**Appendix A**

1. List of transcribed episodes from *Gilmore Girls* randomly selected (except for Season 1) and analysed in the study:

Season 1: Episodes 1 through 13

Season 2: Episodes 2, 12, 20

Season 3: Episodes 3, 9, 18

Season 4: Episodes 6, 12, 20

Season 5: Episodes 3, 9, 15

Season 6: Episodes 5, 14, 20

Season 7: Episodes 3, 12, 18

1. List of characters (in alphabetical order) whose dialogues were analysed in the study:

Anna, April's mother

April, Luke’s daughter

Babbette, a neighbour from Stars Hollow

Christopher Hayden, Rory’s father

David Rygalsky, Lane’s romantic interest

Dean, Rory’s first boyfriend

Doyle, a Yale newspaper editor

Emily Gilmore, Lorelai’s mother

Hanlin Charlston, Chilton School’s Headmaster

Jackson, Sookie’s boyfriend/husband

Jason, Lorelai’s romantic interest

Jess, Rory’s second boyfriend

Kirk, a neighbour from Stars Hollow

lawyers and judges; court officers

Logan Huntzberger, Rory’s third boyfriend

Loulou, Kirk’s girlfriend

Lane Kim, Rory’s best friend

Liz, Luke's sister

Lorelei Gilmore, Rory’s mother

Louise, a student from Chilton

Luke Danes, a diner owner from Stars Hollow

Lucy, Rory’s friend at Yale University

Marty, Rory’s friend at Yale University

Madeleine, a student from Chilton

Michel, an employee at the hotels run by Lorelai

Mitchem Huntzberger, Logan’s father

Mrs Kim, Lane’s mother

Miss Patty, a neighbour from Stars Hollow

Other (episodic) characters without a proper name

Paris Geller, a student from Chilton and later Yale University

Richard Gilmore, Lorelai’s father

Rory Gilmore, the main character

Sookie, Lorelai’s best friend

students at Chilton / Yale

Talor Dosy, a supermarket owner at Stars Hollow

TJ, Liz's boyfriend/husband

Zach, Lane’s boyfriend / husband