Homework 4: The Meanings of LIKE (Due on June 25, 2004 Friday)
This homework with a total of 80 points is worth 8% of your final grade.

In this exercise, you will explore the meanings of *like* in a dictionary and in people's daily use. Think of yourself as a lexicographer. How would you write an entry for like in your dictionary? This homework should be typed.

1. Find a good dictionary and check out the entries it has for *like*. Summarize the entries provided by that dictionary (including major definitions and an example for each definition). (It's okay to refer to on-line dictionaries.) Then comment on what you found in the dictionary. Pay attention to the following aspects. Which dictionary did you use? When was it published? How was the dictionary compiled (if it was stated in the preface)? What was the lexicographer's criterion for lexical entries? How many lexical entries did you find for *like*? How many different meanings were specified for *like* in the dictionary? Are there meanings that you could think of but were not included? Do you think some of the meanings are not too different and should be grouped as one meaning? (40 pts)

2. Consider *like* as used in the following instances from natural conversation. How many different meanings do you think there are for *like*? Where do they occur in the sentence? Is there any semantic difference? Try to make definitions for the different meanings of *like*. Then compare these meanings with those that you found in the dictionary. Were they included in the dictionary? Should they be included in the dictionary? (40 pts)

**Instances containing like:**
(a) He doesn't even care about our *likes* or dislikes. We just have to do it.
(b) And I was *like*, "Who do you think you are?"
(c) I wake up, and it’s *like* no one’s at home, and I have no idea where anyone is.
(d) He’s goin’, blah blah blah, and I’m *like*, yeah, right.
(e) And I saw her coming, and I’m *like*, "Nooooooooooo."
(f) The waves were *like* really big.
(g) Can I *like* nibble on your neck?
(h) Do we have to read *like* the last chapters for the final?
(i) She plays the piano *like* with great concentration and with great energy. I'm afraid she doesn't study *like* that.
(j) … she started to like really go for him. And she's like
   And I'm like, "That's so good."
   And she's like, she's like, "Now I'm not even sure if I like him. Now when you look at
   him his face is kind of deformed and everything. Like you start seeing little flaws."
   [DL/SR]

(k) I like those chocolate bars!

(l) You look like something bad has happened.

(m) In a like manner, I told him I am not interested any more.

(n) My roommate never cleans when I ask him to. Like, I asked him yesterday to clean,
   and he never did it. He’s just too lazy. It’s like, he just like sits around all day watching
   football and like doing nothing.

(o) He was like, "I'll talk to you later. I'm not going to talk to you now." And I was like,
   "You're being an asshole." And he was like, "I need to see you outside." And so we
   went out. We talked outside to the front. And he was like, "You need to stop it. Quit
   talking like that." He was like, "I don't know what your problem is." And I was like, I
   know what your problem is. You're being a dick." And he reached up and he slapped
   me. And I just reached up and slapped the shit out of him, just clocked him. And
   everyone was inside at Kim's apartment and looked out and they were like, "Uhh, Oh
   my God. We're taking hum home." [extract from a narrative about a blind date gone
   wrong]