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1003-X1-834Carol S. Schumacher* (schumacherc@kenyon.edu), Department of Mathematics, Kenyon
College, Gambier, OH 43022. Infinite Polite Speeches, Konig's Lemma, and Aperiodicity.

The talk will begin with a whimsical discussion of an island where residents don't care what you say as long as you say it politely. (They also have a very limited vocabulary!) I will use this amusing tale to prove a version of Konig's lemma and to establish the aperiodicity of the Morse-Thue Sequence. I will end the talk by connecting all of this to aperiodic tilings of the plane. (Received September 30, 2004)