

“Uma professora maluquinha” – An investigation of the ideal teacher ideologically constructed through SFL in Ziraldo’s book.

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## Abstract

Discourse analysts have been investigating how the representations of the world view, which are materialized in the lexico-grammatical choices, can be used to create and perpetuate ideological values. Of interest for this investigation is the role of teachers as portrayed in the media. An analysis of the actions carried out by the teacher in her classes in Ziraldo’s book “Uma professora maluquinha” is an attempt at identifying what image of teacher is presented to the readers. In this paper, we propose an investigation of the ideal of teaching, depicted in the book, having Systemic Functional Linguistics (SFL) as our tool for analysis. Through the analysis of the transitivity system, we explain how the teacher and her students are presented regarding their participation in the processes under certain circumstances, thus determining their roles in the classroom context. The unveiling of ideologies and power relations in the media may help arouse teachers and student-teachers awareness of what otherwise may be regarded as common-sense and unchangeable.

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## 1. Introduction

Language is the means through which the human discursive practices are realized<sup>1</sup>. We use language to interact in our society, but this language is constructed spatial-temporally; that is; it is constructed as a way of interpretation and/or reproduction of the world of a particular society. Language represents the ideology of this population for its constitution is historically, geographically and socially construed (FAIRCLOUGH, 1992, CHOULIARAKI & FAIRCLOUGH, 1999). Fowler’s (1996) defines ideology as

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<sup>1</sup> We understand language as verbal and non-verbal signs used as meaningful messages between interactants of similar culture.

a non-distortion of reality, but “a society’s implicit theory of what types of objects exist in their world (categorization); of the way that world works (causation); and of the values to be assigned to objects and processes (general propositions or paradigms” (FOWLER, 1996: 11). Thus, the deconstruction of its inner workings may help us understand critically this ideological construct and try to act upon it consciously.

The media is a powerful instrument in the reproduction of ideologies due to its widespread social reach (FAIRCLOUGH, 1992, CHOULIARAKI & FAIRCLOUGH, 1999). Therefore, the recurrence of discourses<sup>2</sup> realized in it may originate and reproduce ideologies. When these ideological values become common sense, they may function as behavior guides, which we are subject to, in the absence of a more critical view towards these discourses (AGUSTINI & DELLAGNELLO, unpublished).

In this work, we propose to analyze the profile of a teacher depicted by Ziraldo in the book “Uma professora muito maluquinha”. The analysis is carried out through the activities she developed with her students. This book, which has sold 670,000 copies in Brazil<sup>3</sup>, is part of a series called “O menino maluquinho”.

The choice of this text may be accounted to the reach of this book among the Brazilian and foreign readers<sup>4</sup> and the theme it explores: the role of the teacher. It portrays the universe of a teacher who was loved and admired by her students. Our analysis disclosed a teacher whose inspiring classes placed learners’ participation as crucial to the development of the classes.

Our attempt to unveil ideological values discursively construed in the text draws on Halliday’s Systemic Functional Linguistics (SFL), since through our lexical choices,

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<sup>2</sup> Discourse: “any spoken or written language use conceived as social practice” (FAIRCLOUGH, 1996, p.71).

<sup>3</sup> According to Vejaonline, March 7, 2007.

<sup>4</sup> The book has been published in several languages. Among them: Spanish, Italian, English, German, and French (ADRIANA BARSOTTI, Globinho on line, 08/01/2005)

we assume and represent our world-view, which, when repeated (echoed) may lead to the construal or maintenance of the status quo (HALLIDAY & MATTHIESSEN, 2004). An analysis of the actions carried out by the teacher in her classes in the book “Uma professora maluquinha”, is an attempt at identifying what image of teacher is shown to the readers; what kind of teacher identity is built through the processes shown; and what ideal of teaching is depicted in the book.

## **2. The textual dimension**

### **2.1. Context of situation**

Since Malinowski’s work signaled that the situation which surrounds the production of a text “can never be passed over as irrelevant to the linguistic expression”, and that “the meaning of any single word is to a very high degree dependent on its context” (1946: 307, apud EGGINS, 1994: 51), the works in critical linguistics have been concerned about the study and description of the context of situation.

Halliday (1978, 1985b, apud EGGINS, 1994: 52) proposes that the context of situation can be studied through the analysis of three aspects expressed in the context: field, tenor and mode. These three aspects of the study of language in context are called register.

The *Field* concerns the ‘topic’ – what is being talked about in the social activity type (EGGINS, 1994). In the case of “Uma professora muito maluquinha”, we have a sample of literature for children and adolescents which deals with the universe of a traditional school in Brazil. The writer made use of everyday terms and situations which according to Eggins (1994) include: words we all understand and little assumed knowledge due to the freedom allowed by the literary genre. Field is realized in the *ideational metafunction* through the *transitivity system*.

The analysis of the *Tenor* concerns the relationship established between the interactants in the social practice, realized by the *interpersonal metafunction* through the *mood system*. This text was produced by an adult writer, to be read mainly by children and adolescents. This relationship may be considered asymmetrical for the way the interaction is given – the reader cannot change the text, only reflect about it. In spite of this, the book also presents a feature which diminishes the distance between writer and readers: the *codal sharing*. In other words, by exploring themes (codes) which are shared by the writer and reader such as the school, family, small town lifestyle and love for the first teacher, the writer manages to come closer to the reader, thus, facilitating the acceptance of the ideological values proposed by the writer (BUTT, LUKIN & MATTHIESSEN, 2004).

This closeness with the reader is also attempted with the use of the pronoun ‘we’ in the text, which is a fictional voice, for the book is written as if the writers were former students of the teachers of the story. This ‘we’ seems to invite the reader to place himself/herself in the position of the writers: the teacher of the story becomes ‘his/her’ teacher, in a patchwork of what his former teachers were or s/he wishes they had been.

The *Mode*, which is realized by the *textual metafunction*, focuses in the role language has in the communicative exchange. The language in a book is essential for the communication; that is, language is constitutive. The style and vocabulary is simple and accessible, aiming at reaching its target audience: the children/adolescents. The style reflects what was already explored in the analysis of the tenor: to achieve closeness with the reader, Ziraldo uses of a quasi-conversational narrative. Also, the use of different illustrations reinforces this characteristic. The book makes use of visual resources in a very creative way. We have examples of not only illustrations, as it is common in literature for children and adolescents, but also ‘pictures’ of characters;

representation of letters, commercial ads, pages of books, comic books and poems; handwriting, games and messages drawn in the blackboard and in the student's notebooks and also, a resource used mainly in comic books, balloons with the talk of the characters.

In the next section the transitivity system (HALLIDAY & MATTHIESSEN, 2004) is explored. Throughout the analysis of the data selected the process types are briefly described and analyzed.

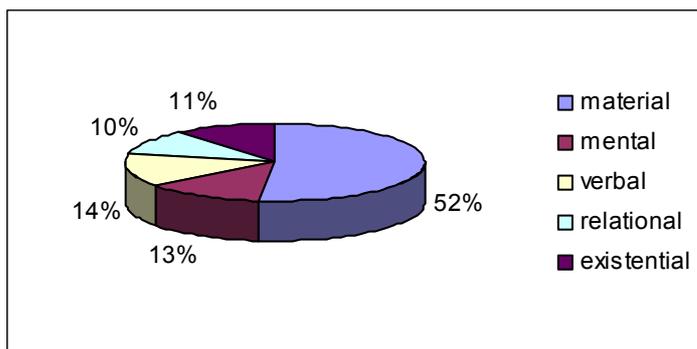
## **2.2. Transitivity**

Considering that this work is an attempt at understanding how the process of teaching and the teacher's and students' roles are conceived in the book, in this transitivity analysis, our focus will be on the processes and on the entities involved in them, i.e., the participants. The processes are classified as: material, mental, verbal, relational, existential, and behavioral<sup>5</sup>. Material processes are related to doings and happenings; mental processes are related to thoughts, feelings, and perceptions; verbal processes reflect acts of saying, relational express the process of 'being'; existential processes are the ones that reflect the existence of something (EGGINS, 1994).

Since the selection criteria was to analyze clauses related to the activities the teacher proposed and developed in the classroom, it is not surprising that most of the clauses presented material processes. Out of the one hundred seventeen (117) selected clauses, more than 50% were material ones, as shown in figure 1:

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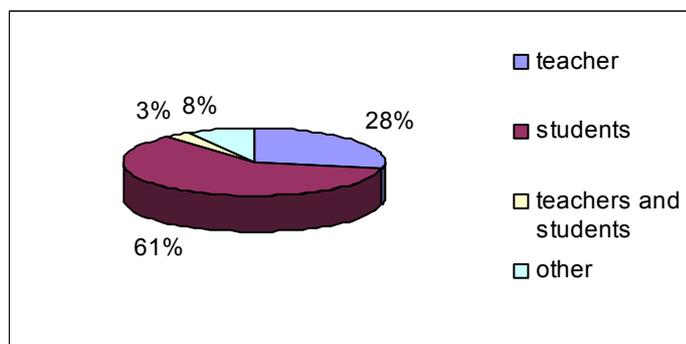
<sup>5</sup> Behavioral processes were not considered because according to the Halliday and Matthiessen (2004) "(...) they have no clearly defined characteristics of their own, they are partly like the material and partly like the mental" (p. 250).



**Figure 1 – Overall distribution of process types.**

The predominance of material processes reflects the concrete character of the activities carried out in the classes of this teacher. Concerning the other process types, the distribution is equitable.

Considering the 60 material processes, the students are the Actors in 36 clauses while the teacher occupies this role only 17 times (see figure 2), thus, foregrounding students' participation in the activities described in the book.



**Figure 2 – Distribution of actors in material clauses**

In the clauses where the teacher is the Actor, she is depicted as a creative professional who brings unusual activities to the classroom in order to develop their students' interest in learning, as shown below:

Na semana seguinte	ela	fez	um Concurso de Poesia	na sala
Circumstance of location: time	Actor	Pr. material	Scope	Circumstance: location: space

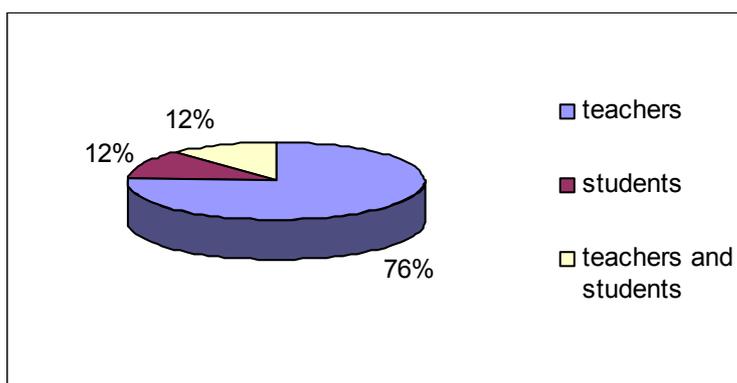
Even being the teacher the one responsible for organizing the activities, the active participation of the students, evidenced by their predominance as Actors, positions them as the focus of the learning process rather than the teacher herself. This positioning converges with Vygotsky's socio-interactionist views where learning occurs through interactions among other people, being the teacher's role the one of a mediator (WILLIAMS & BURDEN, 1997) rather than the depositor of knowledge in a baking education system (FREIRE, 1999). Accordingly, Hasan (2005: 196) defends the Vygotskian stance that "concept formation is not a passive, receptive process; rather, it involves the active participation of learners in their learning". Also, the learning process is based in concrete activities where the students learn by developing researches, many times in form of games:

em vez de correremos atrás da bola,	<b>nós</b>	corríamos	atrás das palavras
Circumstance of accompaniment: additive	<b>Actor</b>	Pr: material	Circumstance of abstract location: place

Although the co-participation of teacher and students is encountered in the corpus only twice, it is worth mentioning for it demonstrates the integration between teacher and students, in other words, teacher and students sharing agency as shown below:

<b>Mas,</b>	<b>às vezes,</b>	<b>o time dela</b>	<b>perdia.</b>
	<b>Circumstance of extent: frequency</b>	<b>Actor</b>	<b>Pr: material</b>

Considering the verbal clauses, which reflect acts of saying (EGGINS, 1994), there is a major occurrence of the teacher as the Sayer (see figure 3).



**Figure 3 – Distribution of Sayers in verbal clauses**

An examination of the clauses in which the teacher is a Sayer leads to a better understanding of her role as instructor, her ideological values as well as her relationship with her students.

This teacher is the one who proposes activities for the group, and tell stories as different manners of instructing her students.

<b>Ela</b>	disse:	“Amanhã vamos fazer uma excursão ao ginásio para o professor de Geografia explicar para nós por que a gente não cai do globo terrestre”.
<b>Sayer</b>	Pr:verbal	Projected clause

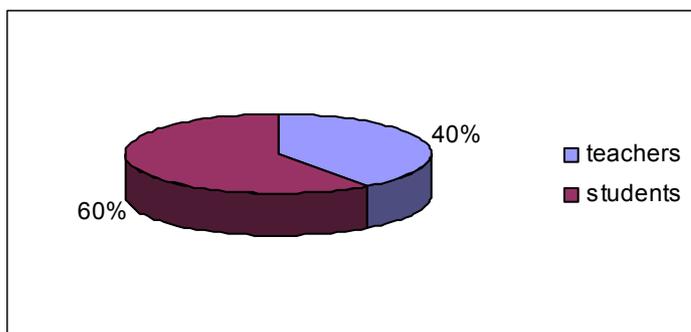
Her sayings also show her ideological positioning in relation to the importance of the reading skill, which she considers an essential tool in the learning process. She also expresses her concern in helping her students to become independent learners who are capable of continuing their development in spite of her presence.

<b>E ela</b>	dizia:	[[“No dia em que vocês estiverem lendo com a velocidade de um locutor de rádio, eu posso ir embora para casa”.]]
<b>Sayer</b>	Pr. verbal	Projected clause

The intimacy and informality established by this teacher in her relationship with her students is also reflected in what she says:

“Grande vantagem saber escrever seu próprio nome” –	ela	brincou.
Projected clause	Sayer	Pr: verbal

Mental clauses are the ones “concerned with our experience of the world of our own consciousness” (HALLIDAY & MATHIESSEN, 2004: 197). In the corpus, students are Sensers in the majority of the clauses (see figure 4) which translate their cognitive, perceptive and emotive experience regarding the classroom activities.



**Figure 4 – Distribution of Sensers in mental clauses**

Students are depicted as the ones who “loved”, “discovered”, “perceived”, “remembered” and (never) “forgot” the activities created by the teacher.

que	nós	nunca	esquecemos.
Phenomenon	Senser	Circumstance of extent: frequency	Pr: mental

When the teacher is construed as a Senser, her creativity, her concern in valuing students’ skills and her preference for the ludic are emphasized:

quando	ela	inventou	a Máquina de Ler.
Circumstance of location: time	Senser	Pr: mental	phenomenon

primeiro,	ela	descobria	uma qualidade destacável de um de nós
	Senser	Pr: mental	Phenomenon

The remaining clauses in the corpus were either relational or existential; however only existential clauses presented uniformity and substantial data for analysis. Their use to depict the existence of the activities confer the book a non-causal character, for the happening is there, but the force who acted upon it, i.e., the teacher who created the

activity, is not made explicit, which reinforces the inclusion of the teacher and the students in the same group<sup>6</sup>.

E,	entre outros,	teve	o Jogo da Rima:
	Circumstance of accompaniment: additive	Pr: existential	Existent

## 5. Final Remarks

The lexicogrammatical choices present in the corpus lead to a discursively construed image of a teacher who is allied to her students. The classroom activities, which are depicted in the book, position students and teacher as co-constructors of knowledge, what, in the transitivity analysis, was evidenced by the high incidence of students as Actors as well as their co-participation with the teacher in material and mental processes. Moreover, the students are fully involved in ludic activities conferring a learner-centered tone to the classes, as well as portraying the teacher's concern in bringing pleasure and meaning to the learning processes. She is a teacher who also respects her students as human beings and values their attempts at learning as manners to develop them both cognitively and emotionally.

Thus, considering the relevance of the subjects dealt by the author, “Uma professora muito maluquinha” can function as an important tool for teachers to reflect and find inspiration about their teaching practice. The ideological values discursively construed in the book affiliate with a socio-constructivist perspective where the role of the teacher is to help students develop their potentialities by being a mediator. Although this view has been widely discussed in the educational milieu, its presence in literary setting brings back fundamental matters which may not be neglected in educational theory.

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<sup>6</sup> Note the presence of the inclusive “we” in material and verbal clauses

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Appendix – Transitivity analysis

cl. 1				
A primeira chamada [que ela fez ]		foi		assim:
Carrier		Pr: relational		Attribute
cl. 1a				
que		ela		fez
Scope		Actor		Pr: material
cl. 2				
^ELA	mandou	cada um de nós	escrever o nome de um outro aluno.	
Elliptical Sayer	Pr: verbal	Receiver	verbiage	
cl. 2a				
cada um de nós		escrever	o nome de um outro aluno.	
Actor		Pr: material	Scope	
cl. 3				
“Grande vantagem saber escrever seu próprio nome” –			ela	brincou.
Projected clause			Sayer	Pr: verbal
cl. 4				
Depois		^ELA	Embaralhou	os nomes de todos nós
Circumstance of location: time		Elliptical Actor	Pr: material	Goal
cl. 5				
e	^ELA	mandou	que a gente arrumasse tudo direitinho na exata ordem do ABC	
	Elliptical Sayer	Pr: verbal	Actor	Pr: material
			Goal	Circumstance: manner
			Projected clause	
cl. 6				
^NÓS	Gastamos	quase a aula inteira	só para descobrir que o nome de um colega nosso chamado Pedro da Silva Marins tinha que ficar na frente do nome de outro colega que – imaginem só! – chamava-se Pedro da Silva Martins.	
Elliptical Actor	Pr: material	Circumstance of extent: duration	Circumstance of cause: purpose	
cl. 7				
Em compensação	^NÓS	ficamos	craques em dicionários e catálogos	
	Elliptical Carrier	Pr: relational	Attribute	
cl. 8				
Nas aulas seguintes		ela	resolveu dividir	a classe
Circumstance of location: time		Actor	Pr: material	Goal
				Attribute
cl. 9				
Nós			adoramos!	
Senser			Pr: mental	
cl. 10				
No começo		era	Menina contra menino.	
Circumstance of location: time		Pr: relational	Attribute	
cl. 11				
Como havia dezessete meninos e dezesseis meninas,		ela	Reforçava	o time feminino.
Circumstance of cause: reason		Actor	Pr: material	Goal
cl. 12				

	às vezes,	o time dela	perdia.
<b>Mas,</b>			
	<b>Circumstance of extent: frequency</b>	<b>Actor</b>	<b>Pr: material</b>
cl. 13			
<b>Outras vezes</b>	<b>ela</b>	<b>fazia</b>	<b>times diferentes: morenos contra louros [(embora, louro mesmo só houvesse um na sala)]; magros contra gordos [(tinha alguém gordo?)]; ou bonitos contra feios [(aí era por eleição).]</b>
<b>Circumstance: frequency</b>	<b>Actor</b>	<b>Pr: material</b>	<b>Scope</b> <b>Attribute</b>
cl. 14			
<b>Os embates entre os dois times</b>		<b>Começaram</b>	<b>pela modalidade Força.</b>
<b>Actor</b>		<b>Pr: material</b>	<b>Circumstance of manner: means</b>
cl. 15			
<b>A cada letra errada</b>	<b>se</b>	<b>desenhava</b>	<b>um pedacinho da força ou do enforcado.</b>
<b>Circumstance of extent: frequency</b>	<b>Elliptical Actor</b>	<b>Pr: material</b>	<b>Scope</b>
cl. 16			
<b>As meninas</b>		<b>enforcaram</b>	<b>os meninos.</b>
<b>Actor</b>		<b>Pr: material</b>	<b>Goal</b>
cl. 17			
<b>A segunda partida- justo a segunda –</b>		<b>foi</b>	<b>o Jogo do Começo:</b>
<b>Value</b>		<b>Pr: relational</b>	<b>Token</b>
cl. 18			
<b>quantas coisas começadas por C, por exemplo,</b>		<b>tem</b>	<b>nessa capa da revista Careta.</b>
<b>Existent</b>		<b>Pr: existential</b>	<b>Circumstance: location: place</b>
cl. 19			
<b>Os meninos</b>		<b>ganharam.</b>	
<b>Actor</b>		<b>Pr: material</b>	
cl. 20			
<b>E,</b>	<b>entre outros,</b>	<b>teve</b>	<b>o Jogo da Rima:</b>
	<b>Circumstance of accompaniment: additive</b>	<b>Pr: existential</b>	<b>Existent</b>
cl. 21			
<b>um minuto</b>		<b>pro time adversário</b>	<b>achar</b>
<b>Circumstance of extent: duration</b>		<b>Actor</b>	<b>Pr: material</b>
cl. 22			
<b>Logo no primeiro jogo,</b>		<b>teve</b>	<b>um menino expulso da partida.</b>
<b>Circumstance of location: time</b>		<b>Pr: existential</b>	<b>existent</b>
cl. 23			
<b>Um dos jogos mais divertidos,</b>		<b>porém,</b>	<b>era:</b>
<b>Value</b>			<b>Pr: relational</b>
			<b>Token</b>
cl. 24			

<b>^ALUNOS</b>	<b>descobrir</b>	<b>onde estava uma determinada palavra</b>	<b>num monte de anúncios, cartazes ou capas de revistas</b>	
<b>Elliptical Actor</b>	<b>Pr: material</b>	<b>Scope</b>	<b>Circumstance of location place</b>	
cl. 25				
<b>que</b>	<b>ela</b>	<b>trazia</b>	<b>de casa</b>	
<b>Goal</b>	<b>Actor</b>	<b>Pr: material</b>	<b>Circumstance of location place</b>	
cl. 26				
<b>e</b>	<b>^ELA</b>	<b>pregava</b>	<b>no quadro-negro.</b>	
	<b>Actor</b>	<b>Pr: material</b>	<b>Circumstance of location: place</b>	
cl. 27				
<b>Era</b>	<b>uma espécie de campeonato</b>	<b>onde,[[em vez de correremos atrás da bola, nós corríamos atrás das palavras]].</b>		
<b>Pr: relational</b>	<b>Carrier</b>	<b>Attribute</b>		
Cl 27a				
<b>em vez de correremos atrás da bola,</b>	<b>nós</b>	<b>corríamos</b>	<b>atrás das palavras</b>	
<b>Circumstance of accompaniment: additive</b>	<b>Actor</b>	<b>Pr: material</b>	<b>Circumstance of abstract location</b>	
cl. 28				
<b>E</b>	<b>teve</b>	<b>o dia da frase.</b>		
	<b>Pr: existential</b>	<b>Existent</b>		
cl. 29				
<b>^A FRASE</b>	<b>Estava escrita</b>	<b>no quadro-negro</b>	<b>há vários dias</b>	
<b>Elliptical Actor</b>	<b>Pr: material</b>	<b>Circumstance of location: place</b>	<b>Circumstance of extent: duration</b>	
cl. 30				
<b>e</b>	<b>ninguém</b>	<b>tinha percebido.</b>		
	<b>Senser</b>	<b>Pr: mental</b>		
cl. 31				
<b>Foi</b>	<b>a Ana que</b>	<b>deu</b>	<b>pela coisa:</b>	
	<b>Senser</b>	<b>Pr: mental</b>	<b>Phenomenon</b>	
cl. 32				
<b>levantou</b>	<b>-se,</b>	<b>de repente,</b>	<b>do seu lugar,</b>	
<b>Pr: material</b>	<b>Actor</b>	<b>Circumstance of manner: means</b>	<b>Circumstance of location: place</b>	
cl. 33				
<b>^ANA</b>	<b>foi</b>	<b>até a última carteira da fila do meio e,</b>		
<b>Elliptical Actor</b>	<b>Pr: material</b>	<b>Circumstance of location: place</b>		
cl. 34				
<b>de lá,</b>	<b>^ANA</b>	<b>tirou</b>	<b>uma açã</b>	<b>embrulhadinha no seu papel de seda azul.</b>
<b>Circumstance of location: place</b>	<b>Elliptical Actor</b>	<b>Pr: material</b>	<b>Goal</b>	<b>Attribute</b>
cl. 35				
<b>Foi quando</b>	<b>a turma</b>	<b>resolveu</b>	<b>ainda com alguma</b>	<b>a frase</b>
		<b>ler,</b>	<b>dificuldade,</b>	
<b>Circumstance of location: time</b>	<b>Actor</b>	<b>Pr: material</b>	<b>Circumstance of manner: quality</b>	<b>Goal</b>
cl. 36				

Que	a Ana Maria	apontava	no quadro-negro.
Scop e	Actor	Pr: material	Circumstance of location: place
cl. 37			
Fez-se	uma festa	quando [[todos conseguiram ler a frase]]	
Pr: existential	Existent	Circumstance of location: time/Embedded clause	
<i>cl. 38</i>			
<i>todos</i>	<i>conseguiram ler</i>	<i>a frase,</i>	<i>apesar de terem que agüentar as gozações da Ana Maria.</i>
<i>Actor</i>	<i>Pr: material</i>	<i>Scope</i>	<i>Circumstance of contingency: concession</i>
cl. 39			
Havia	sempre	uma frase diferente e um prêmio novo	para [[quem a lesse mais depressa]]
Pr: existential	Circumstance of extent : frequency	Existent	Circumstance of cause: behalf/embedded clause
cl. 39 <sup>a</sup>			
quem	a	lesse	mais depressa.
Actor	Scope	Pr: material	Circumstance of manner: degree
cl. 40			
A cada dia	<NÓS>	líamos	com mais rapidez,
Circumstance of extent: frequency	Actor	Pr: material	Circumstance of manner: degree
cl. 41			
Pois	<NÓS>	descobrimos	que ler era uma alegria.
	Elliptical Senser	Pr: mental	Phenomenon
cl.42			
Com ela		não tinha	castigo.
Circumstance of accompaniment: comitative		Pr: existential	Existent
cl.43			
Tinha		julgamento.	
Pr: existential		Existent	
cl. 44			
Se	um lá	fizesse	alguma coisa que parecesse errada,
	Actor	Pr: material	Scope
cl. 45			
Ela	convocava	o júri.	
Sayer	Pr:verbal	Receiver	
<i>cl. 46</i>			
<i>Um aluno</i>		<i>^ERA</i>	<i>para a acusação,</i>
<i>Token</i>		<i>Elliptical pr: relational</i>	<i>Value</i>
<i>cl. 47</i>			
<i>Outro</i>		<i>^ERA</i>	<i>para a defesa.</i>
<i>Token</i>		<i>Elliptical pr: relational</i>	<i>Value</i>
cl. 48			
O resto da turminha	era	o corpo de jurados.	

Token	Pr: relational	Value
cl. 49		
A gente	adorava	aqueles julgamentos.
Senser	Pr: mental	Phenomenon
cl. 50		
No final do ano, quando	^NÓS	já líamos tudo,
Circumstance of location: time	Elliptical Actor	Pr: material Scope
cl. 51		
Ela	achou	melhor que as defesas e as acusações fossem feitas por escrito
Senser	Pr: mental	Phenomenon
cl. 52		
É que	o júri	era muito barulhento.
	Carrier	Pr: relational Attribute
cl.53		
Ela	disse:	“Amanhã vamos fazer uma excursão ao ginásio para o professor de Geografia explicar para nós por que a gente não cai do globo terrestre”.
Sayer	Pr:verbal	Projected clause
cl.54		
“Amanhã	<NÓS>	vamos fazer uma excursão ao ginásio para o professor de geografia explicar para nós por que a gente não cai do globo terrestre.
Circumstance of location: time	Elliptical actor	Pr: material Scope Circumstance of location: place
cl. 55		
E	tinha	a Semana do Silêncio.
	Pr: existential	Existent
cl. 56		
[Era]	quando	ela vinha para a classe,
	Circ: Time	Actor Pr: material Circumstance of location: place
cl.57		
^ELA	abria	sobre a mesa um romance água-com-açúcar
Actor	pr: material	Circumstance of location: place Goal
cl.58		
e	^ELA	ficava lendo o tempo todo.
	Actor	Pr: material Circumstance of extent: duration
cl. 59		
Nós	ficávamos	muito, muito caladinhos.
Carrier	Pr: relational	Circumstance of manner: degree Attribute
cl. 60		
É que	a gente	ficava lendo nossas revistinhas, nossos tico-ticos e gibis
	Actor	Pr: material Scope
cl. 61		
– já tinha	menino	lendo até Tarzan ou O Espírito – além de outras revistas
	Actor	Pr: material Scope
cl. 62		
que	ela mesma	trazia de casa pra nos emprestar.
	Actor	Pr: material Circumstance of location: place Circumstance of cause : purpose
cl. 63		
È que, com a proibição dos gibis	<NÓS>	começamos a seguir uma novela muito mais emocionante do que O Direito de Nascer de noite, no rádio.
Circunstance of	Actor	Pr: material Scope

cause: reason				
cl.64				
A professora	estava lendo	para nós,	cada dia,	um capítulo das Desventuras de Sofia, da Condessa de Ségur, seu livro preferido da Coleção Rosa.
Actor	Pr: material	Client	Circumstance of location: time	Scope
cl.65				
Um dia	ela	decidiu	que cada capítulo tinha que ser lido por um menino ou uma menina.	
Circumstance of location: time	Senser	Pr: mental	Projected clause	
cl. 66				
cada capítulo	tinha que ser lido		por um menino ou uma menina.	
Scope	Pr: material		Actor	
cl. 67				
Então	a qualidade da novela	caiu	muito. Muito mesmo.	
	Actor	Pr: material	Circumstance of manner: degree	
cl. 68				
A gente	ainda	lia	meio mal	
Actor		Pr: material	Circumstance of manner: quality	
cl.69				
e	<ISTO>	valia	vaia, assobios e até tomates e ovos,	
Token		Pr: relational	Value	
cl.70				
[Foi]	quando	ela	inventou	a Máquina de Ler.
	Circ: time	Actor	Pr:material	Goal
cl.71				
Então,	ela	foi fazendo	o rolo	girar
	Actor		Goal	
		Pr:		: material
cl. 72				
<i>O começo do rolo de papel</i>	<i>deixava ver</i>	<i>escrito, em letras grandes,</i>		<i>um verso</i>
<i>Actor</i>	<i>Pr. material</i>	<i>Attribute</i>		<i>Scope</i>
cl. 73				
<i>que</i>	<i>nós</i>	<i>nunca</i>		<i>esquecemos.</i>
<i>Phenomenon</i>	<i>Senser</i>	<i>Circumstance of extent: frequency</i>		<i>Pr: mental</i>
cl. 74				
<i>e</i>	<i>a gente</i>	<i>viu</i>	<i>que [[estava vindo ali um poema escrito de baixo para cima, um verso sobre o outro.]]</i>	
	<i>Senser</i>	<i>Pr: mental</i>	<i>Projected clause</i>	
cl. 75				
<i>estava vindo</i>	<i>ali</i>		<i>um poema</i>	<i>escrito de baixo para cima, um verso sobre o outro</i>
<i>Pr: material</i>	<i>Circumstance of location: place</i>		<i>Actor</i>	<i>Circumstance of manner: means</i>
cl. 76				
<i>E</i>	<i>ela</i>	<i>foi girando</i>	<i>lentamente</i>	<i>a manivela</i>
	<i>Actor</i>	<i>Pr. material</i>	<i>Circumstance of manner: means</i>	<i>Goal</i>
cl. 77				

<i>^ELA</i>	<i>e mandando</i>	<i>a turma</i>	<i>ler o poema em voz alta</i>		
<i>Elliptical Sayer</i>	<i>Pr. verbal</i>	<i>Receiver</i>	<i>Verbiage</i>		
<i>cl. 77<sup>a</sup></i>					
<i>a turma</i>	<i>ler</i>	<i>o poema</i>	<i>em voz alta</i>		
<i>Actor</i>	<i>Pr: material</i>	<i>scope</i>	<i>Circumstance of manner: quality</i>		
<i>cl. 78</i>					
<i>A cada novo dia</i>		<i>era</i>	<i>um poema diferente.</i>		
<i>Circumstance of extent: frequency</i>		<i>Pr. existential</i>	<i>Existent</i>		
<i>cl. 79</i>					
<i>E</i>	<i>o rolo</i>	<i>girando</i>	<i>mais depressa</i>		
	<i>Actor</i>	<i>Pr. material</i>	<i>Circumstance: manner</i>		
<i>cl. 80</i>					
<i>E ela</i>		<i>dizia:</i>	<i>[[“No dia em que vocês estiverem lendo com a velocidade de um locutor de rádio, eu posso ir embora para casa”.]]</i>		
<i>Sayer</i>	<i>Pr. verbal</i>	<i>Projected clause</i>			
<i>cl. 81</i>					
<i>No dia em que</i>		<i>vocês</i>	<i>estiverem lendo</i>	<i>com a velocidade de um locutor de rádio,</i>	
<i>Circumstance of location: time</i>		<i>Actor</i>	<i>Pr. material</i>	<i>Circumstance of manner: comparison</i>	
<i>cl. 82</i>					
<i>eu</i>	<i>posso ir</i>	<i>embora para casa</i>			
<i>Actor</i>	<i>Pr. material</i>	<i>Circumstance of location: place</i>			
<i>cl. 83</i>					
<i>Já aconteceu antes, há muitos anos atrás:</i>	<i>um coleguinha</i>	<i>chegou</i>	<i>na sala</i>	<i>com a revista O Cruzeiro [</i>	
<i>Circumstance of location: time</i>	<i>Actor</i>	<i>Pr. material</i>	<i>Circumstance of location: place</i>	<i>Circumstance of accompaniment: comitative</i>	
<i>cl. 84</i>					
<i>e</i>	<i>^ELE</i>	<i>falou:</i>	<i>“ Nem meu tio inteligente entendeu.”</i>		
	<i>Elliptical sayer</i>	<i>Pr: verbal</i>	<i>Projected clause</i>		
<i>cl. 85</i>					
<i>A senhora se</i>	<i>podia explicar</i>		<i>pra gente?</i>		
<i>Sayer</i>	<i>Pr. verbal</i>		<i>Receiver</i>		
<i>cl. 86</i>					
<i>Então</i>	<i>ela</i>	<i>contou</i>	<i>para nós,</i>	<i>como quem conta um filme,</i>	<i>a história de um bravo guerreiro grego chamado Leônidas.</i>
	<i>Sayer</i>	<i>Pr: verbal</i>	<i>Receiver</i>	<i>Circumstance of manner: comparison</i>	<i>Verbiage</i>
<i>cl. 87</i>					
<i>A gente quase que se</i>		<i>lembra,</i>	<i>palavra por palavra,</i>	<i>da história</i>	
<i>Senser</i>		<i>Pr. mental</i>	<i>Circumstance of manner: means</i>	<i>Phenomenon</i>	
<i>cl. 88</i>					
<i>que</i>		<i>ela</i>	<i>Contou</i>		
<i>Verbiage</i>		<i>Sayer</i>	<i>Pr: verbal</i>		
<i>cl. 89</i>					
<i>Durante semanas</i>		<i>a gente</i>	<i>só</i>	<i>falou</i>	<i>do filme</i>

<i>Circumstance of location: time</i>	<i>Sayer</i>	<i>Circumstance of manner: degree</i>	<i>Pr: verbal</i>	<i>Target</i>
<i>cl. 90</i>				
<i>Com um desenho e filme,</i>	<i>(nós)</i>	<i>já</i>	<i>estávamos conhecendo</i>	<i>mais História Universal</i>
<i>Circumstance of accompaniment: comitative</i>	<i>Elliptical sayer</i>		<i>Pr. Mental</i>	<i>Phenomenon</i>
<i>do que com todas as coisas escritas no livro adotado pela escola</i>				
<i>Circumstance of manner: comparison</i>				
<i>cl. 91</i>				
<i>Ela</i>	<i>falou</i>	<i>sobre romanos, sobre deuses egípcios, sobre pirâmides e serpentes.</i>		
<i>Sayer</i>	<i>Pr. Verbal</i>	<i>Verbiage</i>		
<i>cl. 92</i>				
<i>Mas</i>	<i>^ELA</i>	<i>falou</i>	<i>mais da Claudette do que da Cleópatra.</i>	
	<i>Elliptical Sayer</i>	<i>Pr. Verbal</i>	<i>Verbiage</i>	
<i>cl. 93</i>				
<i>E tanto</i>	<i>se</i>	<i>falou</i>	<i>de História Antiga, dos tempos de antes de Cristo, de romanos e de gregos, de egípcios e de princesas que,</i>	
	<i>Sayer</i>	<i>Pr: verbal</i>	<i>Verbiage</i>	
<i>cl. 94</i>				
<i>um dia</i>	<i>a Ana</i>	<i>perguntou:</i>	<i>["Professora, onde é que a gente pode ler mais sobre isto?"]</i>	
<i>Circumstance of location: time</i>	<i>Sayer</i>	<i>Pr. Verbal</i>	<i>Projected clause</i>	
<i>cl. 95</i>				
<i>Na semana seguinte</i>	<i>ela</i>	<i>fez</i>	<i>um Concurso de Poesia</i>	<i>na sala</i>
<i>Circumstance of location: time</i>	<i>Actor</i>	<i>Pr. material</i>	<i>Scope</i>	<i>Circumstance: location: space</i>
<i>cl. 96</i>				
<i>e</i>	<i>um dos mosqueteiros</i>	<i>ganhou</i>	<i>o concurso</i>	
	<i>Actor</i>	<i>Pr. Material</i>	<i>Scope</i>	
<i>cl. 97</i>				
<i>Teve</i>	<i>pompa e circunstância</i>	<i>na entrega do prêmio</i>		
<i>Pr. Existential</i>	<i>Existent</i>	<i>Circumstance of location: time</i>		
<i>cl. 98</i>				
<i>Então,</i>	<i>passou a ter</i>	<i>concurso</i>	<i>todas as semanas</i>	
	<i>Pr. Existential</i>	<i>Existent</i>	<i>Circumstance of extent: frequency</i>	
<i>cl. 99</i>				
<i>Ela</i>	<i>descobria</i>	<i>uma qualidade destacável de um de nós</i>		
<i>Senser</i>	<i>Pr: mental</i>	<i>Phenomenon</i>		
<i>cl. 100</i>				
<i>^ELA</i>	<i>inventava</i>	<i>o concurso</i>	<i>segura de quem seria o vencedor</i>	
<i>Senser</i>	<i>Pr: mental</i>	<i>Phenomenon</i>	<i>Circumstance of manner: quality</i>	
<i>cl. 101</i>				
<i>No fim do ano</i>	<i>todo mundo</i>	<i>tinha ganho</i>	<i>uma medalha.</i>	
	<i>Actor</i>	<i>Pr: material</i>	<i>Scope</i>	
<i>cl. 102</i>				
<i>O último,</i>	<i>parece,</i>	<i>ganhou</i>	<i>o primeiro lugar em cuspe a distância</i>	

<i>Actor</i>		<i>Pr: material</i>	<i>Scope</i>
<i>cl. 103</i>			
<i>Então,</i>	<i>ela</i>	<i>inventou</i>	<i>deveres que deixavam as famílias todas mais maluquinhas do que ela</i>
	<i>Senser</i>	<i>Pr. Mental</i>	<i>Phenomenon</i>
<i>cl. 104</i>			
<i>E ela</i>		<i>continuou inventando</i>	<i>deveres para casa neste estilo</i>
<i>Senser</i>		<i>Pr. Mental</i>	<i>Phenomenon</i>
			<i>Circumstance: manner</i>
<i>cl. 105</i>			
<i>E tinha</i>		<i>notas para todo mundo</i>	
<i>Pr. existential</i>		<i>Existent</i>	
<i>cl. 106</i>			
<i>quem</i>	<i>trouxe</i>	<i>o maior número de rimas ou a palavra maior</i>	
<i>Actor</i>	<i>Pr. Material</i>	<i>Goal</i>	
<i>cl. 107</i>			
	<i>^ALUNO</i>	<i>ganhou</i>	<i>dez.</i>
	<i>Elliptical Actor</i>	<i>Pr: material</i>	<i>Scope</i>
<i>cl. 108</i>			
<i>Os outros todos – [que fizeram o dever direitinho] -</i>		<i>ganharam</i>	<i>nove e meio</i>
<i>Actor</i>		<i>Pr. Material</i>	<i>Scope</i>
<i>cl.108ª</i>			
<i>Que</i>	<i>fizeram</i>	<i>o dever</i>	<i>Direitinho</i>
<i>Actor</i>	<i>Pr: material</i>	<i>Scope</i>	<i>Circunstance of manner: quality</i>
<i>cl. 109</i>			
<i>“Nota pelo esforço, claro”,</i>	<i>ela</i>	<i>Explicava</i>	
<i>Verbiage</i>	<i>Sayer</i>	<i>Pr. Verbal</i>	
<i>cl. 110</i>			
<i>Quanto à Kubakalan</i>	<i>todo mundo</i>	<i>ganhou</i>	<i>dez.</i>
<i>Circumstance of matter</i>	<i>Actor</i>	<i>Pr. Material</i>	<i>Scope</i>