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Naturally, the usual disclaimer applies.

TRANSCRIPTION CONVENTIONS

The transcription conventions used throughout the book include:

.	short pause
..	longer pause
?	stretch of talk interpreted as a question
-	incomplete word or utterance
<LAUGHTER>	angled brackets give additional information
(langsam)	curved brackets explain lexical items or explain probable meaning
[...]	unclear speech or incomplete sentence
[	open square bracket shows the beginning of an overlap

