors their English. the use of the, but a greater number of errors in of a/an. use



The following examples from various localized forms of English provide further support for the claim that learners follow the discourse conventions of their native languages which results in their using specific grammatical devices of English in a non-native fashion:

Discourse

a. Indian:

- ... The position has belonged to <u>such</u> actresses <u>who</u> come to personify, at any given moment, the popular ideal of physical beauty ... (IT, September 30, 1983: 39)
- ... They are brought up in <u>such</u> an atmosphere <u>where</u> they are not encouraged to express themselves upon such subjects in front of others ... (<u>HLI</u>: 194-195)

The use of <u>such</u> as a correlative of <u>who</u> and <u>where</u> in the above examples reflects the conventions of use of cohesive ties (Halliday and Hasan 1976) in Indian languages such as Bengali, Hindi, Marathi, Punjabi and others.

This leads to a further question: if the features identified as unique to non-native varieties of English are motivated bУ discourse considerations, as has demonstrated in studies such as Chishimba (1983), B. Kachru (1982, 1983, 1984), Y. Kachru (1982, 1983, 1984), Lowenberg (1984a). Magura (1984), among others, then how can they be considered instances of fossilization? How can we distinguish cases that exemplify discourse strategies from cases that evidence for fossilization? What theoretical justification, if any, is there for characterizing features non-native varieties as fossilization σf the and as interlanguages? varieties themselves Which



characteristics of the non-native varieties, as encountered. creative literature or mature writing (i.e. journalists, critics, authors, etc.), are to be treated as illustrations of bilingual's creativity as opposed to fossilization, overgenralization, or ignorance of rule restrictions? These questions are serious; they can not be pushed under the rug. As has been stated above. of the institutionalized non-native varieties are being in their respective regions as media of education, administration, and for social interaction. To label them interlanguages denies vast populations of these countries legitimate language for conducting their business.

Obviously, the question of a model of English for education and other purposes is crucial for the non-Western world (B. Kachru 1976 and 1982). As far as the users of the non-native varieties themselves are concerned, they are not in favor of a 'foreign' model, as is clear from the following tables:

5. a. <u>Variety of English presently spoken by educated</u> speakers:

		Singaporeans %	Indians %	Thais %
1.	British	40.5	27.4	6.5
2.	American	6.0	3.2	28.1
3.	Australian	0.6	0.0	0.0
4.	Unique	42.3	50.6	40.3
5.	Others	10.6	18.8	25.1



The variety that we should learn to speak:

		Singaporeans %	Indians %	Thais %
1.	British	38.3	28.5	49.1
2.	American	14.4	12.0	31.6
3.	Australian	0.6	0.3	0.3
4.	Own way	38.9	47,4	3.5
5.	Others	7.8	11.8	15.5

(Shaw 1981: 119-120)

(These results were obtained in a survey conducted among final year Bachelor degree students in Singapore, Hyderabad (India), and Bangkok (Thailand). There were 170 Singaporean, 342 Indian, and 313 Thai students.)

Indian graduate students' self-labeling of their English:

<u>Identity marker</u>	7.
American English	2.58
British English	29.11
Indian English	55.64
'Mixture' of all these	2.99
I don't know	8.97
"Good" English	. 27

(B. Kachru 1976: 232)

(Kachru 1976 presents the results of a survey carried out in India that involved 700 Bachelor and Master's degree students in English, and 196 members of faculty and 29 heads of departments of English.)

It is clear from the above data that unlike the countries where English is used only for international (e.g., Thailand), the institutionalized variety users prefer to characterize their English as their "own" rather than to conform to some "native" English norm. The tables in 5 support the sentiments expressed by scholars and creative writers in 3 above.



Communicative needs and the uses of English

Looked at from the point of view of communicative needs of the users of the localized forms of English, it is clear that the adoption of these varieties as models for teaching and learning in their respective regions is entirely justifiable. The differences that these varieties exhibit serve specific socio-cultural needs such as satisfying certain conventions of linguistic interaction, whether through an oral or written mode. The following excerpt from an Iraqi news report demonstrates this dramatically:

6. In the name of God, the merciful, the compassionate.

Great Iraqi people, sons of the glorious Arab nations, it has been known to us from the beginning that many parties local international, were and still are behind the eagerness of the backward and suspect Iranian regime to stir up the dispute with, and conduct aggression against and begin the war against Iraq.

(from B. Kachru 1982: 340)

The above are the opening paragraphs of an official statement about the destruction of the Iragi Osirak nuclear reactor bу the Israeli forces in June 1981. The point of story - the attack by Israeli forces - is mentioned in sentence after five such short paragraphs. Such elaborate build ups before coming to the point of a story is not unique to Iraqi Arabic. To quote Chishimba, "In loquacity, ambiguity, cultures of Africa, redundancy, obscurity and other strategies of verbal discourse are markers of wisdom, age, knowledgeability, sex, and other socially relevant criteria." (Chishimba 1982: 246-247).



What is suggested is that the unique features of nonnative varieties deserve to be treated as evidence for bilingual's creativity rather than as evidence for fossilization (a la Selinker 1972), ignorance of rule restrictions, deficiency, etc. In cases where such features occur in literary texts, we have less difficulty in accepting stylistic innovations (Nelson 1984a, 1984b). case of expository prose or ordinary speech, however, there is an attitudinal factor that labels such innovations "un-English". Considering the range of variation in dialects within a native English -speaking country, and in warieties across different native English-speaking countries 🔏 it not unreasonable to suggest that certain features of nonvarieties be accepted as legitimate variations. native After all, the non-native variations in 7 below are no more severe than the native ones:

7. British: Have you had your holiday yet?
American: Did you have your vacation yet?
(Strevens 1977: 149)

British: different from, to American: different than

(Strevens 1977: 150)

Singaporean: So you have to go turn by turn.
(Platt, Weber and Ho 1983: 48)

African: ...we are seven and a half million strong and quite a number of these can not get jobs to do, so we should cut down on bringing forth. •

(Bokamba 1982: 88)

Indian: The concept of idiolect I do not know if people still talk about it.

(IL 35:3, 1974: 229)



This entails a new theoretical framework for research that starts with the assumption that people learn languages in order to fulfill certain communicative needs which may not coincide with the needs of the native speakers of the target language. Consequently, second language users develop their own strategies which result in differences at each level of the target language structure as well as conventions of its use. Second language acquisition research thus has to take into account the findings of research in bi-/ multilingualism.

Issues in methodology

As regards the question of methodology, several methods have been proposed, adopted for a short time. as the fashions change in discarded second pedagogy (Richards 1984). Very little empirical evidence is available to support the claims of effectiveness for any particular method, and yet, a great deal of resource is invested in following 'the trend' in ESL classrooms. In the eighties, there is a definite shift from the audiomethod to the communicative approach in " the classroom, but, unfortunately, neither approach, as currently conceptualized, takes any notice of the situation in non-Western countries. The following is typical of many of the countries listed in 1 and 2 above:



8. <u>Teaching English in Gambia:</u>

a. General teacher information:

Gender Qualifications Qualifications by gender

67% male 27% qualified 28% men qualified 33% female 73% unqualified 25% women qualified

b. Bi-/multilingualism:

Average teacher speaks 2.8 languages, one of which is English.

34% bilingual, 48% trilingual, 15% speak four languages, 3% speak five languages.

c. Patterns of language use: English used for banking; in linguistic interaction with the head teacher and other teachers; in teaching mathematics, sciences, social studies; in praising children for their performance; occasionally in interacting with the parents of the children; occasionally in interacting with one's spouse, children and friends.

(Bowcock 1984)

There is an urgent need for research in the area of language teaching in suitable methodology for crowded. equipped classrooms as compared to the sparsely type classrooms we are familiar with. Recently. a group σf English teachers and teacher trainers from selected non-Western countries visited a number of TESL programs at U.S. universities. Their typical concerns were as follows:

9. Pakistan: (college-level teaching)

Two of her biggest problems are large classes (100-200 students) and lack of sophisticated resources. She would like to learn as much as she can about strategies for teaching large classes and where to find (or how to make) inexpensive visual aids.

Sudan: (high school teacher training)

60-80 students are often in one class; what can be learned on this trip to help teach in this environment?

One can always take the position that these are



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impossible situations and ignore the whole question. As applied linguists, teacher trainers, teachers, and educators, however, I hope we accept the challenge instead.

Conclusion

In conclusion, we need serious, basic research that will lead us to adequate descriptions of English and other languages of wider communication around the world in varied sociolinguistic contexts. This has to be accompanied by applied research in second language acquisition. innovative research in teaching methodology and curriculum and materials development. At the present state of our knowledge regarding what makes second language learning possible, it is more useful to encourage different methodologies, both tried and familiar methods as well as new ones, rather than to throw out any as being out-dated. suggested in Diller (1981), different methods and classroom practices utilize different areas and different pathways of the brain and result in better success in learning. From a non-Western perspective, these are the challenges that applied linguistics and foreign language pedagogy face today.



NOTES

- 1. Theoretically speaking, a distinction is made between second language learning and second language acquisition. Second language learning is said to be a conscious process that involves instruction whereas second language acquisition is characterized as a natural, unconscious process. Learning and acquisition are both learner-centered as opposed to teaching, which is teacher-centered and does not take into account factors related to learners such as age, attitude, motivation, the difference between input (provided in the classroom) vs. intake (internalized by the learner), etc. There is, however, some doubt as to whether the distinction between learning and acquisition is so clear-cut (Diller 1981).
- 2. See Sridhar 1980 for an insightful discussion of contrastive analysis, error analysis and interlanguage.
- 3. This is clear from recent publications meant for language teachers (and teacher trainers), e.g., Widdowson 1978, Brumfit and Johnson 1979, Finnochiaro and Brumfit 1983, and Savignon 1983.
- 4. Bilingualism or not' is the main title of Skutnaab-Kangas 1984 which contains a detailed discussion of the problem of minority education in Europe. The need for guest workers or immigrant laborers in the industrialized nations of Europe has created a situation where it is becoming increasingly obvious that the immigrant workers and, more importantly, their children have to have access to bilingual education if these nations are to avoid a great deal of social and political unrest.
- do not mean to suggest that <u>all</u> <u>attested</u> <u>differences</u> between native and non-native varieties are motivated discourse considerations. Obviously, non-native varieties, too, just like the native varieties, have a range of dialect variation (e.g., basilect, mesolect and acrolect in Singapore discussed in Lowenberg 1984). Also, in any body of attested data, it is likely that there will be a number of 'mistakes', whether the data is from a native or a non-native variety. What I am concerned with here is the variation that is due to discourse tonsiderations. Most such innovations in nonnative varieties result from restricting or extending the domains of specific devices of English, e.g., in the example in 4 under <u>discourse</u>, Indian English extends the function of such to a correlative of the relative pronouns who and where. It is worth remembering that <u>such</u> does function as a correlative in the constructions such as and such that.
- 6. See Davidson 1980 for a description and illustration of various methods practiced currently in the ESL classrooms.



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