

A multimodal analysis of turn continuation: Interaction employing the response token *nn* and head nods in Japanese casual conversation

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In Japanese, extended turns typically consist of a number of prosodic units. While prosodic unit boundaries within an extended turn are not generally treated as transition-relevance places (TRPs), they are nevertheless exploited by participants for some types of interactional work (Maynard, 1989; Morita, 2005). In Japanese, the use of the response token *nn* and head nods by the listener of the conversation is frequently found in this environment. Examining the placement patterns of these brief response tokens, this study investigates the relevant social actions associated with turn continuation and how such actions are jointly accomplished by participants.

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