

PIERS MORGAN LIVE: DISCOURSE MARKERS AND POLITENESS  
STRATEGIES IN MIXED SEX TALK SHOW CONVERSATIONS

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## ABSTRACT

This study focuses on the use of discourse markers (DMs) and politeness strategies in mixed sex talk show conversations. The purpose of this study is to investigate the differences in the exchange patterns between the male host and the female guests in the Piers Morgan Live talk show in terms of the use of discourse markers and politeness strategies and also to analyze if the use of discourse markers and politeness strategies are associated with gender. The four transcripts used in the study are taken from Piers Morgan Live talk show on CNN website, [www.cnn.com](http://www.cnn.com). The findings of this study show that the exchange patterns used in the mixed sex show conversations are turn taking and different types of adjacency pairs. Women have more number of turn takings and speak more compared to men. Also, Discourse Markers are used as politeness strategies in the mixed sex talk show conversations. This study shows that DMs do contribute to politeness strategies in a mixed sex talk show conversation. Lastly, it is concluded that women use more discourse markers and politeness strategies to save their face in a conversation compared to men. Hence women are seen as the inferior gender in the society. This determines that DMs and Politeness strategies are associated with gender.