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Transcription Symbols

03 line in the transcript (corresponding to one intonation unit unless marked otherwise)
(.) micropause (ordinarily less than a fourth of a second)
(..) shorter pause ranging from 0.25 to 0.75 seconds (estimated length)
(1.4) silence or “timed pause” (in tenths of a second)
[ point of overlap onset
] point at which overlapping talk ends
= no break or pause between the units linked by the equal sign, “latching”
<<coughs>> comment by the transcriber
butʰ audible aspiration of a consonant
. falling (or final) intonation contour
? rising intonation
, continuing intonation
; an intonational rise stronger than a comma but weaker than a question mark
:: prolongation or stretching of the sound preceding the colons; the more colons, the longer the stretching
wor- cut-off or self-interruption, often with a glottal or dental stop
word stress/emphasis, either by higher pitch or slightly increased loudness
WOrd especially loud talk
° talk that is markedly quiet or soft
“word” talk that is markedly softer than the talk around it
↑ sharp rise in pitch, or marking shift or resetting of pitch register
↓ sharp fall in pitch, or marking shift or resetting of pitch register
The talk between “more than” and “less than” symbols is compressed or rushed.

The talk between these symbols is markedly slowed or drawn out.

Hearable aspiration, the more /s, the more aspiration; aspiration may represent breathing or laughter.

Inhalation (several /s indicate longer, intense inhalation).

Note that at times the transcripts presented here exhibit a reconfiguration of the numbered units of talk taken from the transcripts in the ICE-GB, most often in the case of overlapping talk. This mismatch is due to the different ways in which overlapping talk is indicated here and in the ICE-GB: for technical reasons, in the ICE-GB, overlaps are not aligned on two successive lines, but marked with colors and often at distance. The present study follows conversation analytic transcription principles and uses alignment of overlaps on two successive lines.

The prosodic details shown in the transcripts have been identified and added to the transcripts by the author himself, based on the sound files of the ICE-GB Release 2. Minor inconsistencies between recorded speech and the respective transcripts provided in the ICE-GB, such as word choices or the assignment of speaker roles, have been corrected.
Abbreviations

CA Conversation analysis
DM Discourse marker
ICE-GB *International Corpus of English* – Great Britain
LH Left hemisphere
LTM Long-term memory
RH Right hemisphere
TCU Turn-constructional unit
TRP Transition-relevant place
WM Working memory