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Schegloff (1982) "Discourse as an interactional achievement: Some uses of 'uh huh' and other things that come between sentences"

Key Points:

- * Conversation is an "achievement"
- * Listener behavior influences speakers
 - "Back-channel' actions" (74)
 - Consider in context
 - Two generalizations:
 - 1. Show that recipient understands that a *turn is not finished* and consents to the current speaker's *continuation* ("continuers," 81).
 - 2. <u>Waive an opportunity for repair</u>, such as clarifying or disagreeing with the previous speech.

My Data:

My fiancé, Chris, and I are in the kitchen having a snack. We contrast two kinds of biscotti – the ones we're eating now and the ones we used to get in NYC. Then, through a joke, our talk transitions to concern popular entertainment, before eventually finding its way back to food.

((Cracking sound from Ash taking a bite of biscotti.))

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1	Ash:	<mouth food="" full="" of="">I think I'll just have half of one.> ((package rustling through line 6))</mouth>
2	Chris:	<intonation of="" surprise="">You didn't. dip it in any tea></intonation>
3	Ash:	[Yeah]
4	Chris:	[It's] pretty hard
5		They're hard-
6		The ones that we got from New York
7		were softer.
8	Ash:	I know those were [really good]
9	Chris:	[you didn't need] to dunk them necessarily.
10		These ones kind of need dunking.
11	Ash:	Yeah.
12		These are . well
13	Chris:	Think you need Duncan MacCleod
14		of the [clan MacCleod]
15	Ash:	[<clears throat="">]</clears>
16		<chuckles></chuckles>
17		Um, is that a reference I should know?
18	Chris:	Yeah
19	Ash:	What is it.
20	Chris:	Um
21		It's The Highlander.
22	Ash:	Oh.
23		Highlander?
24		or Outlander.
25	Chris:	Highlander.
26	Ash:	I don't – what is that

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27 28	Chris:	<i>Outlander</i> is the TV show that- and book series that you know,=
29	Ash:	=[Mmhmm]
30	Chris:	[That's] the <i><sniffles< i="">></sniffles<></i>
31		traveling in time . one.=
32	Ash:	= <mark>Yeah</mark> , what's uh <i>Highlander</i> .
33	Chris:	Highlander was
34		a movie
35		and then a TV show . about um
36		I think the movie was Connor MacLeod maybe
37		but the TV show was Duncan MacLeod.
38		Um.
39		He was a Highlander,
40	A1	like, from the Highlands.=
41	Ash:	= <mark>Mm</mark> =
42	Chris: Ash:	=[um]
43 44	Asn: Chris:	[That's cool.]= =But- they were immortal
	Ash:	O:: H!=
	Chris:	=um They were a group of,=
47	Ash:	=Was this from the Sixties?
	Chris:	No the movie was from the Eighties.
49		O:h that's [why I don't know it.]
50	Chris:	[And the TV show] was maybe from the Nineties=
51		=Oh ok.
52	Chris:	Um.
53		Sean Connery was in the-=
54	Ash:	=Oh ok.=
55	Chris:	=He was like a-
56		He wasn't the lead character he was the mentor character.
57	Ash:	[Yeah] that sounds vaguely familiar.
58	Chris:	[Um]
59		But it was a thing where they, like,
60		would fight with swords and if you, .
61	Ash:	"That's . =
62	Chris:	=If you [killed .]
	Ash:	[S-Words"]
	Chris:	um . somebody else then you got their .
65		<chuckles></chuckles>
66 67		their powers and stuff and . Oh=
67 68	Ash: Chris:	=there was a line that was like
69	CIII IS.	"There can BE only one"
70	Ash:	[Oh.]
71	Chris:	[so ev]entually they had to like <i><decrescendo< i="">>get down to just one></decrescendo<></i>
72	UII 15.	<pre><very softly="">immortal person [/so then/]></very></pre>
73	Ash:	[Did they dance .
74		like the highlanders of <i>Brigadoon</i> ? .
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109 Ash: [We need] to eat that jam before it [goes bad.]	109	Ash:	[We need] to eat that jam before it [goes bad.]
110 Chris: [Get] John to send us some too.	110	Chris:	
111 Ash: That's a good idea.	111	Ash:	
112 Chris: We need some more of that chocolate chip loaf, too.			-
113 Ash: Yeah.	113	Ash:	Yeah.

Transcription Conventions from: Tannen, Deborah, Shari Kendall, and Cynthia Gordon (eds.) (2007). *Family Talk: Discourse and Identity in Four American Families*. New York: Oxford University Press. Pp. xiii-xiv. Additionally, I have used ! to indicate excitement and = for latching. At times, I have used an additional space to show a very brief pause (I have used one or more dots [.] for longer pauses, as described in the *Family Talk* conventions).