

AS English Language & Literature Summer Work

Short transcript of Russell Brand interview on American news programme, *Morning Joe*, June 2013

Participants:

Mika, Brian and Kat (American news presenters) and Russell Brand (English comedian)

Key:	
(.)	micro pause (less than a second)
ex.	unfinished word indicated by a full stop
//	overlapping speech
(laughter)	paralinguistic features

Mika: I think (.) I'm just (.) my (.) this is my first erm

Brian: Brand experience

Mika: Brand yeah (.) that I think it's not listening to him it's ex. (.) it's experien. it's just sort of taking it all in

5 Russell: you are talking about me // as if I am not here //

Mika // I'm transfixed //

Russell: and as if I'm an extra terrestrial
(laughter)

Russell: you know I'm from a //country that's near to you //

10 Kat: // why not you're a kind of // shop window dummy (.)
we're just sort of admiring the whole y'know it's the whole thing isn't it

Russell: well thank you for your casual objectification

Refer to the Russell Brand transcript/clip for the following task

1. Write an **article** for a broadsheet **newspaper** (one aimed at an educated audience) in which, **writing as Brand**, you **reflect on the experience of going on the show**.

Consider:

- How you will appeal to your audience
- How you might describe the experience
- The types of words and phrases Brand typically uses

You should write **about 200 words**.

2. Write a **100-word commentary** in which you identify **three specific examples** of how you have used language in your writing and **explain your reasons** for using them.