"Do Animals Have Accents?"

Recorded in a neighbourhood café in a park as the friends are socialising. They have been asked to use the conversational agents on their mobile devices instead of typing, where appropriate (i.e. if they wish to use type for personal matters, that is fine).

Portions of the transcript feature in the paper: Martin Porcheron, Joel E. Fischer, and Sarah Sharples. 2017. *"Do Animals Have Accents?": Talking with Agents in Multi-party Conversation*. In *Proceedings of the 20th ACM Conference on Computer-Supported Cooperative Work & Social Computing* (CSCW '17). ACM, New York, NY, USA. https://doi.org/10.1145/2998181.2998298

The group are seated around a rectangular table in the following order: the Researcher, Gary, Karl, Lilly, and Antonius. Names are anonymised, and words spoken to the conversational agent on the device are in **bold**, words spoken by conversational agents are in *italics*.

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01  G    ((points at A))                                  L    (incomphrensible)
02  G    how do you do (..) a fro:g (0.5) in (0.3) Austria K    I know:: (0.3) the question [ is do (0.5)=
03                                                         L                                [ that's what I mean but th th
04                                                              sound actually sound ]              [ ((looks up)) ]
05  A    er::::m probably (0.9) so there's the written thing K  =do cats acth- (0.5) can ] you work out [ whether it's
06                                                              French because its talking in a- doing a French cat
07       you find in children's (0.5) children's book (0.3)     impre[ssion]                                         ]
08       is::: books: is: (.) vwrak                          L       [I::  ]::::::: think some ((looks back to K))
09                                                                    animals you can
10  G    quack!
11  A    vwrak vwra↓k
12  G    like a duck?                                       L    ((picks up mobile from table, leans back, taps screen))
13  A    vwrak vwrak                                             ((holds phone in lap area above table))
14       (0.6)                                              K    reminds me of the bit (.) from Family Guy
15       (0.5)
16  G    ((begins to point towards A)) [ oh with the o::: ] L    ((looks down at phone and begins to type))
17  A                                  [ no wait ducks!   ]
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18  G   we say it with an (.) o::=
19  A                             =no way=
20  G                                =we say oack
21  A   weren't- (.) we're talking frogs here?
22  G   yep=                                          K   Stuart complains that he's got one <of> those: er: animal=
23  R     =yeah! (.) frogs                                =sounds things=
24      (2.7)
25  A   I (.) can't: (.) un(.)rivet it (0.6) ts (0.4) so now  K  =but it it's European (0.5) he's like listen to this shit!
26      [ whenever I think of (0.4) whenever I think of ]      (and it goes) the Cow says das moo:::↑m ((laughs))
27          [ frog::s ]                                        ((continues laughing))=
28  G   [ ((duck noises))                              ]
29          [ I can   ] do it by mou↓th
30  G   [ ((duck noises for 1.6))          ]
31  A   [ I::: think I think of rivet rivet ]
32  G   ((duck noises for 3.2))                        K   =but later on in the episode there the thee the (3.6)
33  A   °so vwak↓°                                         they back in ti-ime and can't figure why where they are
34                                                         are=
35  G   ((duck noises)) like that!
36      [ ((duck noises))                             ] K   =w-where are we? and they're staying the field and
37  R   [ is that the way you'd write it in the           there's-=
38                              b↑ooks though? ]
39  G   ((ducks noises)) we'd say (0.4) o::::          K   =a cow next to them and (the cow goes)=
40  a:: [ c:       ]   hoack                               =da ho:::m and=
41  A        [ °I feel° ]
42  A   I feel like (1.1) I feel like I should go back (.)  K  =well we're somewhere in Europe
43      home↓: ((laughs))                             K/L ((both laugh))
44  A   ((while laughing:)) fresh: (.) en up my En-
45      [ ((laughs))                           ]
46  G   [ Austrian! ((gestures quotes with fingers)) ]  K   ((glances at G))
47  R   frog: language                                K   ((glances at M))
48  G   frog language [ ye↑s:   ]
49  A                 [ ↑yeah!  ]
50  G   [ ((duck noises))
51                                                  ]
52  A   [ I've forgotten what its- [ I've forgotten      L   er:::m::
53                                  what they do! ]
54  K                            [ Are we talking about the
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55                                                    language (.) ]
56    frogs the lan[guage] of (.) the (.) small (.)
57    green (.) hoppy things
58  G                 [ yes ]

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59  L   [ ((lifts phone up to mouth)) ]
60  R   [ he can't remember          ][ frogs sound like in Austrian? ]
61  L                                 [ do animals have acc          ]ents?
62      (0.3)
63  A   cud (.) ducks and (..) and [ frogs I think have the same sound ]
64  G                              [ yes they do actually I think I have read something
65  L   I think I have [ too↓  ]
66  G                  [ yeas! ] [ (0.6) Cows! I- I                  ] read about cows that they have different
67                               accents around the world
68  K                                [ you missed mine- my (     ) racist joke ]
69  K   cars?
70  G   [  cows  ]
71  L   [ °cows° ]
72  K   oh cows
73  G   (                        )
74  K   I thought you said cars
75  G   calves maybe as well (.) who knows?=
76  L                                 =DO: ANIMALS HAVE ACCENTS?
77      (1.4)
78  G   ((duck noises))
79      (0.9)
80  L   °rubbish°
81  R   (          [        ) ]
82  K             [ parrots ] presumbely do=
83  L   can you ask it? ((holds phone out in front of K's face))
84  R   ((retrieves phone from pocket))
85  K   DO: ANIMALS HAVE ACC:ENTS?
86      (2.4)
87  L   no:!
88  R   sorry I'm- ((home button pressed))
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89       ((while looking at phone screen)) do animals have accents?
90       (2.0)
91   K   (                    )
92   L   do: animals [ have accents?        ]
93   R               [ ok I've found this ] on the web
94       ((sigh))
95   G   do [ they? ]
96   L      [ ah! (.) ] It's working now!
97   R   ((touches top search result on device screen))


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