

The Grammar of the Body

eyeballs: gaze (pointing; questioning; referential shift)

head: topic marking; question marking; prominence; continuation/dependency; referential shift; constituent boundary marking

upper face (brows, lids, cheeks): utterance type and information status (questions; old information; focus, etc.); constituent boundary marking (with blink); character perspective

lower face (tongue, lips, cheeks): adj., adv. modification; mouthing of spoken words

torso: referential shift; discourse contrast

hand(s): words (phonology; morphology); rhythm; prominence; boundary strength

nondominant hand: phonological element in words; independent classifier morpheme; discourse topic continuity; simultaneous words

