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| Theory**True or False?** | True or false | Evidence |
| Women are generally more polite than men (Theorist: Lakoff)Men use insults as a way to save face  |  |  |
| (Theorist: Koenraad Kuiper)All female talk is essentially co-operative in the way that speakers help to negotiate discussions and support each other’s rights as speakers (Theorists: Jennifer Coates) |  |  |
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| Men are less complimentary and supportive in all male talk (Theorist: Jane Pilkington) |  |  |
| Women use hedges e.g. ‘sort of’, ‘you know’  |  |  |
| Men interrupt more (Theory: Dominance theory – Zimmerman & West) |  |  |