ELINOR WONDERS WHY

THE TOWN PICNIC - CONVERSATIONAL SCRIPT - RECORD DRAFT

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BEFORE THE EPISODE BEGINS.

ELINOR waves “hello” to the viewer.

1 ELINOR 1
Hi, I’m Elinor. I love to explore and play outside! I love yummy food, like carrots with honey. Do you like honey?

VIEWER: YES.

2 ELINOR (CONT’D) 2
Yeah, honey tastes very sweet, just like sugar!

VIEWER: I NEVER HAD HONEY BEFORE.

3 ELINOR (CONT’D) 3
Hmm, honey tastes very sweet, just like sugar!

VIEWER: I DON’T LIKE HONEY.

4 ELINOR (CONT’D) 4
Oh, you don’t like honey? Well, even friends sometimes like different things.

FALLBACK.

5 ELINOR (CONT’D) 5
Hmm, honey tastes very sweet like sugar.

NEW PANEL.

6 ELINOR (CONT’D) 6
Have you ever touched honey before?

VIEWER: YES.

7 ELINOR (CONT’D) 7
<GIGGLE>, I’ve done that too!

VIEWER: NO.

8 ELINOR (CONT'D) 8

You haven't? Well, when I touch honey, it sticks to my finger. Let's got to my town picnic and explore why honey is so sticky and goopy.

FALLBACK.

9 ELINOR (CONT'D) 9

Well, when I touch honey, it sticks to my finger. Let's go to my town picnic and explore why honey is so sticky and goopy.

NEW PANEL.

10 ELINOR (CONT'D) 10

Hmmm, how does it feel when you touch honey?

VIEWER: STICKY.

11 ELINOR (CONT'D) 11

Good observation. When you touch honey, it sticks to your finger. Let's go to my town picnic and explore why honey is so sticky and goopy.

VIEWER: GOOPY.

12 ELINOR (CONT'D) 12

Good observation. When you touch honey, it sticks to your finger. Let's go to my town picnic and explore why honey is so sticky and goopy.

VIEWER: SWEET.

13 ELINOR (CONT'D) 13

Honey tastes sweet, but how does it feel when you touch it?

VIEWER: I DON'T KNOW.

14 ELINOR (CONT'D) 14

Well, when I touch honey, it sticks to my finger. Let's go to my town picnic and explore why honey is so sticky and goopy.

FALLBACK.

15 ELINOR (CONT'D) 15
Well, when I touch honey, it sticks to my finger. Let's go to my town picnic and explore why honey is so sticky and goopy.

DURING THE EPISODE.

Elinor <SIGHS> (in episode) and immediately turns to the viewer. She straightens up from her slouch and shrugs as she asks the viewer...

16 ELINOR 16
Why do you think the line is moving so slowly?

VIEWER: MANY PEOPLE.

17 ELINOR (CONT'D) 17
Yes, everyone is waiting patiently in line for Ms. Gorilla's ketchup! But I wonder why it's taking so long.

VIEWER: TAKE TIME TO MAKE KETCHUP.

18 ELINOR (CONT'D) 18
Well, I think Ms. Gorilla already made the ketchup. But I wonder why it's still taking so long to get the ketchup.

VIEWER: TURTLE.

19 ELINOR (CONT'D) 19
That's an interesting guess! Turtles walk slowly, but I don't think there's a turtle standing in this line. I wonder why it's taking so long to get the ketchup.

VIEWER: SNAIL.

20 ELINOR (CONT'D) 20
I saw a snail too! But the snail isn't in line. I wonder why it's taking so long to get the ketchup.

VIEWER: I DON'T KNOW.

21 ELINOR (CONT'D) 21
Ummm, let's think together. I wonder why it's taking so long to get the ketchup.

FALLBACK.

22 ELINOR (CONT'D) 22
Hmmm, the line is sure moving slowly. I wonder why it's taking so long to get the ketchup.

In episode, Elinor gives a quizzical face, thinks for a moment, and then says, "ohhh!" As Conversational Agent, she then turns to the viewer to ask, in an excited and low voice in an intimate, close-up, and highly observational moment. The responses are given in the same low, excited tone.

23 ELINOR (CONT'D) 23
Did you see that!?- the bee just drank some juice, called nectar from this flower! What do you think the bee is gonna make with the juice from this flower?

VIEWER: HONEY.

24 ELINOR (CONT'D) 24
Hmmm, yes! Bees make yummy honey with the juice from flowers.

VIEWER: I DON'T KNOW.

25 ELINOR (CONT'D) 25
Hmmm, I think bees make yummy honey with the juice from flowers.

FALLBACK.

26 ELINOR (CONT'D) 26
Hmmm, I think bees make yummy honey with the juice from flowers.

In episode, Elinor says, "The honey is so goopy!" CLOSE UP on Elinor with same background. Olive and Ari are cut out of the closeup. Elinor turns her head to the audience and asks...

27 ELINOR (CONT'D) 27
Ha ha! I just said a funny word -- "goopy". What do you think GOOPY means?

VIEWER: SLIMY/GOOEY THICK/STICKY/SLOW.

28 ELINOR (CONT'D) 28

Yes, that's exactly what I mean! Goopy is a word for a liquid that is thick and moves very slowly just like honey.

VIEWER: I DON'T KNOW.

29 ELINOR (CONT'D) 29

Well, goopy is a word for a liquid that is thick and moves very slowly just like honey.

FALLBACK.

30 ELINOR (CONT'D) 30

Well, goopy is a word for a liquid that is thick and moves very slowly just like honey.

In the episode, Ari flaps his wings as he says, "That is awesome," and the kids giggle. At about 5:02, we go from the wide shot in the episode to a CLOSE UP for Conversational Agent on Elinor only. Olive is cut out of frame. Immediately following the giggle, Elinor turns to audience and asks...

31 ELINOR (CONT'D) 31

When Ari flaps his wings, we can feel the air moving and blowing! Bees flap their wings too when they make honey. How does flapping their wings help the bees make honey?

VIEWER: TAKE WATER OUT.

32 ELINOR (CONT'D) 32

Yes, Olive's Nature Book said that bees flap their wings to fan the liquid nectar. And as the water comes out, the nectar becomes thicker and goopier! The nectar turns into honey.

VIEWER: FLY.

33 ELINOR (CONT'D) 33

Yes, bees do flap their wings to fly. But when bees make honey, they flap their wings to fan the liquid nectar. And as the water comes out, the nectar becomes thicker and goopier! The nectar turns into honey.

VIEWER: I DON’T KNOW.

34 ELINOR (CONT’D) 34
Bees flap their wings to fan the liquid nectar. And as the water comes out, the nectar becomes thicker and goopier! The nectar turns into honey.

FALLBACK.

35 ELINOR (CONT’D) 35
Bees flap their wings to fan the liquid nectar. And as the water comes out, the nectar becomes thicker and goopier! The nectar turns into honey.

"...then maybe adding water back in, will make it runnier and less goopy!" For Conversational Agent, frame is unchanged (remains as tight closeup on Elinor.) Elinor turns to viewer and asks...

36 ELINOR (CONT’D) 36
Let's make a prediction! Do you think adding water in, will get all this goopy honey off Ari?

VIEWER: YES.

37 ELINOR (CONT’D) 37
I think so too! Let's try it!

VIEWER: NO.

38 ELINOR (CONT’D) 38
Let's try it and see!

FALLBACK:

39 ELINOR (CONT’D) 39
Let's try it and see!

In episode, Ari and Olive fail to get ketchup out of the bottle. Just as Elinor says "hmmm.," we closeup on her, cutting out Olive. Elinor turns to viewer to ask...

40 ELINOR (CONT’D) 40
The ketchup isn't coming out of the bottle! I wonder why. Why do you think the ketchup isn't coming out?

VIEWER: NO WATER.

41 ELINOR (CONT'D) 41

Good thinking! Ms. Gorilla's ketchup has very little water! It is so goopy and thick that it is stuck inside the bottle.

VIEWER: GOOPY/THICK.

42 ELINOR (CONT'D) 42

Good thinking! Ms. Gorilla's ketchup is so goopy and thick that it is stuck inside the bottle. We need to find a way to make it less goopy.

VIEWER: STICKY/STUCK.

43 ELINOR (CONT'D) 43

Good thinking! Ms. Gorilla's ketchup is so goopy and thick that it is stuck inside the bottle. We need to find a way to make it less goopy.

FALLBACK.

44 ELINOR (CONT'D) 44

Ms. Gorilla's ketchup is so goopy that it is stuck inside bottle. We need to find a way to make it less goopy.

At 9:09, Elinor turns to the viewer, close up standing behind the ketchup serving table. As a playful aside directly to the viewer, she asks the viewer to guess her next move, given her recent observations and discoveries. Elinor is excited to ask and proud of her newfound knowledge.

45 ELINOR (CONT'D) 45

Guess what I'm going to do -- How am I going to get the ketchup to come out of the bottle?

VIEWER: AMBIGUOUS WATER.

46 ELINOR (CONT'D) 46

Yes, that's what I'm thinking! I'm gonna add water to the ketchup and make it less goopy. This is called "dilution." Adding water dilutes the ketchup! Let's see if it works!

VIEWER: ADD WATER IN.

47 ELINOR (CONT'D) 47

Yes, that's what I'm thinking! I'm gonna add water to the ketchup and make it less goopy. This is called "dilution." Adding water dilutes the ketchup! Let's see if it works!

VIEWER: TAKE WATER OUT.

48 ELINOR (CONT'D) 48

Remember how we got the goopy honey off Ari's face? We sprayed Ari's face with water, and that made the honey less goopy! That's called "dilution." Now I'm gonna add water to dilute the ketchup! Let's see if it works!

FALLBACK.

49 ELINOR (CONT'D) 49

Remember how we got the goopy honey off Ari's face? We sprayed Ari's face with water, and that made the honey less goopy! That's called "dilution." Now I'm gonna add water to dilute the ketchup! Let's see if it works!

DURING THE EPISODE - SECOND VIEWING.

Elinor <SIGHS> (in episode) and immediately turns to the viewer. She straightens up from her slouch and shrugs as she asks the viewer. Frame remains close up as Elinor waits for viewer response.

50 ELINOR 50

Uh oh, we are back in line waiting for ketchup again. Why do you think the line is still moving so slowly?

VIEWER: KETCHUP GOOPY.

51 ELINOR (CONT'D) 51

Oh yeah! Let's help make the ketchup come out of the bottle faster so that so that everyone can get their ketchup.

VIEWER: MANY PEOPLE.

52 ELINOR (CONT'D) 52
Yeah, everyone likes Ms. Gorilla's ketchup! Her ketchup is so thick and goopy. Let's help make the ketchup come out of the bottle faster so that everyone can get their ketchup.

VIEWER: TAKE TIME.

53 ELINOR (CONT'D) 53
Yeah, it takes time to serve ketchup to everyone in this line! Ms. Gorilla's ketchup is so thick and goopy. Let's help make the ketchup come out of the bottle faster so that everyone can get their ketchup.

REPROMPT.

54 ELINOR (CONT'D) 54
The line is moving really slowly. Do you think it has something to do with the ketchup?

VIEWER: YES.

55 ELINOR (CONT'D) 55
Yeah, Ms. Gorilla's ketchup is so thick and goopy. Let's help make the ketchup come out of the bottle faster so that everyone can get their ketchup.

VIEWER: NO.

56 ELINOR (CONT'D) 56
: Ummm, I think it has something to do with Ms. Gorilla's ketchup. The ketchup is so thick and goopy. Let's help make the ketchup come out of the bottle faster so that everyone can get their ketchup.

FALLBACK.

57 ELINOR (CONT'D) 57
Ms. Gorilla's ketchup is so thick and goopy. Let's help make the ketchup come out of the bottle faster so that everyone can get their ketchup.

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58 ELINOR (CONT'D) 58
I notice that the bee is drinking something from the flower. What is the bee drinking?

VIEWER: NECTAR.

59 ELINOR (CONT'D) 59
Yes, I think so too. The bee is drinking nectar from the flower. Nectar is watery and runny, just like juice!

VIEWER: JUICE.

60 ELINOR (CONT'D) 60
Yes, I think so too. The bee is drinking juice called "nectar" from the flower. It's watery and runny.

VIEWER: HONEY.

61 ELINOR (CONT'D) 61
There's no honey in flowers! A sugary juice called "nectar" is in flowers. Bees take this nectar to their home and turn it into honey.

VIEWER: WATER.

62 ELINOR (CONT'D) 62
Hmmm, the bee is drinking juice called "nectar" from the flower. It's watery and runny.

REPROMPT.

63 ELINOR (CONT'D) 63
Hmmm, Is the bee drinking honey from the flower, or is it drinking nectar from the flower?

FALLBACK.

64 ELINOR (CONT'D) 64
The bee is drinking juice called "nectar" from the flower. It's watery and runny.

In episode, Elinor leaps up three times toward the honey and shouts, "that's… so… INTERESTING!!" She lands in a wide shot. For Conversational Agent, we cut to a closeup of Elinor with same background. She turns to the audience and asks in the same thrilled voice.

65 ELINOR (CONT'D) 65
Why do you think the honey is not falling off the branch?

VIEWER: GOOPY.

66 ELINOR (CONT'D) 66
Yes, I think so too!

VIEWER: STICKY.

67 ELINOR (CONT'D) 67
Yes, I think so too!

VIEWER: RUNNY/WATER.

68 ELINOR (CONT'D) 68
Well… let's think about this! If the honey was runny, it would be running off the branch like water!

VIEWER: NO WATER.

69 ELINOR (CONT'D) 69
Yes, I think so too! There's very little water in the honey.

REPROMPT.

70 ELINOR (CONT'D) 70
Well… let's think about how it feels when you touch honey! Is the honey runny like water or is it sticky and goopy?

FALLBACK.

71 ELINOR (CONT'D) 71
Well… let's think about how it feels when you touch honey.

In the episode, Elinor asks, "how did the bees turn something so runny into something so goopy?" Ari offers the hypothesis, "Hm…. Maybe they cook it, like soup!" Elinor hypothesizes, "Yeah or maybe they squeeze it!" For Conversational Agent, cut to close up of Elinor with same background. She asks the viewer...

72 ELINOR (CONT'D) 72
How do you think the bees turn something so runny into something so goopy?

VIEWER: SQUEEZE.

73 ELINOR (CONT'D) 73
Maybe, when you squeeze something, water comes out, so maybe the bees do that..?

VIEWER: COOK.

74 ELINOR (CONT'D) 74
Maybe, when you cook soup, water comes out and the soup gets thicker, so maybe the bees do that…?

VIEWER: TAKE WATER OUT.

75 ELINOR (CONT'D) 75
Yeah, when you take water out of something, there's less water in it, so maybe the bees do that..?

VIEWER: POUR.

76 ELINOR (CONT'D) 76
Maybe, when you pour water out of something, there's less water in it, so maybe the bees do that..?

VIEWER: PUT WATER IN.

77 ELINOR (CONT'D) 77
Hmm… when you put water into something, it gets more runny, and the bees are trying to turn something runny into something goopy.

VIEWER: PUT GOOP IN.

78 ELINOR (CONT'D) 78
Yeah, when you add goop to something, it'll become goopier! Maybe the bees do that…?

VIEWER: FLAP WINGS.

79 ELINOR (CONT'D) 79

Yeah, bees could flap their wings to fan the nectar! And that may turn the runny nectar into goopy honey...?

VIEWER: REPROMPT.

80 ELINOR (CONT'D) 80

Hmm…to turn something runny into something goopy, did the bees take water out from the nectar or did the bees add water in?

FALLBACK.

81 ELINOR (CONT'D) 81

Yeah, the bees want to make their runny nectar into thick honey, but I wonder how the bees do it…?

In episode, Elinor touches the honey on Ari's face and presses her thumb and index finger together in close up. This same frame is used for Conversational Agent, with honey-covered fingers showing exactly as in the episode. Elinor turns to the viewer to ask. As she waits for responses, she continues to hold up her fingers, showing the honey. In responses, when she says "the honey is so goopy," she demonstrates this by closing and opening her thumb and index finger, and looks at her hand briefly before turning back to the viewer...

82 ELINOR (CONT'D) 82

What should we do to get the goopy honey off Ari?

VIEWER: WIPE IT.

83 ELINOR (CONT'D) 83

Ok that is one idea. But the honey is so goopy, it'll still stick to everything!

VIEWER: SCOOP IT.

84 ELINOR (CONT'D) 84

Ok that is one idea. But the honey is so goopy, it'll still stick to everything!

VIEWER: WASH IT.

85 ELINOR (CONT'D) 85
Oh, use water! That's an interesting idea!

VIEWER: ADD WATER IN.

86 ELINOR (CONT'D) 86
Oh, use water! That sounds like a good idea!

REPROMPT/I DON'T KNOW.

87 ELINOR (CONT'D) 87
Hmm, let's think about this. Should we use water to get the goopy honey off Ari or should we wipe the honey off?

FALLBACK.

88 ELINOR (CONT'D) 88
Hmm, let's think about this.

In episode, Ari and Olive fail to get ketchup out of the bottle. Elinor says "hmmm, Ari, Olive, I wonder if we could solve the ketchup problem, in the same way we solved the honey problem" while a thought bubble illustrates the honey solution. For CA, we cut to close up from thought bubble to Elinor at the table, immediately following her line and before Olive responds. Elinor turns to viewer to ask...

89 ELINOR (CONT'D) 89
How about you? What do you think we should do to make the ketchup less goopy?

VIEWER: ADD WATER.

90 ELINOR (CONT'D) 90
Yes, we added water to dilute the honey and make it less goopy. That's how we could get the honey off Ari's face!

VIEWER: TAKE WATER OUT.

91 ELINOR (CONT'D) 91
Umm, taking water out would make the honey more goopy. We actually added water to dilute the honey and make it less goopy. That's how we could get the honey off Ari's face!

REPROMPT.

92 ELINOR (CONT'D) 92
Think about what we did to get honey off Ari's face, did we add water in or did we take water out?

FALLBACK.

93 ELINOR (CONT'D) 93
We added water to dilute the honey and make it less goopy! That's how we could get the honey off Ari's face!

END.