

1) Coherence of topics

- a) Number of subordinate topics
- b) Number of words uttered on each subordinate topic
- c) Number of words uttered relating to the given topic

2) Turn-taking

- a) Self-selections
- b) Nominations

a) Reactive Tokens A:

- Reactive expressions: “Great!”
- Repetitions of statements by another speaker
- Short statements: “That’s wonderful.”

b) Backchannels

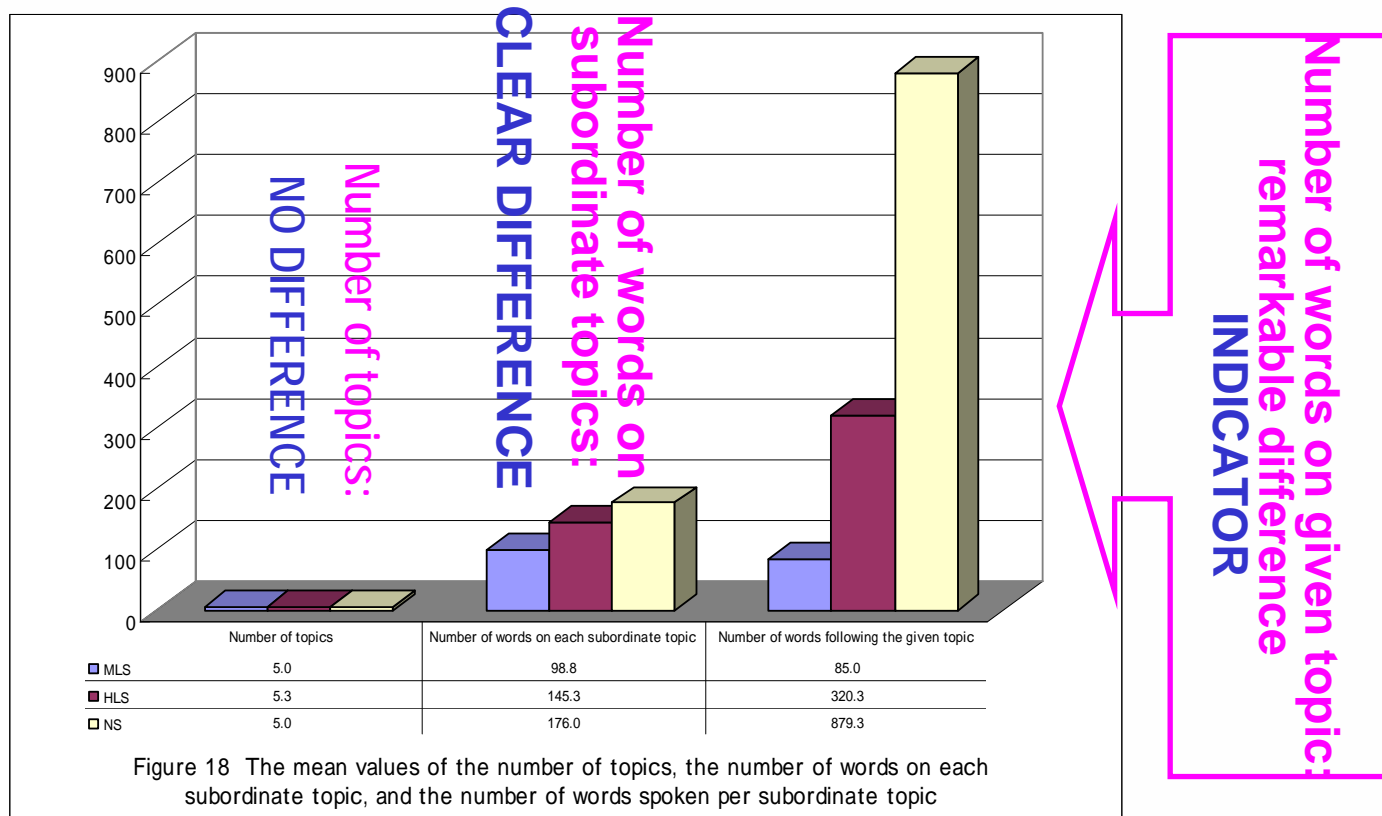
- One-word utterances: “Yeah.” “Oh.”
- Laughter

c) Body language

- Gestures including nods and smiles

RESULTS

Coherence of Topics (Quantitative analysis)



Example (14) (MLS: Group B, lines 99-109)

- 99 A: I like summer better than any other season. = I like sea. = To walk on a
100 C: = Oh. ((nod)) = Ah. ((nod))
101 B: = Oh. ((nod))
102 A: beach is pretty. And I like fireworks.
103 B: Fireworks? ((nod))
104 C: Fireworks? Oh, yes. ((nod))
105 B: I like fireworks very much.
106 A: ((nod)) Me, too. It's very beautiful. ((nod))
107 B: Yeah. ((nod)) I think so, too.
108 C: Do you like swimming?
109 A: I can't swim well.



MLS: change topics
unexpectedly

HLS: conversation is more coherent
NS: conversation flows naturally