Turn	Speaker	Lines
1	BJ	((Intake of breath)) So, would you say you're a typical Pittsburgher?
2	BZ	((1 second pause)) I think so.=
3	BJ	=In some ways?
4	BZ	Yeah.
5	BJ	What iswhat would thatmean, what would be a typical
		Pittsburgher?
6	BZ	I don't really know, truthfully. ((Laughs))
7	BJ	((Laughs)) Somebody who's from here and lived there [all their
		lives]
8	BZ	[Just grew up here] and don't know any other way of living, [and Hmm.]
9	BJ	[Mm-hmm. Mm-hmm.] Had- So, when you were traveling did
9	Di	anyone ever sort ofnoticeyou were from Pittsburgh, or
		comment on it, or? ((Intake of breath))
10	BZ	Umm, sometimes your accentyou knowthey would say, we
10	DE.	know you're not from here. ((Laughs))
11	BJ	Yeah.
12	BZ	You know. ((Laughs))
13	BJ	Uh-huh. And then they ask where your from=
14	BZ	= <u>Right</u> Or you know how you have that Pittsburghese. ((Laughs))
15	BJ	Yeah=
16	BZ	=Certain words ((Laughs))=
17	BJ	=Right Right, yeah. I wanted to ask you actually about that
		'cause, uh, I'm interested in that. Whatwhat is Pittsburghese?
18	BZ	((2-second pause)) It's- Actually it'd be like slang words, what you
		would call slang [words], like "YINZ" and ((Laughs))
19	BJ	[Mm-hmm] Mm-hmm.
20	BZ	Uh, you know, things like [that.]
21	BJ	[So just] words that are=
22	BZ	= <u>Right</u> =
23	BJ	=That people use around [here.]
24	BZ	[Right] it's just slang words. They're slang to people but they're
		just our everyday words.
25	BJ	Mm-hmm.
26	BZ	Yeah.
27	BJ	What are some others?
28	BZ	Oh God I got to think (of 'em) now.
29	BJ	((Whispered)) Oh, okay. ((1 second pause)) How would- ((2
		second pause)) "YINZ" is onewhat elseI've seen people say
		"S-s-," write "Steelers," "STILLERS."

30	BZ	"STILLERS," yeah. ((Laughs)) "NORTHSIDE," "SOUTHSIDE."
		((Laughs))
31	BJ	Yeah, yeah, that's another one Yeah.
32	BZ	Umm.
33	BJ	Mm-hmm.
34	BZ	"SPICKET," instead of faucet. ((Laughs))
35	BJ	Oh, <u>yeah</u> Uh-huh
36	BZ	Umm ((1 second pause)) I just got to think of them. ((Laughs))
37	BJ	Where do you see those, I mean, where- They have lists of those.
38	BZ	[I do believe.]
39	BJ	[Places (didn't they)?]
40	BZ	They did publish a little a book one time.
41	BJ	Yeah, there's a little book, it's
42	BZ	Right [and it had all the]
43	BJ	[Like black and gold] of course=
44	BZ	=Right
45	BJ	[Yeah]
46	BZ	[Yeah,] had all the words in it. ((Laughs))
47	BJ	Uh-huh.
48	BZ	Yeah=
49	BJ	=Yeah, and so you've- ((2 second pause)) Did you ever have a copy
		of that book, orjustsaw it?
50	BZ	I think I did at one time. And I'm not quite sure where it is.
		((Laughs))
51	BJ	((Intake of breath)) Do you ever go to the strip, the=
52	BZ	=Yeah=
53	BJ	=[To shop.]
54	BZ	[Love it down there]=
55	BJ	=Don't they have, I mean, those Tthose people who sell T-shirts,
		some of those T-shirts have
56	BZ	Right.
57	BJ	[Pittsburghese] on them, too.
58	BZ	[Yeah.] Yeahyeah. ((1 second pause)) Yeah that's a neat place.
59	BJ	Yeah ((1 second pause)) I like it. Where do you go down there?
60	BZ	I go to Parma's, I like their sausage. I go to the Pennsylvania
		Macaroni. ((2 second pause)) Umm. Hermanoski's. Yeah, just-
		((Laughs))
61	BJ	You have to tell me what to get at Parma's, I'veI've been in there
		and I don't knowI don't have any Italian background at all, and I
		don'tknow what all those things are. And I'm always sort of
		intimated because there'reso many people and
62	BZ	((Laughs))
63	BJ	You're supposed to know what you want, you can't just sort of
64	BZ	They just have the s-, the salamis, the different salamis, the
		prosciuttathe cheeses Yeah.

65	BJ	What are the different salamis? See, when I was growing up there was justsalami, [one kind]
66	BZ	[There's] hard salamis, soft salamium ((laughs)) ((2 second pause)) Got to think what that other one is called, um ((3 second pause)) It's a little, round, hard thing that it's on
67	BJ	It's one=
68	BZ	=Sopressato. (([Note: sounds like "supersud"])) ((Laughs))
69	BJ	((1 second pause)) Oh, that's what that is.
70	BZ	Yeah, it's that [little], uh
71	BJ	["Super-(sut.)"]
72	BZ	Not, not the pepperoniit's a little bigger, and it's called "sopre-," "sopressato."
73	BJ	"Super-(sud)." And it'salike atastes like a salami.
74	BZ	Right. [And] it's hot.
75	BJ	[Uh-huh.] Uh-huh.
76	BZ	Yeah.
77	BJ	And then there's those different kinds oflike, one's that are like, more like ham.
78	BZ	((1 second pause)) Yeah, uh, that's the <i>capicol</i> .
79	BJ	Okay.
80	BZ	And the <i>prosciutta</i> . And there'sdifferent kinds of <i>capicol</i> . Hots, milduh, peppered ((Laughs))
81	BJ	Hmm.
82	BZ	Sweet. ((1 second pause)) ((Laughs)) Yeah.
83	BJ	I'll have to try more of those. Hmm. ((2 second pause)) ((Intake of breath)) So, umso, would you say that you use Pittsburghese at all?
84	BZ	Uh, I'm sure I doand don't notice it. ((Laughs))
85	BJ	Don't notice it, huh, uh-huh.
86	BZ	Yeah. ((Laughs)) But I'm sure I do.
87	BJ	(Pretty) all the time? Or just sometimes, I mean
88	BZ	No, I think it's just part of my vocabulary.
89	BJ	Mm-hmm.
90	BZ	And then my son sometimes saysI always say "WARSH," instead of "wash." ((Laughs))
91	BJ	Uh-huh.
92	BZ	And he'll go, Ma, your saying "WARSH" again.
93	BJ	((Laughs))
94	BZ	((Laughs))
95	BJ	So you'd say- He doesn't [use it] as much as you do, do you think? Or? ((Intake of breath))
96	BZ	[((Clears throat))] ((Intake of breath)) No, uh, II think cause I went to a public school, he went to a Catholic school. ((Laughs)) ((1 second pause)) So I, I don't if that's the, umthe difference?
97	BJ	((Clicking noise)) ((1 second pause)) But do you mean, you think

		they kind of, police it more, at the Catholic school?
98	BZ	Uh, they might haveyou know. But, uh, he does not ((2 second
		pause)) say some of the things, you know, that I do. ((Weak laugh))
99	BJ	Does he- ((2 second pause)) So he calls it to your attention, I mean
		he=
100	BZ	=Sometimes, yeah=
101	BJ	=Sometimes=
102	BZ	=Some words he does. ((Laughs)) Yeah. ((Laughs))
103	BJ	((Laughs)) I'd like to talk to him. It'd be interesting. It'd be
		reallyinteresting to talk to him, sometime. ((Intake of breath))
104	BZ	((Continues laughing))
105	BJ	Um, have you ever heard the term "YINZER"?
106	BZ	((3 second pause)) ["YANTZER"]?
107	BJ	[It means] A "YINZER." ((2 second pause)) A "YINZER,"
		"YUNZER," I don't know what. ((3 second pause)) You know,
		some people There is this term, I've seen it, and some people use
		the term "YINZER" to meana kind of typical Pittsburgher. ((1
		second pause)) It's not necessarily a very nice thing to say to
		somebody, but
108	BZ	No, [I don't] know that one.
109	BJ	[How 'bout that.] Huh. It's interesting. ((Papers shuffling)) Okay, so
		here's a few words that I have heard people mention of Pittsburgh.
		You say, you- ((1 second pause)) Youyou say, you say,
		"YINZ"yourself.
110	BZ	Probably, yeah=
111	BJ	=Probably?
112	BZ	((Laughs))
113	BJ	Huh, 'cause you're not aware. But, but what about "YINZ GUYS"?
444	200	Is that also Pittsburghese, or is?
114	BZ	Uhunhyeah, "you guys." (Why) I would say "you guys," I
117	DI	wouldn't say "YINZ GUYS." ((Laughs))
115	BJ	You wouldn't say, "you-," ["YINZ GUYS."]
116	BZ	[Yeah.] No. ((Intake of breath))
117	BJ	((2 second pause)) What about, uh, "need eating," "these leftovers
		need eating," or "the car needs washed," orthat, have you ever ((3
110	D7	second pause)) heard that? Have you ever heard anybody say
118 119	BZ	"The car needs [washed]"?  ["The car] needs washed." Does that sound normal?
120	BJ BZ	Yeah=
120	BJ	=Yeah. Mm-hmm. ((Intake of breath)) ((2 second pause)) How
141	Dì	about "REDD UP"? Is that
122	BZ	"REDD UP?"
123	BJ	Like "REDD UP the room." [Like tidy up]
	1	
124	BZ	[Oh, "REDD UP] your room." Right, yeah. Yeah. That's right. Huh.
125	BJ	Did you grow up saying that?

126	BZ	Yeah.
127	BJ	((2 second pause)) Right. Didlike, so, your mother would have
		[said] that?
128	BZ	[Yeah.] "REDD," yeah, "REDD UP your room." ((Laughs))
129	BJ	Mm-hmm Is that what you said to your son?
130	BZ	Yep. ((Laughs))
131	BJ	((Laughs)) Did he do it?
132	BZ	Unh? ((Laughs))
133	BJ	((Laughs))
134	BZ	Yeah. ((Laughs)) I shouldn't say. ((Laughs))
135	BJ	((Laughs)) He probably didn't have much choice. ((Laughs))
136	BZ	((Laughs)) ((Clears throat))
137	BJ	How about, here's one, how about"GRINNY"?
138	BZ	((2 second pause)) "GRINNY"?=
139	BJ	=Ever heard the word "GRINNY"?
140	BZ	((2 second pause)) That means nothing to [me.]
141	BJ	[Oh.] That's an old, ah- ((2 second pause)) It's an old word from
		what there was used in Western Pennsylvania for a s-, a chipmunk.
		((2 second pause)) But I think it was mostly a ruralword, I think,
		it was like-
142	BZ	Nah. I [don't think] I even ever heard it.
143	BJ	[(Ah, unh, yeah.)] Nah?
144	BZ	Unh-uh.
145	BJ	How about "PICKSBURGH"?
146	BZ	Oh, "PICKSBURGH." Yeah. [I've] heard that. ((Laughs))
147	BJ	["PICKSBURGH."] Who says that?
148	BZ	((2 second pause)) A lot a people.
149	BJ	Yeah?
150	BZ	Yeah. That live here. Born here.
151	BJ	Huh.
152	BZ	I'dsay "Pittsburgh." I don't, use thethe, that "PICKS." But I
		have some, um, sister-in-laws, and brother-in-laws, that say that
		"PICKSBURGH." ((Laughs))
153	BJ	((Laughs))
154	BZ	((Laughs))
155	BJ	Why do you think people do [that]?
156	BZ	[((Clears throat))] I don't know.
157	BJ	((3 second pause)) ((Papers shuffling)) 'Cause it doesn't seem like
		it's easier or anything
158	BZ	No. I [don't]- I don't know.
159	BJ	[Um.] I don't know. Who knows=
160	BZ	=But they do, they do say that, and they, um- ((2 second pause))
		They call, instead of calling it "Notre Dame," they call it "NODER
		Dame." ((Tapping noise)) ((2 second pause)) Ummy in-laws,
		you [know], they do, the Polish ones. ((Laughs))

161	BJ	[Mm-hmm.] "NORD-" [What] do they say?
162	BZ	[((Clears throat))] "NODER Dame."
163	BJ	"NODER."
164	BZ	Mm-hmm. And they call [it] "NORTHSIDE," "SOUTHSIDE."
101		((Laughs)
165	BJ	[Yep.] Oh they leave the "t" "h" [The "t" "h's."]
166	BZ	[Yeah. What's] Whatever. [You] know. ((Clears throat))
167	BJ	[Uh-huh.] So that's the, more the Polish?
168	BZ	Yeah, [that's] on, that's on my husband's side, they say that. Not
100		my side.
169	BJ	[Yeah.] ((Paper shuffling)) Uh-huh.
170	BZ	Yeah.
171	BJ	Where's there any sort of thing that the Irish did, particularly
		when they talked, that ((1 second pause)) anybody commented on,
		or?
172	BZ	((Smacks lips)) I-
173	BJ	Made fun of, or anything like that?
174	BZ	NahI don't remember.
175	BJ	((1 second pause)) Hmm-mm. ((2 second pause))
176	BZ	My grandparents came from Ireland.
177	BJ	((2 second pause)) Really? So they had Irish accents?
178	BZ	Mm-hmm. ((1 second pause)) [Yeah.]
179	BJ	[Hmm.]
180	BZ	In my, uh, mother'sgrandparentsI mean, on her side, they came
		from Italy. My grandmother spoke Italian all the time, hah.
181	BJ	Mm-hmm. So d-, these are your mother's [parents] came from
		[Italy], and your father's parents came [from Ireland.]
182	BZ	[Yeah.] [Yeah.] [Came from] Ireland. Yeah.
183	BJ	Wow. When would thathad been?
184	BZ	Oooh
185	BJ	I don't know, like?
186	BZ	UnnhI don't know when they'd come over, I really don't.
187	BJ	Hmm-mm. ((3 second pause)) Where were they from ((1 second
		pause)) inItaly, um?
188	BZ	Umm. ((3 second pause)) Oh, shoot, I forget the name of that little
405	D.I.	town. My- Ones from Ireland, from, we're from County Down.
189	BJ	Ah.
190	BZ	I forget the- ((2 second pause)) The name of the, th-, thwhere
101	DI	they were from, in Italy.
191	BJ	I thought when I did thatBloomfield tour theyshe said thata
102	D7	lot of people were Abruzzi?
192	BZ	Mm-hmm.
193	BJ	((Intake of breath)) Which is part of Sicily I think, or, isn't it?
194	BZ	Is that where it's
195	BJ	I don't know. Um. ((3 second pause)) [I don't, I mean, if you

		(don't)]
196	BZ	
190	BJ	[They (migrate). My parents] were Calabrese.  Mm-hmm.
197	BZ	
	+	So I, I don't know what region that [is]. ((Laughs))
199	BJ	[Yeah,] well, Calabria, I think is the region=
200	BZ	=Yeah=
201	BJ	=I'm not, uh, I can't tell you exactly where it [is. But, ah]
202	BZ	[Yeah, I-, I don't] know either. ((Laughs))
203	BJ	((Laughs)) You know=
204	BZ	=Yeah, you don't think to ask those things when you'reuh, you
		know, well I was very young when myfather's parents died.
205	BJ	Mm-hmm.
206	BZ	Fact, I don't even remember my grandfather, but I do remember my
		grandmother just a, you know, a little bit.
207	BJ	Mm-hmm.
208	BZ	And, um ((2 second pause)) My grandfather on my mother's
		sideI don't, I didn't know him at all.
209	BJ	Mm-hmm.
210	BZ	Yeah. But, um
211	BJ	((Intake of breath)) So how did you communicate with your
		grandmother ifI mean she, did she also speak English, or?
212	BZ	Not very much, nooo, not very often. ((Laughs)) [You know.]
213	BJ	[What did you,] so did you do things with her, or?
214	BZ	Yeah. ((Laughs)) Yeah. Yeah. We just, um, ((1 second pause)) we
		just, just, it's like you kind of knew what she was saying. ((Laughs))
215	BJ	Mm-hmm.
216	BZ	Yeah. She was just a little lady but she was a powerful lady.
		((Laughs))
217	BJ	Did she wear the black after her husband died?
218	BZ	Oh, yeah. She wore, I don't ever remember seeing her in anything
		but black.
219	BJ	Mm-hmm.
220	BZ	Until ((2 second pause)) nineteensixtfifty-nine when my,
		umsister got married. She put a, a different dress on for that.
221	BJ	((2 second pause)) W-wow. ((Laughs))
222	BZ	And that was it. That was the only time I seen her out of black.
223	BJ	And then she put her black back on [after] that.
224	BZ	[Mm-hmm.]
225	BJ	((1 second pause)) Wow, that's neat=
226	BZ	=Hmm, yeah.
227	BJ	Did the Irishladies do that, [too], after their husbands died.
228	BZ	[No.] Not, no, no II don't remember that. No. Mm-mm.
229	BJ	Hmm-mm. ((1 second pause)) Hmm-mm.
230	BZ	
		No, she wore that black dress, those black stockings ((Laughs))
231	BJ	I saw aa lady, I was in the, one of the Italian grocery stores up

		here the other day ((1 second pause)) ((Intake of breathe)) And I
		saw, anda lady who looked like, maybe, ((1 second pause))
		around seventy, I mean, not really old, uh, all dressed in black=
232	BZ	=All dressed in black.
233	BJ	It's, doesn't seem, like, it's that usual anymore.
234	BZ	The older ones?
235	BJ	Mm-hmm?
236	BZ	That are still arounddo.
237	BJ	Yeah.
238	BZ	I'd, wouldn't think the younger ones would, but
239	BJ	I don't know seventy doesn't seem [that old to me anymore. You
		know. ((Laughs))]
240	BZ	[No No ((Laughs))] Me neither. ((Laughs)) I'm not fall behind
		her. ((Laughs))
241	BJ	((Laughs)) I don't know, me neither.
242	BZ	Not far behind. ((Laughs))
243	BJ	((Laughs))