Question-Answer Pairs can form a Clause in ASL

If discourse is structured using questions and answers (recall Hannah's babbling last week), could a question-answer pair become grammaticalized to the point of forming a single sentence? I'll discuss work I've been doing with Ivano and Rachel that suggests that in American Sign Language this is the case (e.g. JOHN ATE WHAT, PASTA). I'm hoping to discuss our syntactic and semantic analysis of this ASL construction, and some pragmatic aspects that haven't been fully fleshed out yet. If we have time, I'll discuss how this relates to a "hot topic" that looks similar, the English specificational pseudocleft (e.g. What John ate was pasta).