

# James Paul Gee's View on Discourse Analysis

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# Introduction

- Language as Saying, Doing and Being
- Language and Practices
- Language and “Politics”
- Two forms of Discourse: Descriptive and Critical



# Building Tasks: Building Things through Language

- Significance
- Practices (Activities)
- Identities
- Relationship
- Politics (the distribution of social goods)
- Connections
- Sign Systems and Knowledge
- e.g. see Gee, 2011, p.21-26.



# Tools of Inquiry and Discourses

“ Primarily relevant to how people build identities and practices and recognize identities and practices that others are building around them” (p.28)

- Social Languages
- Discourses
- Conversations
- Intertextuality



# Discourses: Whos and whats

- “Real Indian”
- Discourses with Big “D”
- Discourses are not “Units” with clear boundaries
- Discourses as “Kits”



# Reference

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