

INTERDISCIPLINARY APPROACHES TO LANGUAGE AND ITS USE II.

Locally relevant variables

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MAIN QUESTION



Which variables are locally relevant?



COMMUNITIES OF PRACTICE

- definition
 - group of people who share a common interest/activity
 - locally grounded category



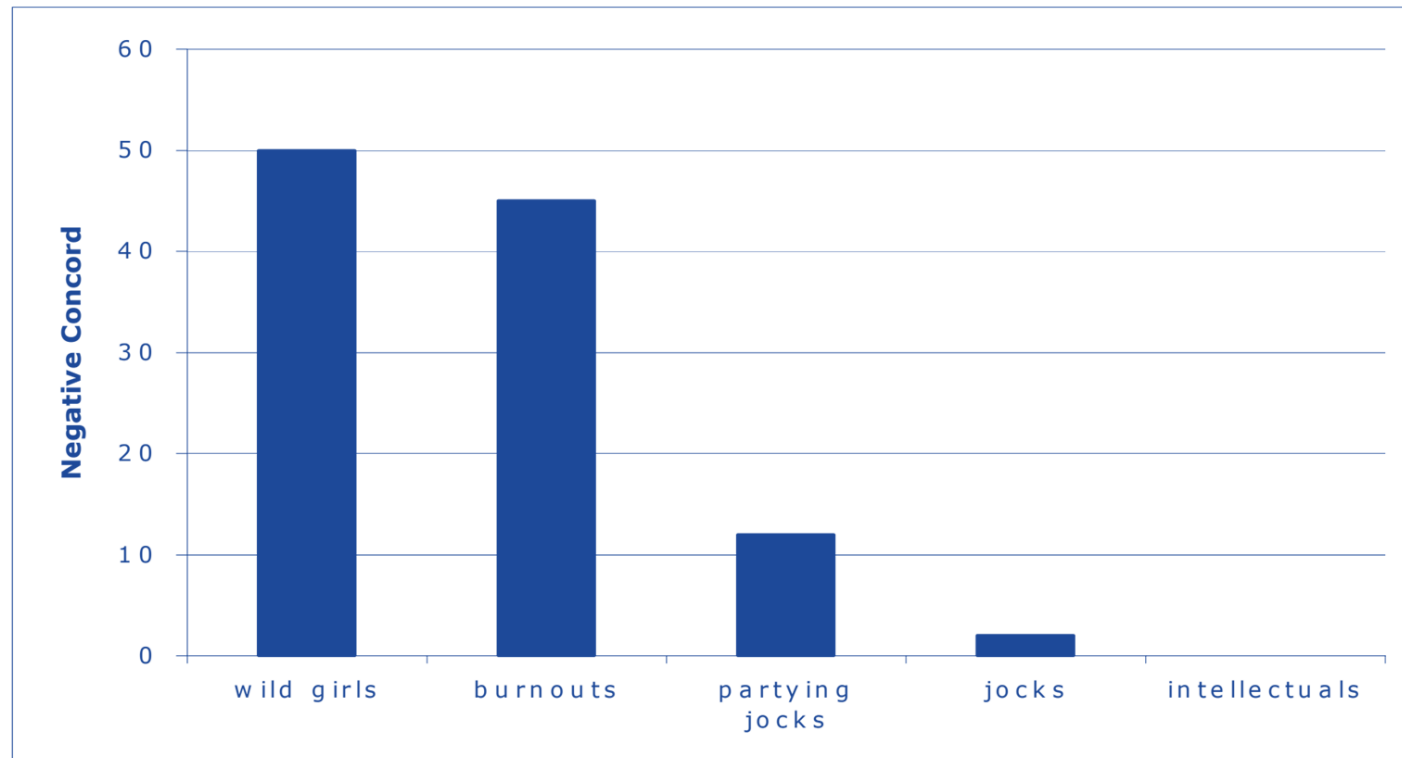
COMMUNITIES OF PRACTICE

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- conditions
 - mutual engagement
 - joint enterprise
 - shared repertoire



EXAMPLE

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READING TIP

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