



Some questions on the second reading assignment

The text of the second reading assignment is:

M. A. K. HALLIDAY and Ruqaiya HASAN:

Language, Context, and Text.

Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1989.

[Chapter 2: Functions of language (by M. A. K. Halliday).]

1. In looking at the functions of language, Bronislaw Malinowski was working from the perspective of an anthropologist; what was the perspective of (respectively) Karl Bühler, James Britton and Desmond Morris?
2. How does M. A. K. Halliday's notion of 'function' differ from that of Malinowski, Bühler, Britton and Morris?
3. What is 'experiential' meaning (or 'language as reflection')?
4. What is 'interpersonal' meaning (or 'language as action')?
5. What is 'logical' meaning?
6. What is 'textual meaning'?
7. How is the FIELD of a text expressed?
8. How is the TENOR of a text expressed?
9. How is the MODE of a text expressed?