

CHAPTER III

FLOUTING MAXIMS TO CREATE HUMOR USING GRICE'S COOPERATIVE PRINCIPLE IN MOVIE "THE BING BANG THEORY"

There is a thing we have to know that flouting maxim is written in bold and italic text. It is for distinguishing between the speaker and the interlocutor be given mark. The speaker be mark ** whereas * for the interlocutors.

3.1 Analysis of Maxim Flouting

3.1.1 Maxim of Quantity Flouting

The speaker who flouts maxim of quality seems to give either too little information or too much information. The example of maxim of quantity flouting is shown in the conversation below.

1. Bernadette and Raj want to clean the spare room for newborn baby of Bernadette. (*Season 10 Episode 3*).
Bernadette* : *I don't even know where to begin.*
Raj** : ***Well, in *The Sound of Music*, Julie Andrews says let's start at the very beginning, a very good place to start.***
Bernadette* : *Oh, I was gonna start at the end. Thank God you're here.*
Raj** : *Well, I think the first thing we should get rid of is that tone.*
Bernadette* : *Sorry.*

In the conversation above, the writer finds a maxim of quantity flouting when Raj answers Bernadette's question about where to start cleaning the spare room because that room looks so messy, and there are so many old stuff. Bernadette seems confused and start asking Raj. However, Raj adds more answers with a dialog in the movie *The Sound of music*, which is not necessary. Raj flouts the maxim of quantity since he gives Bernadette too much information. He should have answered Bernadette's question by saying, "Let's start from beginning."

2. Howard, Leonard, and Sheldon are doing a scientific project that is given by the Air Force. (Season 10 Episode 3)

Howard* : *Maybe we should break for lunch. What time is it?*

Leonard** : ***According to the world's worst cuckoo clock, it's two.***

The writer finds the maxim of Quantity flouting when Leonard answers Howard's Question. Howard asking about the time at the present because Howard already hungry and weary. Yet, Leonard's answer is too much information that is not necessary by saying, ***“According to the world's worst cuckoo clock, it's two.”*** He should have answered the question by simply saying *“It's two.”*

3. Sheldon and Amy are talking about the idea to move somewhere while they are lying on their bed. (Season 10 Episode 3).

Sheldon** : *Well, I suppose we could find a whole new place. You know, and technically, we don't even have to stay in Pasadena. We could, we could move to Altadena or a place that doesn't even end in "Dena.*

Amy* : *It's kind of exciting. I mean we could do whatever we want.*

Sheldon** : ***But what if we move and we don't like it? What if there's a smoker in the building? Or pets? Or there could be mold. There could be traffic noise. I'm gonna have to learn a whole new bus route.***

Sheldon is giving too much information that is not necessary to Amy. This problem can result the flouting maxim of quantity. Sheldon should give a sufficient statement and a reasonable complain to Amy.

4. Sheldon, Leonard, and Howard are creating the project commissioned by the Air Force. At the same time, Sheldon also plans to make a project with Amy. (Season 10 Episode 20)

Sheldon** : *Hello.*

Amy* : *Why did you tell Leonard you're working on the gyroscope tomorrow?*

Sheldon** : *Because I am.*

Amy* : *But you said you were working with me.*

Penny* : *Uh-oh. Someone's got two dates to the nerd prom.*

Sheldon** : *I have a plan to work on both projects simultaneously.*

And for your information, the summer conference on algebraic topology at Caltech is nerd prom.

- Leonard* : *I'm sorry, what is this plan you have?*
- Sheldon** : *Well, I'm not needed at both places at the same time. And I can also free up extra hours with simple tricks, such as using a minimal amount of words to convey my point.*
- Leonard* : *When does that start?*
- Sheldon** : *Soon. See, I could've said "in the near future," but I didn't say "in the near future," 'cause "in the near future" is three more words than "soon." "In" one, "the" two, "near" three, "future" four. See "in the near future" is four, "soon" is just one, four is more than one; saving time already.*

Sheldon has made an appointment to Amy on the same day as the Air Force project. Amy just has known about it, she immediately asks Sheldon about the promise of their project creation. Sheldon has a plan for this problem. Evidently, he has a plan to make both projects successful at the same time. The writer finds the maxim of quantity flouting when Sheldon is analogizing his plan by giving words that can minimize amount of a sentence to convey his point. Otherwise, his statement makes many words that is not necessary to the interlocutors and flouts maxim of quantity.

5. Penny goes to the bar with Amy and Bernadette. At there, she meets Zack. Zack is Penny's ex-boyfriend. This is the dialogue between them. (Season 10 Episode 22)

- Zack** : *Penny?*
- Penny* : *Hey. Oh, Zack.*
- Zack** : *What are the odds of running into you here? Well, it's a bar, so pretty good.*
- Penny* : *Uh, what's new?*
- Zack** : *Oh, tons of stuff. Put artificial grass in my backyard, got engaged, **had a scary mole that turned out to be Sharpie.***
- Penny* : *Well, congratulations.*
- Zack** : *That's what my dermatologist said.*
- Penny* : *No, on-on getting engaged, good for you.*

In the dialogue above, the writer finds the maxim of quantity flouting in Zack expression. He says, “*Oh, tons of stuff. Put artificial grass in my backyard, got engaged, had a scary mole that turned out to be Sharpie.*” He talks about how he has been doing recently. However, he is adding too much expression by telling Penny about his mole which is not necessary to Penny. The rules of maxim quantity are, the speakers should be as informative as they require, that they should give neither too little information nor too much. That means Zack flouts maxim of quantity.

3.1.2 Maxim of Quality flouting

This maxim flouting is where the speaker is not telling the truth, in other words lying. The speaker may say something very contrary or the opposite of the speaker should actually say. In addition, there are also cases where the speaker shows that he is not interested in the ongoing conversation by saying something very proven to be impossible.

1. Sheldon wants to buy a drink. He falls asleep beside vending machine because he is too tired. Suddenly, superhero The Flash comes to waking Sheldon up, and offers an energy drink water to Sheldon. (Season 10 Episode 3)

The Flash** : *Oh sorry, I thought you were cool.*

Sheldon* : *I am cool. This is Yoo-hoo, chocolate milk's delicious watery cousin.*

The Flash** : *All right. But if you ever want to feel like You have superpowers, try one of these.*

(giving Sheldon the energy drink water)

Sheldon* : *Superheroes take performance-enhancing chemicals?*

The Flash** : *You bet. You know why Hulk is so strong? Steroids. You know why Batman wanders around at night getting into fights? Scotch.*

The Flash** : *Here. It's on the house.*

Sheldon* : *The first one's free? Flash, how do you stay in business?*

The Flash** : *You want to know my secret? I bought stock in Marvel.*

In the conversation above, the writer finds maxim of quality flouting when The Flash gives the statement which is not based in fact and the truth is not clear. The Flash talks about the secret about those superheroes to keep their power by saying, *You bet. You know why Hulk*

is so strong? Steroids. You know why Batman wanders around at night getting into fights? Scotch. Also, The Flash himself give a statement about how to keep business success in the way to buy a stock in Marvel by saying, **“You want to know my secret? I bought stock in Marvel”**. According to, [http://www.wikinvest.com/stock/Marvel_Enterprises_\(MVL\)](http://www.wikinvest.com/stock/Marvel_Enterprises_(MVL))

“In late 2009, Disney purchase Marvel for about \$4 billion in cash and stock. Marvel Entertainment began as a comic-book business, and the heroes and villains created by its writers captured America's attention starting in the late 1930's. The company now owns a portfolio of over 5000 characters, and it continues to earn revenues by publishing the comic books and novels that established its core following. However, over half of Marvel's revenues in 2007 came from licensing its characters to third party producers of video games, TV shows, toys, and movies.”

From the article below, it is true that Disney is the one who buys stock in Marvel, and The Flash do not buy it. It means The Flash tells an untrue statement to Sheldon. It makes The Flash flouts maxim of quality.

2. Penny and Amy are having a conversation about Bernadette’s pregnancy. Bernadette wants her colleagues to keep the issue about her pregnancy as a secret but Penny accidentally let the secret slips. However, Bernadette does not know about what Penny has done. (Season 10 Episode 06)

Penny* : *Oh God, I feel so bad, I just lied to her.*
Amy** : *Oh, but you did it so well. That’s amazing, it’s like watching a sculptor, but your clay was lies.*
Penny* : *Is that really what’s important right now?*
Amy** : *I mean, seriously, you have got to let me scan your brain when you’re being dishonest so I can see what lights up.*
Penny* : *That’s super helpful, Amy. Thanks a lot. I can’t wait to do that.*
Amy** : *I can see a clump of bitch cells lightin’ up from here.*

Penny talks about her lie to Amy, but Amy admires her lies because Penny does lie perfectly. The writer finds flouting maxim of quality on those conversations above which

are spoken by Amy. Amy says, ***“I can see a clump of bitch cells lightin’ up from here.”***

Here is a quotation from <https://ghr.nlm.nih.gov/primer/basics/cell>,

“Cells are the basic building blocks of all living things. The human body is composed of trillions of cells. They provide structure for the body, take in nutrients from food, convert those nutrients into energy, and carry out specialized functions. Cells also contain the body’s hereditary material and can make copies of themselves.”

If we look from that quotation, Amy statement is not based on the fact and lack of truth because there is not the kind of cells named bitch cells.

3. Sheldon and Amy decide to live together at Penny’s apartment, because, Amy’s apartment has been repaired. Now Penny is staying at Leonard’s apartment, so Sheldon and Amy can stay in Penny’s apartment. This is the first time they are living together. Sheldon is deciding where he is going to sleep. (Season 10 Episode6)

Amy* : Sheldon, will you please just pick a side?

Sheldon* : ***Okay, Now, this side offers me proximity to the bathroom, but I am closer to the window where perverts can watch me sleep.***

Amy* : Okay. What if we do this?
(close the curtains on the window)

Sheldon** : *I suppose that works.*

Amy* : *Great.*

Sheldon** : ***Although now I’m kind of worried someone’s hiding behind those drapes.***

In the conversation above, there is flouting maxim of quality, which is when Sheldon gets confused to decide where he is going to sleep, Sheldon is little bit weird and rare person, but, he is also a genius man, in this conversation he says the things that are not right and unclear. Sheldon says about pervert who can watch Sheldon while he is sleeping. Here is the quotation taken from <http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/pervert> *“pevert is a person whose sexual behaviour is considered strange and unpleasant by most people.”* Sheldon, as a man, should take care of his woman from the dangerous things such as from pervert people. Still, he is the contrary than usual man.

4. Leonard, Sheldon, Howard, and Raj are eating at cafeteria. They talk about Amy's lie to Sheldon about her apartment. Sheldon have just realized that Amy's apartment has already fixed. (Season 10 Episode 8)

Leonard* : *She's enjoying living with you and she didn't want it to end early.*

Seldon** : *So, she's deceiving me in order to spend more time with me.*

Leonard* : *Yes.*

Sheldon** : *Oh. Well, I feel both flattered and hurt.*

Sheldon** : ***Like when people say, I look like that skeleton from Nightmare Before Christmas.***

Raj* : *Oh my God, that's who you look like.*

Sheldon knows the fact about Amy's apartment. It has already fixed. He knows the fact from Howard. Howard has made a promise with Amy to not to tell Sheldon about Amy's apartment has already fixed. Then, Howard tells Sheldon about Amy's apartment has already fixed accidentally. Sheldon's reaction makes the writer finds the maxim of quality flouting. He says, "***Like when people say, I look like that skeleton from Nightmare Before Christmas.***" Here is the quotation taken from http://the-nightmare-before-christmas.wikia.com/wiki/Jack_Skellington

"Jack Skeleton is an animation character Jack is a tall skeleton who wears a black pin-striped suit, complete with a bat bow-tie. He has earned the title of Pumpkin King by being so terrifying to humans (but never harming them), a clearly well-earned title as it appears he is even able to scare the monsters that occupy the town and the main protagonist of the 1993 film Nightmare Before Christmas".

Sheldon is not an animation in the film character. He is a human being. Sheldon's statement is not based on fact. He says a statement that totally untrue. his expression makes him flouts the maxim of quality.

5. Penny and Amy are walking the stairs to their apartment. While they are walking, Penny asks Amy about the condition of Amy's apartment.

(Season 10 Episode 7)

Penny* : *So, what's the deal with your apartment?*

Why's it taking so long?

Amy** : ***Um, it was a drywall problem.***

Penny* : *Oh, no, what happened?*

Amy** : ***Well, the drywall got wet, and you do not want wet drywall because when drywall gets wet, it's really more...***

Penny* : *Wet wall?*

Amy** : ***Or damp wall, just as bad.***

Amy tells lie to Penny about her apartment by saying, "***Um, it was a drywall problem.***" The truth is Amy's apartment has already fixed and no more trouble anymore. Amy flouts the maxim of quality because she tells a lies to Penny.

6. Leonard is trying to help Sheldon by suggesting him to throw a rock as far as possible in order to let go of Sheldon anger. Unfortunately, their expectation is different from the reality. (Season 10 episode 6)

Sheldon* : *Ow, ow, ow, ow, ow, ow, ow, ow*

Amy* : *What happened?*

Sheldon* : *I tried to let go of anger and threw a rock into my foot!*

Leonard** : *Then he got more angry and kicked the rock with his other foot.*

Penny* : *Wha--? And what happened to you?*

Leonard** : ***Oh, I laughed so hard, I burst a blood vessel in my nose. It's fine.***

From dialogue above, the Writer finds the maxim of quality flouting.

Leonard's nose is bleeding, Leonard says, "***Oh, I laughed so hard, I burst a blood vessel in my nose. It's fine.***" Here is the quotation taken from <https://www.thoughtco.com/blood-vessels-373483>,

“Blood vessels are intricate networks of hollow tubes that transport blood throughout the entire body. This is an essential function as blood delivers valuable nutrients to and removes wastes from our cells. Blood vessels are constructed of layers of connective tissue and muscle. Injury, allergic reaction, infections of the blood, autoimmune disorders, birth, bruises, medication side effects, chemotherapy side effects, radiation side effects, and normal process of aging.”

From the quotation, laughing cannot cause the blood vessel bursting. Leonard’s statement is not based on the fact. This statement flouts maxim of quality because Leonard is exaggerating his statement.

7. Sheldon, Leonard, Raj, and Howard are sitting at cafeteria. They are talking about Sheldon’s behavior. (Season 10 Episode 6)

Sheldon* : *You know, I realized I don't need to worry about other people. I just need to think more about myself.*
Leonard** : *Oh, how will we ever get used to the new you?*
Raj* : *Well, I'm glad to see you moving forward.*
Sheldon* : *Bert did quality research. And he deserves whatever accolades he receives.*
Howard** : ***What is going on? Did you upgrade his software last night?***

There is someone named Bert, he gets award for the Geology elevation. Sheldon gets jealous about the award that Bert got. He always hates Bert because of his achievement, but now he says something different from usual, by saying, *“You know, I realized I don't need to worry about other people. I just need to think more about myself.”* That sentence makes the other shocks, because it comes from Sheldon’s mouth. The writer finds the maxim of quality flouting from Howard’s question because his sentence is not based on fact. His sentence is unclear by saying, ***“What is going on? Did you upgrade his software last night?”***. Here is the quotation taken from <http://searchmicroservices.techtarget.com>, *“Software is a general term for the various kinds of programs used to operate computer and related devices”*. After the writer has found that meaning of software above, it means Sheldon is human. He is not kind of computer or other devices.

8. Sheldon, Leonard, Raj, Howard, Penny, Amy, and Bernadette are gathering at Leonard's apartment. Leonard's apartment is the place that they are usually gathering. (*Season 10 Episode 14*)

Bernadette* : *You know, I just read that a team at MIT developed a device that helps people read human emotions.*

Leonard** : ***And you think we can get those guys to reprogram Sheldon? Cool.***

Bernadette* : *It's supposed to be accurate, like, 85% of the time.*

Penny* : *Wow, I find that hard to believe.*

Sheldon is always different from his friends. He is kind of people who cannot read human emotions. The writer finds the maxim of quality from Leonard's utterance by saying, "***And you think we can get those guys to reprogram Sheldon? Cool.***" This question flouts the maxim of quality because this question is not based on fact and lack of evidence. From the site

<https://en.oxforddictionaries.com/definition/reprogram>

program is a sequence of coded instructions fed into a computer, enabling it to perform specified logical and arithmetical operations on data. Afterward re-program is to program anew, especially, to revise or write a new program for a computer.

Sheldon is not a program, he is a human being. Leonard's utterance is very untrue in fact.

9. Amy and Sheldon are conducting a research together. The project is a merger of their expertise both, Amy as a biologist and Sheldon an expert in physics. (*Season 10 Episode 19*)

Amy* : *I don't know where we went wrong.*

Sheldon** : *Yeah, the math is so inelegant. I'm not even sure it makes sense.*

Amy* : *Well, don't give up. Maybe we can fix it.*

Sheldon** : *Can you stop breathing so loud? I can hear your nose whistling.*

Amy* : *I can hear your face talking, so we're even.*

Sheldon** : ***All right, either blow your nose or teach it to play "Camptown Races."***

Amy* : *Fine.*
Sheldon* : *Fine.*
Amy* : *You want me to blow my nose? Here, I'll blow it.*

They find anomalies in the research. Then they are looking for such anomalies. While looking for them, they stand side by side, so Sheldon can hear Amy's breath sound loudly. Sheldon says, "**All right, either blow your nose or teach it to play "Camptown Races"**". Sheldon feels annoyed about that sound, and he asks Amy to teach her nose to play a song titled "Camptown Races". According to https://makingmusicfun.net/html/fmmf_music_library_songbook/camptown-races-history-and-lyrics.htm

"Gwine to Run All Night, or De Camptown Races" (popularly known as "**Camptown Races**") is a minstrel song by Stephen Foster (1826–1864). It was published in February 1850 by F. D. Benteen of Baltimore, Maryland. Benteen published a different version with guitar accompaniment in 1852 under the title, "**The Celebrated Ethiopian Song/Camptown Races**".

The writer finds maxim of quality flouting when Sheldon asks Amy to teach her nose to play a song. That is impossible if human's nose can play a song

10. Sheldon is sick and forces himself to keep working hardly, as a result he passes out unconscious. The worse thing is he forgets about that day.

(Season 10 Episode 20)

Penny** : *The notebook isn't in the bathroom.*
Amy* : *I can't find it, either. How can he not remember a day?*
Penny** : *Well, people who are abducted by aliens lose time. I mean, maybe it happens to the aliens, too.*

He forgets everything in that day. After he wakes up, many of his stuffs disappear. He loses his important notebook. He has already written his name on the book. His friends also help him to find the notebook. Penny seems confused of where else to find the book. The writer finds the maxim of quality flouting when Penny says, "**Well, people who are abducted by aliens lose time. I mean, maybe it happens to the aliens, too.**" According to <http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/alien> Alien is relating to creatures from another planet. Also, here the a quotation from

<https://en.oxforddictionaries.com/definition/alien> *Alien is a hypothetical or fictional being from another world.* From those quotation, alien is relating to creatures from another planet and fictional being from another world. Penny says a word that does not refer to the fact. The word that she says is still lack of evidence.

11. Penny, Leonard, Howard, and Raj buy food to eat in the Leonard's apartment together. Howard thinks that the servant is wrong by putting the broccoli in his box. Evidently, the broccoli belongs to Raj.

(Season 10 Episode 8)

Howard* : *Huh, they screwed up and gave us steamed broccoli.*

Raj** : *Oh, no, that's mine.*

Leonard* : *Really? The last green thing I saw you eat was a Skittle.*

Raj** : *Well, I can't eat like a ten-year-old all the time.*

Penny* : *You're dating somebody, who is it?*

Raj** : *What? What are you talking about?*

Penny* : *You only watch what you eat when you're afraid you might have to take your shirt off.*

Howard* : *No, she's right. As long as I've known you, you've always been self-conscious about your cleavage.*

Raj** : *It's because you keep trying to stick pencils in it.*

Penny* : *All right, fine, don't tell us.*

Raj** : *There's nothing to tell.*

Penny* : *All right.*

Leonard* : *How's that broccoli?*

Raj** : *It's gross but I have to eat it because I met somebody.*

Penny* : *Bam. Thank you. What's her name?*

Raj** : *Issabella.*

Howard* : *Oh, did you meet her at work?*

Raj** : *Yes, in the telescope room.*

Leonard* : *Oh, so she's an astronomer?*

Raj** : *Yes, which is why she was in the telescope room. Yes, this is all making sense. Good.*

Penny* : *Well, that's great, Raj. You must have so much in common.*

Raj** : *Mm-hmm.*

Penny feels suspicious to Raj because Raj usually only eat broccoli if he does approach a woman. However, Raj does not immediately confess his feeling to Penny. Finally, Raj exposes to Leonard's inducement, by asking how broccoli tastes. Raj explains why he eats the broccoli. But, not all of Raj explanations are true. He claims that he is approaching a woman. However, when Howard asks about the place where they have meet, Raj answers the question by lying to them. Raj says, **"Yes, which is why she was in the telescope room. Yes, this is all making sense. Good."** The truth is Isabella works as a cleaning service. Raj tells a lie to his friends because Raj feels ashamed by Isabella's occupation as a cleaning service because he and his friends work as a scientist that is very educated. The writer finds the maxim of quality flouting when Raj makes the lies.

11. Sheldon wants to learn some new activities in order to sharpen his cognitive skill. The activities that Sheldon wants to learn are those activities that Sheldon have not learned before. Now he wants to learn about juggling. (Season 10 Episode 22)

Howard* : *So the key is, the moment one ball is at the top of its arc, you toss the next one.*

Sheldon** : *Hmm? Okay, I think I got that.*

Howard* : *Uh, h-hold on. (chuckles) There's a, an old saying in juggling.*

Bernadette* : *Is it "I'm going to die alone"?*

Howard* : *No, it's "if you want to have fun, start with one." Yours we think, but we do not say.*

(Sheldon starts toss the ball)

Howard* : *All right, just toss it up and catch it a few times, get comfortable with it.*

Sheldon** : *Okay. (laughs softly)*

Sheldon** : ***Just to be on the safe side, am I in any danger of getting juggler's elbow?***

Howard* : *No.*

Sheldon** : ***Are you sure? 'Cause I'm feeling a twinge.***

Sheldon comes to Howard's apartment in order to ask him to teach juggling. Juggling is a physical skill performed by a juggler, involving the manipulation of objects for recreation, entertainment, art or sport. According to <http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/juggle>

to throw several objects up into the air, and then catch and throw them up repeatedly so that one or more stays in the air, usually in order to entertain people. Howard likes the circus thing. That is why Sheldon comes to him. In dialogue above, Sheldon flouts maxim of quality by saying, “***Are you sure? 'Cause I'm feeling a twinge.***” It is impossible that doing a juggling can cause twinge in elbow. Sheldon’s statement is exaggerating and lack of evidence. As we know, the rules of maxim quality are telling the truth which is not lying to the hearer and not exaggerating the statement.

12. Bernadette is pregnant. She wants to clean the spare room for her kid. Bernadette does not know the gender of the baby. She is deliberately to be a surprise later. Raj as her friend, wants to help Bernadette to clean the spare room. Below is the conversation that happens when they clean the spare room. (Season 10 Episode 3)

Bernadette* : *This was the husband and this was the wife.*

They'd go out on adventures together.

Cruises, skiing, horseback riding. That was me just duct taping them to our dog.

Raj** : *Oh, and did they have kids?*

Bernadette* : *They did, but the mommy and daddy didn't*

like them, so they shipped them off to an orphanage I made out of a shoebox.

Raj** : *Yeah, that's not worrisome at all.*

Bernadette* : *Not every girl dreams about being a mom. Sometimes you*

think you're never gonna have kids and one day you

wake up and you're pregnant. And it doesn't matter that

your career's going great right now and that you and

your husband never even got to go anywhere taped to a dog.

Raj** : *I skipped spin class for this.*

Bernadette is actually not ready yet to have a baby. She is scared about this pregnancy. She is not a bad girl. She is just scared that she does not like her child. She is also afraid of being a bad mother for her child. She tells everything to Raj. The writer finds the maxim of quality flouting in Raj statement. Raj says, ***“I skipped spin class for this.”*** This expression shows the lack of evidence and it is not based on the fact by saying “skipped spin class”. According to <http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/class> Class is, *a group of students who are taught together at school, college, or university.* In fact, Raj is in the spare room of Bernadette’s house. As we know, the rules of maxim of quality are the speakers are expected to be sincere to say something that they believe corresponds to be a reality. They assume to not to say anything that they believe to be false or anything that lack of evidence.

13. After Penny’s wedding ceremonial, Penny’s family are going to back home. They are going home by Penny’s car. In the car, they talk about the wedding ceremonial back there. They are reviewing about Penny’s friends.

They talk about the personality of Sheldon. (*Season 10 Episode 1*)

Susan* : *Penny, I don’t know what I was worried about. You’re are just lovely.*

Penny* : *Oh, thanks, Mom.*

Susan* : *Although that Sheldon is a bit peculiar.*

Penny* : *Is he? I never noticed.*

Wyatt* : ***He reminds me of that turkey we had who drowned looking up at the rain.***

Before the wedding ceremonial of Penny and Leonard. Penny’s mother is worried about the situation of Penny’s friends and Leonard’s family. The writer finds the maxim of quality’s flouted in Wyatt utterance by saying, ***“He reminds me of that turkey we had who drowned looking up at the rain.”*** Wyatt flouts the maxim of quantity because he compares between Sheldon and turkey cock. As we know, the rules of maxim of quality are the speakers are expected to be sincere to say something that they believe corresponds to be a reality. They assume to not to say anything that they believe to be false or anything that lack of evidence. Wyatt’s utterance makes him flouts the maxim of quality.

3.1.3 Maxim of Relevance Flouting

The speakers flout maxims of relation when they expect the hearers will be able to imagine what the speakers do not say and to make the connection between the speakers' utterance and the preceding ones. If a speaker flouts the maxim of relation, it means that he/she gives irrelevant information.

1. Penny's family are meeting together again to attend Penny's wedding ceremony. Before the wedding begins, they are gathering at Penny's apartment. (*Season 10 Episode 1*)

Susan* : *Well, fine, if everyone wants to make jokes about our problems, then I can, too. Knock, knock. Who's there? Our family is an embarrassment.*

Randall** : *That's not much of a joke.*

Penny* : *Okay. Listen, Mom, I know you're nervous, but I promise you, no one is gonna judge you or this family.*

Susan* : *Oh, I'm sorry. It's just we're meeting Leonard's parents for the first time, and, and they're academics and, and intellectuals, and I don't want them thinking we're white trash.*

Randall** : *Well, what colour trash do you think they'll believe?*

Susan is Penny's and Randall's mother. Penny is getting married with Leonard. Leonard's family is academics and intellectuals, while Penny's family background is the opposite. Susan is afraid to meet Leonard's family since Randall is just released from jail because of drugs problem. According to, <http://www.urbandictionary.com/define.php?term=white%20trash>

A derogatory term typically used for southern white people. Traits of white trash include a bent towards chauvinism, racism, bigotry, conservatism, protestant Christianity, country music and beer. White Trash people also tend to be self-righteous, ignorant, lazy, illiterate and cheap.

Randall flouts maxim of relevance when he gives irrelevance responds to his mom statement by asking "**Well, what colour trash do you think they'll believe?**".

2. Amy and Sheldon are the couple for the past two years. Their relationships are difference with their friends'. In order words, their relationships are conservative. The conversation

happens when Amy, Sheldon, Alfred, and Sheldon's mom are at Sheldon's apartment.
(Season 10 Episode 1)

Amy* : *Sheldon, they haven't done anything wrong.
I think it's nice they're hitting it off.*

Sheldon** : *Well, that's still no reason to rush into anything. I mean,
look at us. We took things remarkably slow. You and I, we
didn't even hold hands for two years.*

Amy* : *It was a lot hotter than it sounds.*

Alfred* : *You're a patient young lady. (touching Amy's hand)*

Sheldon** : ***Hey, hey. She's mine, take a cold shower, grandpa.***

Sheldon is a bit annoyed by Alfred because Alfred and Sheldon's mother recently walk together. When Alfred gives compliment to Amy while holding her hand suddenly Sheldon gets angry by saying, "*Hey, hey. She's mine, take a cold shower, grandpa*". Sheldon says an irrelevance sentence. He says to Alfred for take a cold shower.

3. At Penny and Leonard's wedding ceremony, all their colleagues attend the event. The event is held in an open garden. Bernadette is hosting the opening ceremony of the wedding.
(Season 10 Episode 1)

Bernadette* : *We're here today to celebrate love.*

Bernadette* : *Not just Leonard and Penny's love, but the
love we have for them, as well as each other.*

Sheldon** : ***Speaking of love, STDs among the elderly are
skyrocketing.***

Bernadette* : *Love is patient, but it's not gonna put up with all
the side chatter, so let's knock it off.*

The writer finds floating maxim of relevance in Sheldon's statement by commenting Bernadette's expression which is talking about love. Sheldon says, "***Speaking of love, STDs among the elderly are skyrocketing.***" Here is the quotation taken from <http://kidshealth.org/en/teens/std.html>,

"Sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) are infectious diseases that spread from person to person through intimate contact. STDs can affect guys and girls of all ages and backgrounds who are having sex — it doesn't matter if they're rich or poor."

Sheldon's statement is irrelevant, because he is talking about sexual decease of elderly people. This matter proves that he flouts maxim of relevance.

4. Penny meets Sheldon who is making lemon cake for Leonard, whose flavour he does not like. He makes that lemon cake because he feels upset with Leonard. At the same time, Penny also has a problem with Bernadette. Therefore, Penny and Sheldon share their problems.

(Season 10 Episode 3)

Penny* : *Well, if it makes you feel any better, Bernadette's mad at me, too.*

Sheldon** : ***Mm. If it makes you feel any better, a parasitoid wasp known as Oobius depressus has been rediscovered after 101 years of presumed extinction.***

Penny* : *Why would that make me feel better?*

Sheldon** : *Why would your Bernadette thing make me feel better? At least mine was educational.*

Penny* : *Okay. Never mind.*

According to the dialogue above, the writer finds the maxim of relevance flouting. Instead of responding Penny who has problem with Bernadette, Sheldon gives an irrelevant expression about the discovery of wasp which are thought to be extinct.

5. Raj is an astrophysicist. Raj is monitoring his laptop to wait for a signal regarding his work stuff. (Season 10 Episode 8)

Raj* : *Hold on. Is that a wobble? Yes. That's definitely a gravitational wobble.*

Isabella** : *Uh, sorry, I could come back.*

Raj* : *Oh, no, it's okay. I-I just found a wobble.*

Isabella** : ***Oh, do I need a mop?***

While he is monitoring his laptop, a girl named Isabella comes to his apartment. Isabella's occupation is a cleaning service in the same apartment where Raj stays. Isabella gives an irrelevance question towards Raj's statement. When Raj states that he finds the signal of the gravitational wobble, Isabella offers a mop to Raj. According to

<http://www.grantchronicles.com/astro43.html>. “Gravitational wobble is an indirect method for finding extrasolar planets and brown dwarfs from radial-velocity measurements via observation of Doppler shifts in the spectrum of the planet's parent star.” From the quotation above, gravitational wobble has nothing to do with a mop. This matter produces maxim of relevance flouting.

6. Raj and Stuart are talking about Raj’s problem in Howard apartment. (Season 10 Episode 18)

Raj* : *No, you see, I'm doing this so I can stop being spoiled and, you know, grow as a person.*

Stuart** : ***Good for you. This sandwich has six dollars worth of ham in it.***

Raj has economic problem, and he is a spoiled child. He usually gets the money from his father to pay everything. Then, now he wants to stop his habit of taking his father’s money because he realises that his habit has bad effects to his life. He shares his story to Stuart, but Stuart’s response is irrelevance to Raj’s statement. Stuart flouts the maxim of relevance since he gives an irrelevance statement to Raj.

7. Sheldon and Amy have finally found the solution after doing some research since they have so many dispute. They find a progress because of their quarrel they get. (Season 10 Episode 19)

Sheldon* : *That is a daring and insightful solution.*

Amy** : *We're finally making progress. I wish we could do it without fighting.*

Sheldon* : *What if the fighting is the reason we're making progress?*

Amy** : *I suppose it's conceivable that the hormones associated with our fight-or-flight response could be sharpening our cognitive processes.*

Sheldon* : ***Well, if that's the case, then your grandparents Mumble and have bad posture.***

Amy** : *How dare you speak that way about my Grammy*

Based on the dialogue above, the writer finds the maxim of relevance's flouted in Sheldon's statement. They are talking about the solution they have found. It turns out that the solution is made thanks to their quarrel. In the middle of their conversation about the progress they have made, Sheldon suddenly talks about the mumble and the posture of Amy's grandparents in order to mock Amy. His statement makes him flout the maxim of relevance.

8. Sheldon and Amy create a live on-air events titled "Fun With Flags". This event contains about the knowledge about the flags.

(Season 10 Episode 21)

Sheldon* : *And now we're going to turn it over to you, the viewers, to call in and share your favorite Fun with Flags moments.*

Amy* : *And-and don't get discouraged if the phone lines are jammed. Just keep trying.*

(computer chimes)

Amy* : *Oh, thank God! Welcome to Fun with Flags!*

Bert** : *Hey, Sheldon. Hey, Amy. It's Bert.*

Sheldon* : *Hello, Bert. What is your flag-related comment or query?*

Bert** : ***I have a girlfriend.***

Amy* : *And what does that have to do with flags?*

Bert** : ***Nothing. I just wanted everyone to know I have a girlfriend.***

Sheldon* : *Bert, you're tying up the line. My apologies to all of you trying to call in with legitimate flag comments.*

Amy* : *Ooh, ooh. All right. W-We have our next caller.*

Bert** : ***Her name's Rebecca.***

In this episode, "Fun With Flags" receives a phone call from the viewers who want to share the moment of their experience about this event. Finally, they get their first caller after waiting for a while. The caller is Bert. Bert is also their friend. When they are felling happy as Bert is the caller, they think he will share their experiences and moments to this event. Instead telling a story about their experiences, he tells about his having new girlfriend to them which has no relevance to this event. The writer finds the maxim of relevance flouting

from Bert's statement. He should have told some moments or experiences that is related to "Fun With Flags" show.

9. Bert has a new girlfriend named Rebecca. She is very sexy to a man like Bert. Bert dates her after winning an award of his geological research and gets a lot of money from the research. Bert takes Rebecca to the Leonard's apartment to be introduced to his friends. At there, she meets Leonard, Penny, Sheldon, Amy, and Raj. (Season 10 Episode 21)

Leonard* : *So, Rebecca, how did you become a personal trainer?*

Penny* : *I came to Los Angeles to be an actress, and things didn't really work out.*

Sheldon* : *I'd say she's copying you again, but I'm getting tired of sitting in the hall.*

Raj* : *I'd love a personal trainer. I haven't seen my abs since they opened a Shake Shack on my drive home.*

Rebecca** : *I could give you some free sessions.*

Penny* : *Oh, is that offer for everybody?*

Leonard** : *(chuckles) Nice try. I'm not going.*

Rebecca* : *Where's your bathroom?*

Leonard* : *Mm, just down there.*

Bert** : ***She's so perfect, sometimes I think she isn't real. And then she goes to the bathroom, and I know she is.***

Penny* : *Aw, that's so weird.*

In the conversation, Rebecca has some questions about her daily life and her work life for Leonard and others. Rebecca comes to Los Angeles to become an artist, but the plan does not go well. Now he works as a personal trainer. The writer finds the maxim of relevance flouting when Rebecca uses the bathroom and Bert says, "**She's so perfect, sometimes I think she isn't real. And then she goes to the bathroom, and I know she is.**" Bert's statement is very weird and irrelevant. In the first time, he doubts if Rebecca is real, because he thinks Rebecca is so perfect. After she goes to the bathroom, he immediately thinks that she is real. The rules of maxim relevance are the speakers are assumed to be saying something that is relevant to what has been said before. Therefore, Bert flouts maxim of relevance.

10. After Amy goes to Princeton to do some research, Sheldon is staying alone in his apartment. Howard, Leonard, and Raj as Amy's friends should take care of Sheldon from a girl who wants to approach him.

(Season 10 Episode 24)

Howard* : *Guys. Focus. Should we do something about Nowitzki?*

Leonard* : *Like what?*

Raj* : *Uh, well, she's single, so if somebody else asks her out and she says yes, then we know she's not into Sheldon.*

Stuart** : *I'll do it.*

Leonard* : *No offense, Stuart, but Th-Th-the woman's a doctor.*

Stuart** : ***So? Doctors like me. Whenever I see mine he calls in a bunch of other doctors to have a look.***

Howard* : *She's not that kind of doctor.*

Stuart** : ***Oh. Well, her loss. I've been called a genuine medical oddity.***

When Amy goes to Princeton, Sheldon and Dr. Nowitzki eat together at the canteen. Dr. Nowitzki is a huge fan of Sheldon's work. Leonard, Howard, and Raj who see that situation begin to get confused of what they should do. So, they plan to ruin Sheldon and Nowitzki's relationship. The discussion above is their conversation about the plan that they want to make. The writer finds the maxim of relevance flouting in Stuart's conversation. Stuart says, "***So? Doctors like me. Whenever I see mine he calls in a bunch of other doctors to have a look.***" This expression has no relevance to the dialogue, and it is out of context from the conversation. If the speaker flouts maxim of relevance, it means that he gives irrelevant information to the interlocutor.

3.1.4 Maxim of Manner Flouting

Maxim of manner flouting occurs when a speaker gives an ambiguous response. It means that there is more than one meaning in the conversation. Speaker who flouts the maxim of manner, appearing to be obscure, is often trying to exclude a third party.

1. somewhen, Amy came to the Bernadette's office room. She asks how Bernadette's condition and she also brings her some dishes for lunch.

(Season 10 Episode 9)

Amy* : *Well, I came to see how you were feeling, but I'm guessing still angry?*

Bernadette* : *I'm sorry. My boss wants to meet with me, and I'm stressing.*

Amy** : *You really think they're gonna start treating you differently?*

Bernadette* : *Are you kidding? I've always been treated differently. Look at me. Listen to me. I mean, the first thought when you see me isn't that's a scientist, it's I wonder if her mommy knows where she is.*

Amy** : ***I am really regretting that I got you a Happy Meal.***

The writer finds the maxim of manner flouting in Amy's utterance. She says, "*I am really regretting that I got you a Happy Meal.*" Based on the rules of Grice's cooperative principle theory, Amy breaks the maxim of manner. She puts the word *Happy Meal* in her utterance and that word have ambiguities meaning. It can make the interlocutor confused. According to www.happymeal.com/,

"Happy meal is a form of kids' meal sold at the fast food chain McDonald's since June 1979. A toy is included with the food, both of which are usually contained in a box or paper bag with the McDonald's logo The packaging and toy are frequently part of a marketing tie-in to an existing television show, film, or toy brand."

From the context of the conversation between Amy and Bernadette. Bernadette is sharing a story about the problem that she is upset because her coworkers has known that she is pregnant. Then, Amy is even mocking her with the food that she brings.

2. Sheldon and Amy is talking about the place for living together in the future. (Season 10 Episode 7)

Sheldon* : *If we did continue living together, would it be here?*

Amy** : *I don't know. It-It could be.*

Sheldon* : *Of course there's there's always your apartment.*

Amy** : *S-Sure, sure, we-we could live in my apartment.*
Sheldon* : ***I hate your apartment.***
Amy** : *Sorry, you brought it up?*

In the dialogue above, “*I hate your apartment.*” Sheldon makes an inconsistent statement. In the dialogue before, Sheldon brings up the idea to move to Amy’s apartment. However, afterwards he says that he hates Amy’s apartment. This matter flouts the maxim of manner which creates an ambiguity idea. These different statements will make the interlocutor confused.

3. Amy and Sheldon are lying on the bed while they are talking about moving to the other place. (Season 10 Episode 7)

Amy* : *(humming "Theme from Star Trek")*
(Stops humming)
Sheldon** : *Are you trying to soothe me by singing the Star Trek theme as a lullaby?*
Amy* : *Yes.*
Sheldon** : *I'm not a child, don't do that.*
Amy* : *Sorry.*
(Quiet moment)
Sheldon** : ***Do you know 2001: A Space Odyssey?***
Amy* : *(humming "Also sprach Zarathustra")*
Sheldon** : ***All right, now that's soothing.***

Sheldon is complaining too much while he is concerning about the new place, and it makes Amy confused. Amy gets the idea to shut Sheldon up by humming the theme from Star Trek movie. The writer finds the maxim of manner flouting from Sheldon’s statement. First, Sheldon says that he feels like a child that Amy is singing him a lullaby. Afterwards, Sheldon asks Amy to sing the theme from *A 2011: Space Odyssey* movie for him. Sheldon makes ambiguity meaning that can make the interlocutor puzzled.

4. Amy and Sheldon are eating at the restaurant. At the restaurant, they see George standing in front of the bar table waiting for someone. Amy and Sheldon greet him and ask him to join with them at the table.

(Season 10 Episode 16)

George* : Well, I really envy your relationship. Other than you two only having sex once a year, you're the perfect couple.

Amy* : You-you know about that?

George* : Uh, yeah, everyone at the university does.

Amy* : Were you aware of this?

Sheldon** : **No, I only told Leonard, Howard, Raj, Kripke, uh, Professor Wu, Professor Klein, and a lunch in the cafeteria. How everyone else found out is a mystery to me.**

In the conversation above, George knows that Amy and Sheldon just have sex once a year. Amy is shocked about George's statement. Then Amy asks Sheldon how George know about it, then Sheldon's answers, "**No, I only told Leonard, Howard, Raj, Kripke, uh, Professor Wu, Professor Klein, and a lunch in the cafeteria. How everyone else found out is a mystery to me.**" In the beginning, Sheldon says "no" but his explanation is contrary to the forward utterances. He makes the interlocutor confused with his explanation. This matter flouts the maxim of manner which creates an ambiguity.

5. Amy and Sheldon are doing the project together by combining the ideas of natural science and biology theories. They are doing the project in their apartment. (Season 10 Episode 19)

Amy* : *Wow, Look at that.*

Sheldon** : *Yes, this is remarkable.*

Amy* : ***So we're agreed: it's complete garbage.***

Sheldon** : *By the way, your name can go first.*

Amy and Sheldon has finally finished their project at their apartment. In conversation above the writers finds the maxim of manner flouting from Amy's statement. She says, "***So we're agreed: it's complete garbage.***" At the first time Amy says, "*Wow, Look at that.*" This statement shows the expression that good things are about to happen. Then, Amy's second statement is against with the first statement. As we know, in maxim of manner, we should avoid obscurity of expression in the conversation.

6. Sheldon and Amy are looking for errors on their research. Since the beginning, Amy has a thought to doubts their cooperation on the research. Because it can cause both of them to argue and ruin their relationship. (Season 10 Episode 19)

Sheldon** : *Yeah, boy, if good ideas came out of your brain the way mucus comes out of your nose, we'd be in good shape.*

Amy* : *You know, I had a feeling you were using the wrong computational model, but I didn't say anything cause you're so sensitive.*

Sheldon** : *(grunts) **Just because I am easily bothered by light, heat, sound, smell and the way birds look at me does not mean I'm sensitive!***

From the beginning of the research, they have already made the rules for themselves. Therefore, at the time of the study, there are rules that apply to both in order to make the research going well. It seems that the rules they make cannot prevent the quarrel between them both. The writer finds the maxim of manner flouting when Sheldon gives a self-defense statement to Amy's statement by saying, "***Just because I am easily bothered by light, heat, sound, smell and the way birds look at me does not mean I'm sensitive!***". Sheldon's statement makes the interlocutor confused. Wherefore, first, he says that he is not a kind of sensitive person. Still, his statement is full of words which show that he is a sensitive person. According to <https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/sensitive>. Sensitive is, *A sensitive subject or issue needs to be dealt with carefully because it is likely to cause disagreement or make people angry or upset.* The rules of maxim of manner is a speaker should not give an ambiguous response. It means that the speaker cannot make more than one meaning in the conversation. The speaker who flouts the maxim of manner, appearing to be obscure, is often trying to exclude a third party. From this fact, Sheldon's statement indicates that he flouts maxim of manner.

7. Bert come to Leonard's apartment. There are Raj, Sheldon, Amy, Penny and Leonard in the apartment. They are eating together when Bert comes. He comes with sad face because he is breaking up with Rebecca.

(Season 10 Episode 21)

Raj** : *Hey, what's up?*
Bert** : *I broke up with Rebecca.*
Penny* : *Oh.*
Amy* : *Oh. You know, good for you.*
Bert* : *No, I miss her. I don't know why I listened to you.*
Sheldon* : *He's not wrong. It was your crackpot idea that he deserves love.*
Amy* : *You know, you need to start raising your hand before you speak.*
(Sheldon raising his hand)
Amy* : *Yes, starting now.*
Penny* : *Bert, you're a good guy; you deserve a woman who's interested in more than just your money.*
Bert* : *She was also interested in walking around my house in her underwear. Now the only one doing that is me.*
Leonard* : *If you're that upset, go get her back.*
Bert* : *I tried. She's not answering my calls. Which really hurts because I bought her that phone. I made a huge mistake.*
Raj** ★ : ***No, you didn't. Okay? Look, Bert, when I had money, I dated lots of girls who weren't right for me. And then I gave up my money, and now I'm alone and living with my friends, and somebody else should probably talk now.***

Amy and Penny are happy with the news because Rebecca just wants Bert's money. She does not need Bert's love. That is why Amy and Penny disagree if Bert is still with Rebecca. However, Bert still does not accept about Rebecca's leaving. He still misses Rebecca. He thinks he makes a mistake about his decision to break up with Rebecca. Raj immediately gives some advice about his experiences about love and money. Raj gives statement that make the hearer confused by saying,

“No, you didn't. Okay? Look, Bert, when I had money, I dated lots of girls who weren't right for me. And then I gave up my money, and now I'm alone and living with my friends, and somebody else should probably talk now.”

First, Raj wants to give advice to Bert about a girl who is interested with him regardless about money. He asks Bert to get a woman that is not interested with money, but after telling about his romance experience, the fact Raj gets is contrast to the situation. In the fact, He suffers after giving all his money to his father, and now he is a single man with no girlfriends. The writer finds the maxim of manner flouting when Raj gives a statement that can make the hearer confused because of obscurity of expression in the conversation. As we know about the rules of maxim of manner, we should avoid obscurity of expression in the conversation.

8. Penny goes to a bar with Amy and Bernadette. At there, Penny meets Zack when she wants to order a drink at the bartender's table. Then, Zack shows up, talking to Penny about how his life so far. Zack is Penny's ex-boyfriend. While they are talking, Zack offers Penny a job as a manager at Zack's Company. Now, Penny is married with Leonard. She talks to Leonard about this job that is offered by Zack. (*Season 10 Episode 20*)

Leonard* : *So you think it's fine if she works for Zack?*

Howard* : *I don't know, maybe.*

Raj** ★ : *Well, he is much more attractive than Leonard.* ★

Howard* : *Yes, but that's gonna be true of a lot of guys she works for.*

Leonard* : *Yeah, but she also used to sleep with Zack.*

Howard* : *Again (chuckles)*

You know what? I'm with Leonard, this isn't cool.

Leonard* : *Thank you.*

Raj** : *I disagree. Penny is a strong, independent woman. The more you try to control her, the more she'll push back.*

Leonard* : *So you think it's okay?*

Raj** : *Oh, no, she's gonna leave you for someone, might as well get it over with.*

After Leonard knows about this problem, he shares the story to his friends which are Howard and Raj. He asks some advice to them. He is confused what he should do for this condition. Howard says no after listening Leonard's story, he disagrees about penny's idea that she wants to work with her ex-boyfriend. Howard's opinion comes because Penny's idea is too risky to their relationships. Now, it is Raj's turn to give his opinion. The writer

finds the maxim of manner flouting in Raj's statement. First, Raj says, "*I disagree. Penny is a strong, independent woman. The more you try to control her, the more she'll push back.*" He disagrees with Howard's opinion that is mean he agrees about Penny will work with her ex-boyfriend. Still, in second opinion he says, "**Oh, no, she's gonna leave you for someone, might as well get it over with.**" Here, he gives obscurity expression to Leonard. This matter can make the hearer puzzled with that expression.

9. Amy gets an offered of summer research fellowship at Princeton University. Princeton University is located at Princeton in New Jersey, United States of America. Whereas, the apartment of Amy and Sheldon located at apartment building at 2311 North Los Robles Avenue, Pasadena, California. According <https://forum.the-big-bang-theory.com/topic/289-location-of-their-apartment-building/>.

(Season 10 Episode 23)

Sheldon** : *I'm confused. You're always saying that you want to spend more time with me.*

Amy* : *That is true, I have said that.*

Sheldon** : *Well, a lot, it's very annoying. Has something changed? Um, is there something that you're not telling me?*

Amy* : *I was offered a summer research fellowship at Princeton.*

Sheldon** : ***Princeton? A fine institution. The place where Albert Einstein taught. And where Leonard got his PhD, so it may have gone downhill.***

Amy* : *Yeah, That's the one*

Amy is just staying with Sheldon recently. She doubts to take this offer because she does not want to leave Sheldon alone. She is deeply in love with Sheldon. After Amy has so many considerations, she decides to take this fellowship offer. Finally, she talks about it to Sheldon. The dialogue above is the conversation between Amy and Sheldon. The writer finds the maxim of manner flouting in Sheldon's statement that he talks about Princeton. He says, "***Princeton? A fine institution. The place where Albert Einstein taught. And where Leonard got his PhD, so it may have gone downhill.***" This statement contains the maxim of manner flouting because Sheldon gives an obscurity expression to Amy. In the beginning, he says that Princeton is a fine institution. Second, he says "Princeton have gone downhill". He talks like that because Leonard gets the PhD degree at there.

10. After the encounter between Penny and Zack at the bar, Penny gets dinner invitation from Zack. Zack asks Penny to invite Leonard to come to dinner. Finally, Zack, Penny, and Leonard are attending the dinner at restaurant. During the dinner, Zack offers a job to Penny. He offers penny become as general manager at Zack's company. Below is the conversation between Penny and Leonard after the dinner. (*Season 10 Episode 22*)

Penny* : *He even picked up the check.*
Leonard** : *Yeah. Although, when he was trying to figure out the tip, I'm pretty sure I saw smoke coming out of his ears.*
Leonard** : *You're not really considering working for him, are you?*
Penny* : *Well, maybe, I mean, it seems kind of perfect.*
I have sales experience, and I've been a waitress, so I have restaurant experience, and if he's figuring out my Christmas bonus, we could buy a boat.
Leonard** : *Don't you think it might be a little weird to work for someone you used to date?*
Penny* : *You work with Sheldon, you tell me.*
Leonard** : *Yeah, it's weird.*
Penny* : *Okay, are you seriously jealous of me working with Zack?*
Leonard** : ***No, no, I-I'm not jealous, I just think you have got a good thing going where you are right now, and you make great money and you haven't slept with any of your coworkers***

Leonard and Penny do the conversation in the car on the way back to their apartment after dinner. Leonard seems disagree if Penny accept an offered job from Zack. He disagrees because Zack is Penny's ex-boyfriend. The writer finds the maxim of manner flouting in Leonard expression. Leonard says, "**No, no, I-I'm not jealous, I just think you have got a good thing going where you are right now, and you make great money and you haven't slept with any of your coworkers.**" Leonard's expression will make interlocutor confused. First, he says that he does not jealous if Penny works with Zack. However, at the end of his sentence, he says, "*Penny have not slept with any of your coworkers*". It means that He jealous to Penny by saying a sarcasm expression to her. Leonard makes interlocutor confused with his expression. He flouts the maxim of manner because he makes interlocutor by giving an ambiguous response.

3.2 Analysis humor by flouting maxim

3.2.1 Humor through flouting maxim of Quantity

In this part, the writer wants to explain humorous situation that appears because of the characters' dialogue that contains the maxim of quantity flouting. Listed number below are linking to each category of the flouting maxim of quantity in the previous subchapter.

1. Humor in the dialogue occurs when Raj gives a suggestion for Bernadette. Raj is Exaggerating his statement, by adding a quote from *The Sound of Music* movie. Also, Raj says his sentence by giving his silly face in order to entertain her. Instead of being entertained by Raj, Bernadette replies Raj's response with a sarcasm statement. This maxim of quantity flouting gives an audients humor.
2. Humor in the dialogue occurs when Leonard answers Howard's question. Howard asks seriously about the time is it at the present to Leonard. Leonard answers by adding an utterance, "**The world's worst cuckoo clock**". Cuckoo clock is a typically pendulum-regulated clock that strikes the hours with a sound like a common cuckoo's call and has an automated cuckoo bird that moves with each note.
3. Humor in the dialogue occurs when Sheldon explains about his plan to move from his apartment to the other place. The funny thing is when Sheldon is start planning about the idea to move. He gives an irrational thought by saying about a smoker, pets, the mold, traffic noise and learn about a whole new bus route which is not necessary for Amy to hear that. Meanwhile, Amy are listening Sheldon carefully. After listens to Sheldon's complaint, Amy's face is changing to be annoyed.
4. Humor in the dialogue occurs when Sheldon tells his friends that he makes a simple trick for doing two job at the same day. Sheldon explains about the trick that he makes with an analogy. He is using a minimal amount of word to convey his point as an analogy. He makes representation his plan to save the time by analogy. However, instead of explaining about his analogy to convey his plan to save the time, he makes his analogy that is too long and a lot waste of the time during his explanation.
5. Humor in the dialogue occurs when Penny asks about how Zack has been doing recently, but Zack gives the answer that Penny does not needed. Zack gives his answered by adding

utterance, “*he had a mole that turns only ink markers*”. The more ridiculous, Penny congratulates Zack about his engagement but Zack thinks Penny congratulates him to his mole problem.

3.2.2 Humor through flouting maxim of Quality

In this part, the writer wants to explain humorous situation that appears because of the characters’ dialogue that contains the maxim of quality flouting. Listed number below are linking to each category flouting maxim of quality in the previous subchapter.

1. Humor in the dialogue occurs when The Flash suddenly appears and offers Sheldon an energy drinks. Sheldon feels surprised by The Flash appearance. The Flash is Sheldon’s favorite superhero. Then, The Flash tells a secret about those superheroes to keep their power with unreasonable stories. He talks about Hulk who uses steroid drug to stay in shape. Also, Batman drinks whiskey to stay awake at the night. At last, he talks about himself that he succeeds in doing business by buying a stock in Marvel. All these things are very absurd, but therein cause the humor. So, the flouting maxim of quality can cause the humor.
2. Humor in the dialogue occurs when Amy praises Penny’s lie to Bernadette. Amy says that she wants to scan Penny’s brain in order to analyse what is lights up in Penny’s brain when Penny does a lie. Penny who is freaking out about her problem with Bernadette is upset to Amy, because Amy is not gives a solution to Penny’s problem. Then, Amy gives a satire utterance to Penny by saying that she is seeing the clump of bitch cells lights up at Amy’s brain.
3. Humor in the dialogue occurs when Sheldon is confused about choosing between the side of bedroom that he wants to lie for sleeping. First, he gives an explanation if he takes the right side of the bed. He thinks that if he takes the right side of the bed, he afraid to the thieves because the right side is too close by the door. Next, in the opposite side, he explains that he is too close to the window where pervert can watch him while he is sleeping. Amy feels annoyed with Sheldon’s complaint. She closes the curtains on the window in order to make Sheldon silent. However, he still having the idea about there is a person who is hiding behind the window.

4. Humor in the dialogue occurs when Sheldon tells about his feeling to Leonard, Howard, and Raj about Amy's lies. Sheldon confuses to respond his feeling, he feels both flatters and hurt. Then, he says that he feels like the Skeleton from *Nightmare Before Christmas* movie. Quickly, Raj speaks aloud that he is agree of Sheldon's statement.
5. Humor in the dialogue occurs when Amy is telling a story about her apartment to Penny. Amy answers Penny's question with a hesitation because Amy lies to Penny that Amy's apartment is still fixed. In fact Amy's apartment has already fixed. Amy who are not good in lying just answers Penny's question by rotating the conversation by talking about dry wall.
6. Humor in the dialogue occurs when Leonard accompany Sheldon who get feet injury. Leonard has a nosebleed in the nose. Penny who sees Leonard's bleeding immediately asks him. Leonard tells her that he gets a nosebleed because of seeing Sheldon's accident. He replies Penny's question with a smiling face.
7. Humor in the dialogue occurs when Leonard gives a response to Bernadette's statement about the MIT developed device that can read human emotion. Leonard gives a response by asking "***And you think we can get those guys to reprogram Sheldon? Cool.***" Leonard says like that because Sheldon is the person who is cannot read human emotion of the other person. Sheldon feels annoyed hearing Leonard's statement.
8. Humor in the dialogue occurs when Sheldon is complaining about Amy's breath sound. Amy is standing beside Sheldon. Amy upset because Sheldon's statement. Then, she gives a fight back to Sheldon by saying "*I can hear your face talking, so we're even.*". At last, there is a snot in Amy nose. Sheldon cannot stand anymore because the sound of Amy's nose has a snot.
9. Humor in the dialogue occurs when Amy is tired of looking for the Sheldon's note book. Amy who is being sick over Sheldon, make a statement in order to mock him by saying that Sheldon has similarity with the aliens. Aliens are a creatures from other planet.
10. Humor in the dialogue occurs when Raj orders a broccoli for lunch. His friends know if he eats broccoli it means he meets a woman that he likes. His friends ask about the occupation of the woman, and he tells a lie to his friends with a gaped face.
11. Humor in the dialogue occurs when Sheldon wants to learn juggling to Howard. Sheldon who is a beginner do the juggling, firstly, he practices with one ball in one hand. Just a few second, he is complaining about his elbow. He says that he feels a twinge at his elbow.

12. Humor in the dialogue occurs when Bernadette is complaining and afraid of her pregnancy because she will become a mother soon. Raj feels exhausted by the long talk of Bernadette. He finally complains to Bernadette by talking that he wants to skip this class. Because, Raj feels like in the class room and feels being lectured by the long talk of Bernadette.
13. Humor in the dialogue occurs when Wyatt gives a comparison utterance to his family in the car. First, Penny's mother gives a statement that Sheldon is a bit peculiar. Then, Wyatt responds in order to make a joke to his family by saying "***He reminds me of that turkey we had who drowned looking up at the rain.***"

3.2.3 Humor through flouting maxim of Relevance

In this part, the writer wants to explain humor situation that appears because of the characters' dialogue that contains the maxim of relevance flouting. Listed number below are linking to each category of flouting maxim of relevance in the previous subchapter.

1. Humor in the dialogue occurs when Penny's mother who is scared to meet Leonard family, and she does not want her family be assumed as a white trash society by Leonard's family. Then, Randall as a brother of Penny responds with his smile at his face while asking, "***Well, what colour trash do you think they'll believe?***" Penny and her father are laughing except her mother.
2. Humor in the dialogue occurs when Sheldon is upset with Leonard's father because he is touching Amy's hand. Sheldon asks him to take a cold shower. Sheldon's utterance is intending to mock Alfred, because Alfred is an old people.
3. Humor in the dialogue occurs when Sheldon is chattering while Leonard ceremonial wedding. Sheldon who is speaking about STD sickness to his mother aim to mocking his mother, because his mother often having a sex with different. men.
4. Humor in the dialogue occurs when Penny who has a problem with Bernadette meets Sheldon who is upset with Leonard. Penny tells Sheldon about her problem in order to entertain Sheldon that he also has a problem. Instead of responding Penny's story, Sheldon gives an irrelevance expression to Penny's story. Sheldon tells about the discovery of bee wasp that thought to be extinct. Sheldon tells about it deliberately because he is upset with Leonard and throws his annoyance to Penny.

5. Humor in the dialogue occurs when Raj is monitoring his computer. Then, suddenly he finds the wobble-gravity wave on his computer. At the same time, Isabella as cleaning service suddenly enters Raj's apartment. Next, Raj who seems happy, explains to Isabella that he has discovered the gravitational wobble. Isabella does not know what a wobble is. With spontaneous and innocent, she offers a mop to Raj which is not relevant about the gravitational wobble. The dialogue that Isabella says is very irrelevant and makes a cuteness. The gravitational waves of the wobble has not required a mop. This flouting maxim of relevance can cause a humor.
6. Humor in the dialogue occurs when Raj tells a reason that he does this habit for his future, he wants to be a mature people. Stuart replies his statement by saying about sandwich. Stuart does that deliberately to do that because he seems do not cares about the Raj's story.
7. Humor in the dialogue occurs when Sheldon makes a joke about Amy's grandparents. Meanwhile, they are talking about cognitive process of humanity. Sheldon makes a joke about Amy's grandparents mumble and posture. The mumble and the posture of Amy's grandparents have no relation with cognitive process of humanity. Amy who is listened that statement being angry to Sheldon.
8. Humor in the dialogue occurs when Bert suddenly calls to the event "Fun with flags" which Sheldon and Amy make. Bert suppose shares a story to them about his experience and tells his favorite that is related to "Fun with Flags" show. However, he tells them on the contrary. He tells them that he has a new girlfriend. It makes Sheldon upset because his story is not related with the show. Finally, Sheldon scolds Bert and hangs up the phone. After Sheldon and Amy wait for the next caller, finally, they have a new incoming call. It turns out Bert again just tells the name of his girlfriend named Rebecca. The irrelevant of Bert's dialog turns out to be funny.
9. Humor in the dialogue occurs when Bert has a new girlfriend named Rebecca. Rebecca wants to go to the bathroom in Leonard's apartment. When Rebecca goes away to the bathroom, Bert makes the weird statement by saying, "***She's so perfect, sometimes I think she isn't real. And then she goes to the bathroom, and I know she is.***" The people in that room instantly silent after hearing Bert's statement. Bert gives an irrelevance expression by thinking about a woman who goes to the bath room and she becomes real.
10. Humor in the dialogue occurs when Stuart immediately comes to their conversation about Dr. Nowitzki. They are looking for someone to approach Dr. Nowitzki. Stuart who is deviated of

the point. He wants to be a volunteer to their plan for approach Dr. Nowitzki. Stuart tells them how much the doctors likes him by shares his experience if he goes to the hospital.

3.2.4 Humor through flouting maxim of Manner

In this part, the writer wants to explain humor situation that appears because of the characters' dialogue that contains the maxim of manner flouting. Listed number below are linking to each category of flouting maxim of manner in the previous subchapter.

1. Humor in the dialogue occurs when Bernadette is upset that her co-workers at the office know about her pregnancy. Then, Amy comes in order to check Bernadette's condition and brings her some food. When Bernadette releases her anger to Amy, Amy speaks that she says sorry that she brings her a "happy meal" as a food in order to mock Amy because Bernadette seems unhappy.
2. Humor in the dialogue occurs when Sheldon talks about his idea to move to other place with Amy. First, he talks about Amy's apartment. then, he turns out his statement by saying that he hates Amy's apartment. Sheldon makes obscenity statement that makes Amy puzzled and bit upset.
3. Humor in the dialogue occurs when Sheldon is complaining too much about his plan. Amy is not interested anymore about Sheldon's statement. she is humming Sheldon's ear in order to make Sheldon quite. First, he is complaining Amy for singing him the theme from *Star Trek* as a lullaby. After a quiet moment, he asks Amy to singing him the theme from *2001: A Space Odyssey*.
4. Humor in the dialog occurs when Sheldon says that he does not knows that everyone at the university know about their intimate matter. However, his explanation is contrary to the forward utterances. He is mentioning some other names who are the person that he tells about their intimate matter. This problem makes Amy confused and upset to Sheldon
5. Humor in the dialogue occurs when Amy and Sheldon has already resolved their project. They seem impressed while they see the project. Then, they say, "***So we're agreed: it's complete garbage.***"

6. Humor in the dialogue occurs when Sheldon angry to Amy. After Amy says that Sheldon is a sensitive person. Sheldon does not accept Amy's statement. Sheldon who looks annoyed replies Amy's statement by saying, "***Just because I am easily bothered by light, heat, sound, smell and the way birds look at me does not mean I'm sensitive!***" This dialog indicates the sign of characteristic a sensitive people.
7. Humor in the dialogue occurs when Raj gives an advice to Bert in order to aware against a woman who is just interested with money. However, Raj' utterance is contrary. Instead of gives an advice to Bert, he tells about the failure of his experience. Raj realizes his statement goes wrong. Then, he asks his friends to help him.
8. Humor in the dialogue occurs when Leonard asks some advices from Raj and Howard. Raj gives an advice by giving a statement that is confusing the interlocutor. First, he disagrees about to prohibit Amy. However, in the second opinion he turns out his opinion by agreeing that Leonard prohibits Amy to work with Zack.
9. Humor in the dialog occurs when Amy tells about her fellowship offered at Princeton to Sheldon. Sheldon who is sad by hearing this news still make a joke about how the Princeton's quality by saying that Princeton has gone downhill because Leonard gets his PhD at there.
10. Humor in the dialogue occurs when Leonard is trying to prevent Penny from Zack. He is not jealous of Zack. Actually, he is afraid to Penny because Penny is an impressive woman and Leonard scared if she is having a sex with Penny's coworkers.