

【Exercise】

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Certain basic conditions seem to prevail in all conversation, and many of the details of individual conversations are best understood as attempts that speakers and listeners make to meet these conditions. Above all, conversation is a social activity and, as such, it shares characteristics of all social activities.

5 (1) These characteristics we usually take for granted, so it is only in their
absence that we notice them. When there is some kind of breakdown in society, we become aware of the absence of principles, conventions, laws, rules, and so on, which guided or controlled behavior in better times.

Conversation, like daily living, requires you to exhibit a considerable trust
10 in others. Life would be extremely difficult, perhaps even impossible, (2) such trust. It is this trust that allows you to put money in a bank in the expectation that you will get it back on demand, to cross the street at a busy intersection controlled by either lights or a police officer, to have meals prepared by others, to plan for the future, and so on.

15 Trust in other people is the cornerstone of social living: to survive we must believe that people do not change much, (3) if at all, from day to day and from encounter to encounter, and also that the vast majority do not set out deliberately to deceive or harm us. Indeed, we must believe them to be *benevolent rather than *malevolent. (4) Were it not for such trust in others
20 and in what they do and say, we could not get very far in coping with the world in which we find ourselves. So far as conversation is concerned, we would have little or no shared ground on which to build, and communication would become (5).

(注) benevolent: 善意を持っている malevolent: 悪意を持っている