

AN ANALYSIS OF FLOUTING MAXIM IN PEP GUARDIOLA'S PRE-MATCH & POST MATCH PRESS CONFERENCES IN EPL 2023/2024

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Abstract. *Communication is important in our daily lives; some people sometimes ruin conversation by speaking non sense or talking out of topic. Avoiding people misunderstanding can improve our conversation quality. Therefore, this research only focuses on analysing flouting maxims. The main objective of this research is to find out how often Pep Guardiola flout the maxim and to find out kind of maxims that have most appearances. The qualitative method and documentation technique is used to find data in Pep Guardiola pre-match and post-match press conference interview in EPL 2023/2024 at games week 26, 27, 28, 30 & 31. This research showed that all of the flouting maxims are founded. All of them are flouting maxim of quality (14 data), flouting maxim of quantity (5), flouting maxim of relation (13) and flouting maxim of manner (2). Based on the data in this*

research the most dominant is flouting maxim of quantity and the less appearances is flouting maxim of manner.

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INTRODUCTION

In human society, communication can be very important because humans naturally socialize species. Because of that, they need another person to communicate with so they can interact and socialize. Communication itself based on Devito (2016), communication is always come together with the context or environment that can influence content of people message to other people. That mean there will always something that will trigger the start of conversation between two or more people. People can start conversation if there is something or context to talk and discuss between two people.

Conversation is the way to communicate with another person. Conversation is not only tied to two people; but conversation can also happen with more than two people. One of conversation that happen with more than two people is press conference. Press conferences are one way to share news with the media by doing interviews with a group of journalists from a different media company. A journalist will have a chance to ask a question to the representative (speaker); the journalist must ask a question based on the topic of the press conference. Press conferences in football especially in EPL will take place the day before match day. The representative in the press conference is the head coach for the club itself. In that press conference, most of the questions from journalists is all about information about injury players, opinions about the team that they would face, and a wild transfer rumour that related to the club. A press conference in football is shorter than any other press conference, only around 10–14 minutes, while in other press conferences, the duration can reach around 15–60 minutes of duration.

This research only focuses on finding flouting maxims that occur in Pep Guardiola's match conferences at EPL 2023/2024 games week 26, 27, 28, 30 & 31, A Spanish football manager who currently work in Manchester City FC as head coach. By using a theory from Grice H.P a theory about flouting maxim. Based on that the aims of this research is Based on explanation above the aims of this research is What are flouting maxims that occur in Pep Guardiola's match conferences at EPL 2023/2024 games week 26, 27, 28, 30 & 31 and what conventional maxims dominated in Pep Guardiola's match press conferences at EPL 2023/2024 games week 26, 27, 28, 30 & 31.

Flouting Maxim Theory

In order to have a cooperative conversation, there is a theory by Grice H.P. That theory is called the cooperative principle. Based on Grice on Mardani & Ferdiyanto (2022), in the cooperative principle, the speaker has to make sure their conversational contribution is as relevant as they can. That means speakers don't need to say anything that is not relevant to the topic of material or even the extent of information until the words from the speaker themselves become out of context and then become irrelevant. In this theory, the cooperative principle is breakdown into 4 parts.

1. Flouting Maxim of Quantity.

According to Thomas in Erlinda (2019), flouting maxim of quantity happened when the speaker gives the listener more information that needed in conversation based on current situation.

Example:

Student: When is the deadline for the essay, sir?

Lecturer: That information is posted on the course syllabus, which is available on the website.

2. Flouting Maxim of Quality.

Based on Grundy in Erlinda (2019), There are a lot of ways to flout maxim of quality. It can be flout by using metaphor, hyperbole, banter, irony, tautology or even speaks something that obviously out of the speaker think.

Example:

Son: Are we there yet? (that kid ask question rapidly)

Parent: No, we will just go to keep driving this car for rest of our lives. (tired answering the same question).

3. Flouting Maxim of Relation.

Based on Thomas in Erlinda (2019), flouting maxim of relation is exploit when response or observation by the speaker become very irrelevant to the topic in the conversation, sometimes the speaker flouts this maxim in order to change the topic of the conversation at the moment.

Example:

Jesse: Whoa! Has your boss gone crazy?

April: Let's get some coffee.

4. Flouting Maxim of Manner.

Based on Thomas in Chiori (2018), it happens when the speakers making response that very unclear to the listener, it makes the listener cannot fully catch what the speaker intent to say in conversation

Example:

Interviewer: Did the United States Government play any part in Duvalier's departure? Did they, for example, actively encourage him to leave?

Official: I would not try to steer

METHOD

This research using qualitative method to conducted the research. Qualitative method itself based on Ary in Chiori (2019), since the data is form of the word or sentence it can be classified as qualitative method. In the other side Cropley (2022), state that qualitative is not common that a data from qualitative research is spoken or even written word, sometimes researchers doesn't interact directly by the source of data because the researcher can use existing source such as autobiography, newspapers, film/video or even advertisement .Based on that the researcher can conclude as long as the form of the data is a word and non-numerical it can treat as qualitative research; also, in qualitative research the researcher can use source that already exist as their source of data. This research data All of the data is form as interview video from Pep Guardiola's Pre-match and post-match press conferences in games weeks 26, 27, 28, 29 and 30. All of the press conferences are provided by (<https://www.youtube.com/@BlueMoonLatest>). The Researcher only focuses on analysing a conversation that has a flouting maxim in it.

Interraction interaction between Pep Guardiola and the reporter taken form as Q & A in English Premiere League 2023/2024 games week 26, 27, 28, 30 and 31. Because of that this research use a documentation method. Documentation method itself based on Ali (2018) Documentation method is method that involves identification stages, classification stages and categorization stages. Based on explanation from Ali above, steps collecting data it would be like this bellow:

1. Watching Pep Guardiola press conferences pre-match and post-match in English Premiere League game 2023/2024 weeks 26, 27, 28, 30 and 31.
2. Identify Pep Guardiola conversational maxim conversation during Q & A sessions in press conference week 26, 27 ,28 ,30 and 31
3. Collected identified Pep Guardiola's conversational maxim during press conference Q & A sessions in press conference week 26, 27,28,30 and 31.

The data that been identified will be analysed by follwoing these steps:

1. Classify the collected data based on maxim categories.
2. Analyse the classified data using cooperative principal theory by Grice H.P.
3. Depict the analysis results.
4. Draw conclusion.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

In this research, the researcher used theory from Grice's H.P (1975) in order to analysed flouting maxim in Pep Guardiola's pre-match and post-match press conferences in EPL 2023/2024 games weeks 26,27,28,30 & 31. Based on Grice (1975) there are 4 types of flouting maxim, those types are; flouting maxim of quantity, quality, relation and manner

Based on the research all of the types of flouting maxim occur in Pep Guardiola Pre-match and post match Press conferences in EPL 2023/2024 games weeks 26,27,28,30 & 31. Those data consist of flouting maxim of quantity with 14 data, flouting maxim of quality with 5 data, flouting maxim of relation 13 data and flouting maxim of manner with only 2 data. It can be seen in table below.

No	Types of Flouting Maxim	Number	Percentage
1	Quantity	14	41,2%
2	Quality	5	14,7%
3	Relation	13	38,2%
4	Manner	2	5,9%
Total		34	100%

Flouting Maxim of Quantity

In this research, Pep Guardiola can be identified flouting the maxim of quantity when he is answering a question less or more than he needs to answer the question. This happened in press conferences when he was about to give extra information. That in line with statement from Thomas in Erlinda (2019), flouting maxim of quantity occur when the speakers give the listener more information that they should give in conversation. The researcher uses 1 of 14 data as a sample for flouting maxim of quantity.

Reporter = Hi Pep, just just on Jack again there's a international break in two weeks any chance we see him again before then?

*Pep = I don't think so. I didn't speak with uh with Gareth. Uh, but I think he will not be ready. So of it I don't know exactly I think he has to recover well. **You know because make a set back and he have to to recover well to to use him as much as possible.***

(Game week 27. Duration 08.25 – 08.59)

In this conversation Pep added statement that Jack Grealish must be recover quickly because Manchester City has to play him as much as possible. Flouting maxim of quantity occurs in Pep Guardiola because Pep added information that the reporter asked. That in line with statement from Thomas in Erlinda (2019, p.59), flouting maxim of quantity occur when the speakers give the listener more information that they should give in conversation.

Flouting Maxim of Quality

In this research, Pep Guardiola can be identified flouting maxim of quality when he is answering question from reporter but he states something that can be wrong or might tell a lie. This happened in the press conferences when he is about to make a joke and sarcasm. According to Grundy in Erlinda (2019), Flouting maxim of quality can be flout by using metaphor, hyperbole, banter, irony, tautology or even speaks something that obviously out of the speaker mind. The researcher uses 1 of 5 data as a sample for flouting maxim of quality.

Reporter= just a quick one you've mentioned a couple of times you'll see how Jack is tomorrow is there a chance he could be fit no tomorrow?

Pep= no, Sunday maybe... is a joke

(Game week 28. Duration 02.14 – 02.33)

At that time Pep doesn't know when will Jack Grealish will be back on the pitch, so he use this statement to satire the reporter that asked about Jack Grealish all over again every week. Flouting maxim of quality occur when Pep using irony to answered question from the reporter. That perfectly match with statement from Grundy in Erlinda (2019, p.56), Flouting maxim of quality can be flout by using metaphor, hyperbole, banter, irony, tautology or even speaks something that obviously out of the speaker mind.

Flouting Maxim of Relation

In this research Pep Guardiola can be identified flouting maxim of relation when he is answering question from the reporter in out of context. This happened in the press conferences when Pep Guardiola is about to face a sensitive and question that he doesn't want to answer. Flouting maxim of relation itself based on Based on Thomas in Erlinda (2019, p.60), observation by the speaker become very irrelevant with the topic in the conversation, sometimes the speaker flouts this maxim in order to change the topic of the conversation at the moment. The researcher uses 1 of 13 data as a sample for flouting maxim of relation.

Reporter = And. I I don't know if you're aware Trent Alexander Arnold has said that in his opinion winning trophies means more to Liverpool than it does to Manchester City. I don't know what you you feel about that but there's also an implication that it doesn't matter to City it doesn't mean as much because you spend lots of money I'm just wondering what your observations about that whole situation?

Pep = I wish him a speedy recovery he came back to the pitch as soon as.

(Game week 30. Duration 01.38 – 02.03)

Pep supposed to give his opinion about Trent statement instead this time being irrelevant by wishing Trent to have speedy recovery. Because of that flouting maxim of relation occur in this conversation since Pep himself being irrelevant to the question that the reporter asked. This example is match with statement by Thomas in Erlinda (2019, p.60), observation by the speaker become very irrelevant with the topic in the conversation, sometimes the speaker flouts this maxim in order to change the topic of the conversation at the moment.

Flouting Maxim of Manner

In this research Pep Guardiola can be identified flouting maxim of manner when he is answering question from the reporter with a statement that not easy to understand or ambiguity. This happened in the press conferences when Pep Guardiola about to give a statement that confused all of the reporter in the press conferences. That in line with Thomas in Chiori (2018, p.15), flouting maxim of manner happen when the speakers making response that very unclear to the listener, and makes the listener cannot catch what the speaker intent to say in conversation. The researcher uses 1 of 2 data as a sample for flouting maxim of relation.

Reporter = Hi Pep, uh the game on Sunday starts a running the Premier League where you face Manchester United, Liverpool and Arsenal. With champions league and FA Cup in between ...yeah and so it's a very you know difficult period in terms of the games, you know teams in the top six very nice and these are things that you know?

Pep = I prefer that that the opposite.

(Game week 27. Duration 07.04 – 07.24).

In this conversation, Pep being obscured when answering the question. Based on Pep statement "I prefer that that the opposite", that statement can be refer to anything. It could be Pep prefer to play Premiere league first, it could be Pep rather to play in FA cup early or even Pep prefer has no full schedule instead. That statement from Pep is very ambiguity and can make a conversation become unclear. This case match with statement from Thomas in Chiori (2018), flouting maxim of manner happen when the speakers making response that very unclear to the listener, and makes the listener cannot catch what the speaker intent to say.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, all of the flouting maxim occur in Pep Guardiola press conference in EPL game week 26, 27, 28, 30 & 31. This research founded 34 flouting maxim in pre-match and post match press conferences. Quantity is the most occur flouting maxim in this research, with 14 data (41,2%). In the second place is flouting maxim of Relation that consist of 13 data (38,2%), while in the third place is flouting maxim of quality that consist of 5 data (14,7%) and the flouting maxim manner is the one who has a fewer data in this research flouting maxim of manner only consist of 2 data (5,9%).

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APPENDIX

No	Dialogue	Duration	Kind of flouting maxim
Pre-match game week 6			
1	Reporter= With what you said about teams would look to City, it's one thing looking at them, how to be successful. How difficult is it for all the elements of the club to come together to have this success?	00.00-00.43	Relation

	Pep=If you don't have success, the two elements of the club, they are not together. It's impossible. It does not belong to one player, one manager, one everything. It belongs to every detail, has to be in the same path, align all of them. Otherwise, it's more and more difficult. Especially not difficult for a short period, but for a long period, it's impossible.		
2	Reporter= It's not a particular area, when you're working on defensive stuff, it's not a particular area? Pep=No, of course I don't like the fast breaks and the mega transitions, I don't like it. But sometimes you want to attack quicker, or sometimes... I give credit to the opponents as well. It's not just about on us. Opponents are really good and make the transitions and do it, always we try to do it. But yeah, I would think about it, I didn't think about it.	02.24 – 02.54	Quantity
3	Reporter= Hi Pep, I think in the last two games here, you've had 56 shots on goal and obviously scored two goals. Is that an encouraging stat because you're creating so many chances or is it slightly concerning that you need so many shots to score those goals? Pep= I've had to score more. We create 50, I think not on target, but shoots and in that position in the last two games. So yeah, we should do it more. But important is the same like the goals concede. How many chances? No, we concede. How is the average? And as much you create, unless you concede, you are all the time closer to win the games. Because to do that, you have to play better, you have to defend better. This is an important, I know there are a lot of big data, there's a lot of movements. I don't pay much attention on that, don't pay much. But the fact that how many shoots, how many create, we create more than the opponent, we concede less than the opponent. This is a good, I would say, analysis to do it after we can win, you can lose. But we create more and you concede less, so you are closer to win the games	04.38 – 05.41	Quantity
4	Reporter= Hi Pep, there was an interview with Wayne Rooney this week where he said he would, he would walk from his house to be to come and work with you. Pep=I don't know where he lives. Reporter=I think he's in Cheshire somewhere. Pep= In Cheshire, it's close. Reporter =So it's not too far, yeah. Pep=He can come any time. We're more than welcome	11.00 – 11.17	Quality
Post-match game week 26			
5	Reporter= Pep, what did you make of Bournemouth's performance today? Pep= Really good, but you have to ask to his manager.	01.28 - 01.36	Quantity
6	Reporter= Pep Phil has been five goals now to fill for this month, 16 overall this season. How important has he been? Pep= Forget about the goals, of course it's important. Do you know how he played? How he controlled and accelerated. He has become already a top-class football player. He was a before little boy, good actions, now has become already a world-class top player. He's so good. He can play in	01.39 – 02.11	Quantity

	everywhere, especially in the central position. He's really, really, really good.		
Pre-match game week 27			
7	<p>Reporter= Pep um the, big criticism that's levelled at Eric Ten Hag for observers is that they don't understand his philosophy and the way he asking his teams to play?</p> <p>Pep= I'm sure I understand your question I don't talk about opponents no.</p>	01.36 - 01.49	Relation
8	<p>Reporter= But I'm sure you have watched them. What.... What do you see, what are you expecting from them?</p> <p>Pep= We know well know my players I played the I expect the best, for for United but I don't talk one word about the what they do. What the opponents because I respect too much and I don't want to misunderstand my words but when I have a comment always the people say pep Jeep pep Jeep and it's never is my intention, so that's why it's better than say anything so I know them and a lot of respect for institution United of course Eric and the players but when when I see what you have to do my players will know it today and tomorrow.</p>	01.49 - 02.26	Relation
9	<p>Reporter= Hi Pep, Pep you've been involved in a lot of Derby games in Spain in Germany and in in the Premier League does does this game excite you as much as games have in the past because Manchester United have not really been your biggest Rivals since you've you've been in the Premier League?</p> <p>Pep= Have been good Seasons with Joseph Mourinho one season. With Ole have done second fighting not until till the end but they were there, so when I learned my experience in this game more calm relax don't talk much about many many things. Just focus in tactic issue and now what you have to do to beat them not about emotional. Because the emotional will be there without a doubt so that's why relax and prepare the game as best as possible knowing the quality because they are able to go in walls like how difficult it is to beat them go to Luton and I know how difficult is in the Premier League to beat them and uh and the quality to in Aston Villa go there and win weeks ago not month month so few weeks ago, so they have the biggest incredible quality of that. So from one action they create something special in set pieces in transition in in open Play connections with a few players and score a goals, so always have been United in that way when they play good they win games when they are okay they have no stress they are able to win games so in this we are in March already 2024. They lost just one game it was last week at home so the consist for this season is there and especially this year so uh prepare the game tactically what you have to do to try to to to get three points and continue being up there</p>	04.01 – 05.49	Quantity
10	Reporter= Yeah but in terms.... I mean you face them many times here as a manager, so in terms of football in terms of the level of football and the style and the the level they're at. Do you think they could be title contenders within two or three years?	06.39 – 07.02	Quantity

	<p>Pep= I'm not the right person to know it.</p> <p>Reporter= Who is the right person to ask?</p> <p>Pep= The people who work inside in Man United is every day there. If you ask me to diagnose in my club I would tell you, but not United. I'm not there</p>		
11	<p>Reporter= Hi Pep, uh the game on Sunday starts a running the Premier League where you face Manchester United, Liverpool and Arsenal. With champions league and FA Cup in between ...yeah and so it's a very you know difficult period in terms of the games, you know teams in the top six very nice and these are things that you know?</p> <p>Pep= I prefer that that the opposite</p>	07.04 – 07.24	Manner
12	<p>Reporter= Hi Pep, just just on Jack again there's a international break in two weeks any chance we see him again before then?</p> <p>Pep= I don't think so. I didn't speak with uh with Gareth. Uh, but I think he will not be ready. So, of it I don't know exactly I think he has to recover well. You know because make a set back and he have to to recover well to to use him as much as possible</p>	08.25 – 08.59	Quantity
Post-match game week 27			
13	<p>Reporter= Are you surprised at how many goals he scored?</p> <p>Pep= Always had the feeling to score the goals in the training sessions. Always had the feeling but now he's winning games so to became a world class player at the day you had to win games and always play good always having travel working antique doesn't matter the position no complaint he lives to play football but now he's winning games he played as 9 in Bournemouth it was unbelievable today after he missed the first chance against Onana he became a little bit anxious and that is for the age he will learn that but Rashford for score an unbelievable goal and feel to score an unbelievable goal to</p>	00.44 – 01.25	Quantity
14	<p>Reporter= Hi pep, um the game at Liverpool or against Liverpool is that a title to decide it or do you see this title race going into sort of May until the End?</p> <p>Pep= Have Copenhagen... not today tomorrow in my mind we'll have time after Copenhagen to talk about about Liverpool. (relation)</p>	05.15 – 05.29	Relation
15	<p>Reporter= How do you see the title race?</p> <p>Pep= Have a lot of points still to play and different places to go. This is my feeling so still Aston Villa in many places for for I think all three four contenders to win the Premier League but Copenhagen first this Champions League uh I know it's 1-3 good result but we won in 1-3 in group a stage and in 10 minutes we were 0-2 and a red potential red car or whatever never complicated so you have to be carefully and now in my mind today no Copenhagen, but tomorrow morning is just Copenhagen and after Wednesday night I will think about Liverpool.</p>	05.30 – 06.07	Quantity
Pre-match game week 28			

16	Reporter= um it's your 30th match against Jurgen Klopp. You've had an incredible rivalry and some brilliant battles over the years do you think this will be the last time that you face him as a manager? Pep= I don't think so we can play FA cup in the future nobody knows so he's young I'm young so I don't know	00.38 – 00.54	Quality
17	Reporter= And I I don't know if you're aware Trent Alexander Arnold has said that in his opinion winning trophies means more to Liverpool than it does to Manchester City .I don't know what you you feel about that but there's also an implication that it doesn't matter to City it doesn't mean as much because you spend lots of money I'm just wondering what your observations about that whole situation? Pep= I wish him a speedy recovery he came back to the pitch as soon as	01.38 – 02.03	Relation
18	Reporter=Pep do you do you get tired by this kind of accusation? That it's still about money here I mean I know you talk about you couldn't have won without the money, but I mean this kind of attitude from Trent and the comments that have been made this week? Pep= speed recovery for him and can back soon as possible.	02.08 – 02.33	Relation
19	Reporter= just a quick one you've mentioned a couple of times you'll see how Jack is tomorrow is there a chance he could be fit no tomorrow? Pep= no, no, tomorrow or Sunday maybe... is a joke.	07.38 – 07.54	Quality
Post-match game week 28			
20	Reporter= Thoughts on that last last match between you and Club at this Stadium it live up to expectations? Pep= I hope so. I don't know your opinion, but I hope so I think this is a game let Define what we have been both clubs for many many years. All the games have be quite similar so moments for we start really well even before the goal we had Chances with with a huge personality I think was the first half and after it's difficult because today have with Endo and and Macalister they have an extra passes they have quality to play like before was maybe more direct without losing how direct they can be in transition but we may transition as well and uh in the second half we talk in the half time in that Stadium if you want something to defend something like you want in the first half you don't have chance you have to play and play and play and we give the penalty and after sooner or later in this Stadium have 50-20 minutes have to try as less as possible like looks like a tsunami like oh my God come for everywhere you have the ball and and everything but when Mateo especially Mateo came in we can make an extra passes that this is the target to play that the first half not because we don't want it it's because they are really really strong in that pressing and counter pressing and aggressivity in the stadium is not easy but never never we we give away the try to play but with Mateo with John with Rodri and feel inside have the quality to keep the ball like we didn't could keep it before and um and we have our chances they have our chances and at the end of the game is is what happened.	01.14 – 02.33	Quality

21	<p>Reporter= Obviously Kevin didn't. Two two off how big a decision was it to to bring him off?</p> <p>Pep= No he's happy, no problem I like it if he upset it's good so like decisions because I know where we miss it and we miss skip the ball and we could not miss him uh with him and Bernie and John and the other one we could not we could not have it and and after we, we ,we, we, did it better so but listen Kevin is what can I say for Kevin we need it and we need him and it's really really important it's not for him so he is in difficult place to come to play and he tried in the first half was incredibly involved in all the transitions the shoots and the the corner the deliver and many things we know it but the moments that the moment I had the second half after goal Conced or we give them and that moment so the game was not in our hands and I wanted to make something like we can keep the game back to us a little bit and this is the idea no more than that</p>	03.04 – 04.11	Relation
Pre-match game week 30			
22	<p>Reporter= Um John Stones has had a couple of injury issues already this season were you surprised at all that he was asked to play two international friendlies before such a big game against Arsenal?</p> <p>Pep= Any comments.</p>	05.03 – 05.14	Relation
23	<p>Reporter= Obviously you not lost a game since December in the league. Um how close to your Peak? Do you think this team is at the moment or do you think there are more levels to go?</p> <p>Pep= We played really good the last month, but International break and always the first game not now always always the first game international break. You you think you know uh what happen, but yesterday we train good we have two more training sessions and we prepare the game and ready ready for it again</p>	05.53 – 06.25	Quantity
24	<p>Reporter= Hi Pep um, when you come up against a player like Declan rice who you tried to sign last summer. I mean is that something you think back on quite a lot or is it quite easy to move on?</p> <p>Pep= Since I am here. Many many players we wanted they didn't decide to join us, so it's not the first one have a long list basically because we did want to come at the end or the price or whatever could not happen so he took his decision a good one and good luck</p>	06.40 – 07.34	Relation
Post-match game week 30			
25	<p>Reporter= Pep, your your views on that um you happy with the draw was that one that you really needed?</p> <p>Pep= well, we prefer to win obviously. But I take the point yeah uh The game um recognize my team so proud, so with to try it uh they allow you to go to our left side as side for Odegart and Saka and after they make an incredible high pressing. We made quite good and buildups and after we contact with the last line, so they drop really well. All their habits with Rodro really close to Rodri in the spaces is not difficult to find it and they defend low block really really well. You cannot press much because the high press is mainly losing balls but with Rice and Gabrielle especially in</p>	00.25 – 02.29	Quantity

	right in the left side with Rico. They are strong but Manuel, Ruben, Rodri and everyone was unbelievable we were we were a moment. That we talk about a lot so second balls are really really important against Arsenal. They are really good when rain. They attack quick and the chances they have first half we they press really well we lost some balls and the second half we were yeah one to two transitions. I could not expect more you know just see Arsenal with the man of goals to score and we concede few and we didn't create much, but it was almost actions almost actions but they defend really well low block solidarity. Uh it's not easy to break them but we tried that why recognize the intention the intention that we had was there and we take the point nine nine games um we see what happen so the only thing we can do is refresh our legs and go into next Wednesday as.		
26	Reporter= Pep all um you you just mentioned the low block um when they hardly allow you to went to the books what's the solution? (quality) Pep= Kill someone, play with knife . So yeah, they play well a lot so a lot and to run Erling and yeah be patient and find you know the pass precise. When you arrive they defend really well accumulation of players defend well and after with a lot of people so is a always have been difficult and and they they yeah this this different ways they did really well the high pressing and after defend really well so when arrive in the final third the main target the opponent arrives said to say there's no con goal it doesn't matter how many play you defend with four or five 5 6 7 8 it's not consider goal this is the main target and uh and they did it well.	02.11 – 03.05	Quality
27	Reporter= Way the many good things they do you feel the team is ready to do? Pep= We not? We will not be here, we will not be here. Reporter= what do you mean	07.09 – 07.19	Manner
Pre-match game week 31			
28	Reporter= there's three points. I think three points separate the the the top three you've been involved in in lots of title races over the years how important could that experience factor be in this race? Pep= Just winning games, we have to do. So we don't have no more not many chances to draw points. Uh but still and games and like you said Aston Villa play for, you know qualify for the champions league and and every team play for something so the last games always are difficult to manage for will be for all of us.	01.01 – 01.36	Relation
29	Reporter= okay so it's a day-to-day kind of kind of situation? Um can I also ask you about Douglas Luis is a player that you obviously tried to bring here and that was a work visa situation. Are you surprised or did you expect that he would become the player that he is now for Aston Villa? Pep= I'm so happy for him. Because uh we met a little bit and looks like an exceptional guy and for the war permit was not possible to be with us. Uh and have to make a steps Girona and the other places at the end he settled perfectly in Villa so I'm happy for him he's playing really good.	03.10 – 03.46	Relation

Post-match game week 31			
30	<p>Reporter=How good a performance was that against a top five side?</p> <p>Pep=Better than Villapark. That's for sure. They were better, we were better. So, it's true that we conceded a few transitions that are necessary because we lose easy balls and when that happens against top teams this is a lesson we have to learn for the next games. But, we've seen the recovery, we bring incredible energy four or five plays up front. And, yeah, it was a really good game. We created a lot of chances. At the end, the measure of the team has to see how many chances we create, how many chances we concede or how many control we have. And today we were better. That doesn't mean you have to win, but it's the measure that we have to see.</p>	00.25 – 01.12	Quantity
31	<p>Reporter= How would you sum Phil Foden's goals?</p> <p>Pep= What can I say when he scores three goals. I think he didn't start well. But I think the goal helped him a lot for the mood in the second half. Phil, when he plays in central position, has a sense of goals. Everyone has his own skills and talents and Phil has goals, assists and goals in that position and he proved it again</p>	01.13 – 01.38	Relation
32	<p>Reporter=He's only 23, obviously. How good can he be once he's sort of potential?</p> <p>Pep=He can do whatever he wants. I think he's a really top-class player, we know it. But still he's open-minded, he has to understand the game, he has to be focused on the things, especially for the attention. Sometimes he's really distracted in exactly what he has to do, offensively and defensively. But he has a natural talent, a gift that is special for the pace, for the work ethic, it's unbelievable. And he has to have an incredible sense of goal. You have the sense when you have the ball attacking the last line, it's, oh, he's going to score, he's going to score. You have that feeling, you know, for the dribble, for the shoot and it's not easy to find it. And that's why he's so special when playing in this central position</p>	01.40 – 02.35	Relation
33	<p>Reporter= In terms of the title,are you looking at this performance thinking it's easy, maybe? Is it the best form of the season so far?</p> <p>Pep= But we were out of the title race three or four days ago and the team was not playing good. The team was not playing like the previous seasons, in the last six seasons. So now, two days after, we are in the best form of the league? Come on, guys</p>	02.36 - 03.01	Quality
34	<p>Reporter= You talked about Phil sense of goal that in central position take a role when Kevin absent?</p> <p>Pep= It's not easy. It's not easy. Because we need both. And both in this position. But, yeah, you can play in the middle with, you know, with Kevin. So both can play there. Absolutely. But, yeah. But Phil helped us a lot playing in the sides. Especially in right. So important is now with Jeremy's back and Phil. Jack is back. So in this amount of games that we have. And everybody will make his contribution</p>	10.34 – 11.20	Quantity