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**INTERACTION AND THE NEGOTIATION OF MEANING**

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**Signals of Comprehension Difficulty**

1. Confirming Checks: It occurs when one speaker seeks confirmation of the other’s preceeding utterance. This is done through repetition, rising intonation.
2. Clarification Requests: Through questions, (or other language forms we saw in the previous courses), one speaker seeks for help in understanding the other’s speech.
3. Comprehension Checks: One speaker attempts to check whether the other has understood his speech.

**Example 01**

1-A (NS): So you came here by yourself or did you come with friends?

B ( NNS): no-no-what?what you say? ( clarification request).

A: Did you come to the states with friends or did you come alone?

B: Alone-from Toronto.

**Example 02**

A ( NS): Did you get high marks? Good grades?

B (NNS): High marks? ( confirmation check).

A: Good grades A’s and B’s- did you get A in English?

B: Oh no in English yes em B.

Therefore, the purpose of negotiation in conversation is to try to reach an agreement between the interlocutors in order to clear out any ambiguity.