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eLCA

A Tool to Understand and Practise Constructed Action Types



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Introduction to Constructed Action (CA) 1

Examples and explanation of

- CA vs. lexeme
- pure CA vs. parallelised CA
- connection to L2 learners' problems

Introduction to Constructed Action (CA) 1a

CA vs. Lexeme

GSL: ANFÄNGER (english: beginner)



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Introduction to Constructed Action (CA) 1b

pure CA vs. parallelised CA

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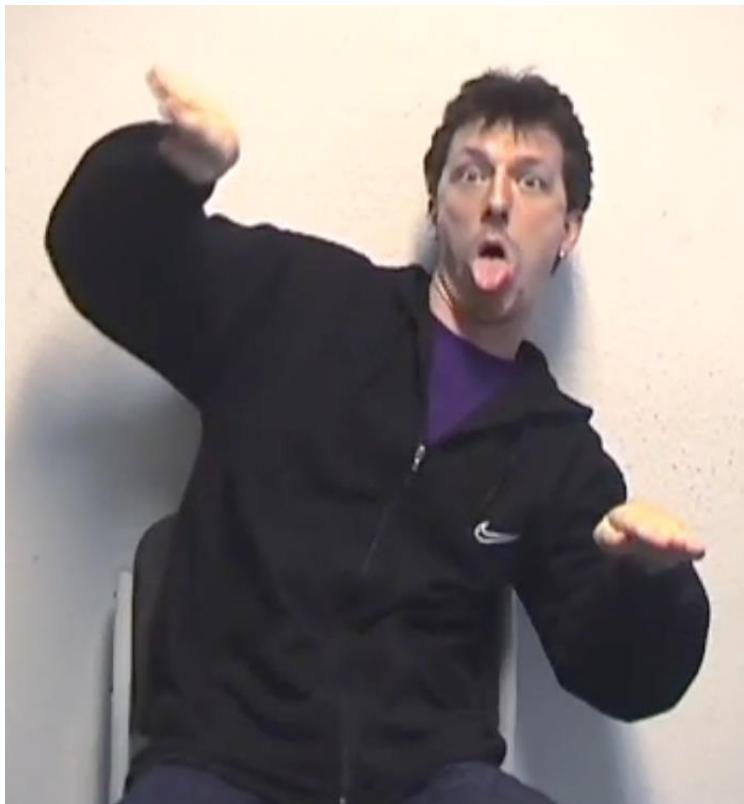


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Introduction to Constructed Action (CA) 1c

More types of parallelised CA



Introduction to Constructed Action (CA) 2

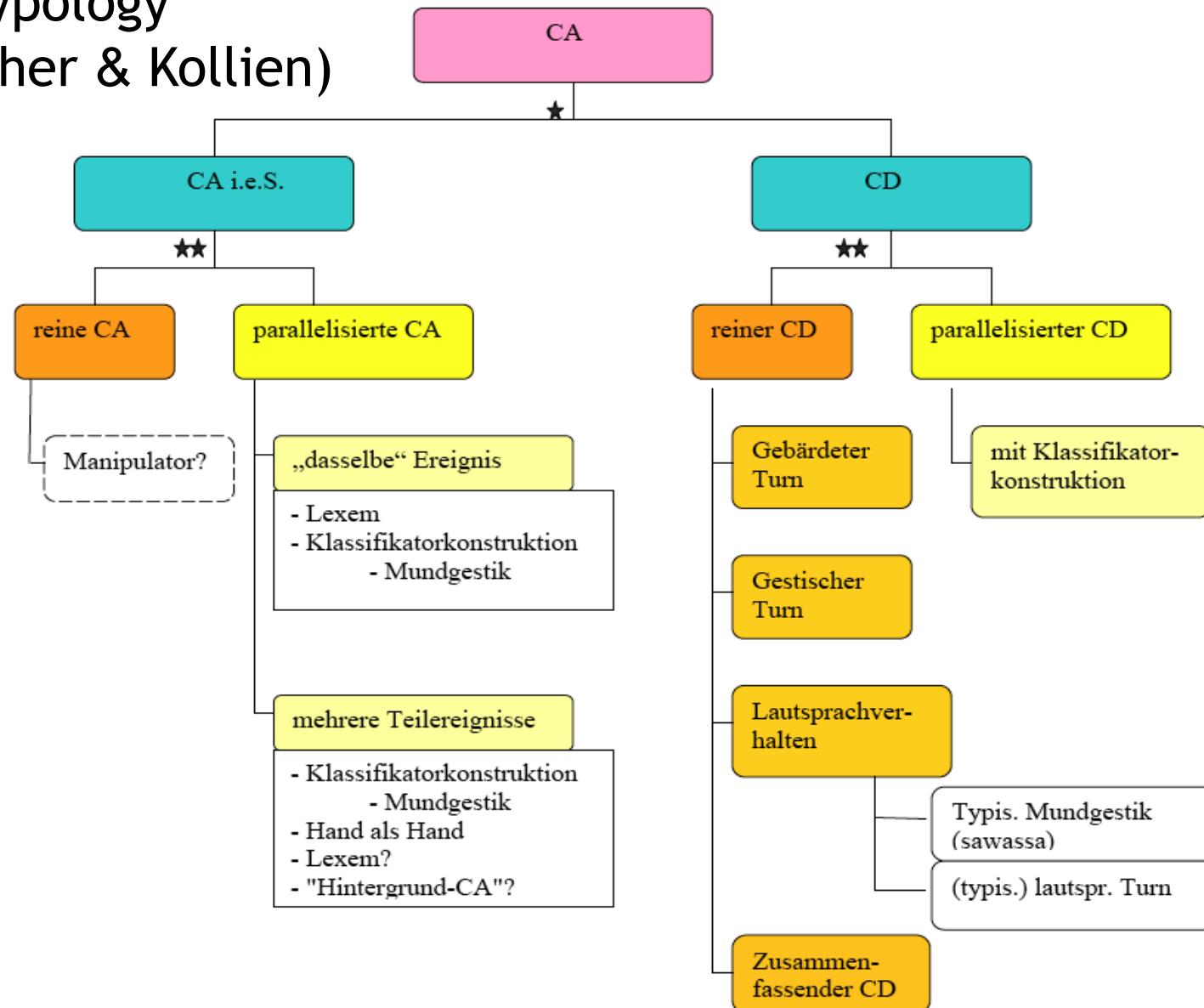
Previous term: Role Shift

-> new: Constructed Action (Tannen > Metzger)

Research on CA

- Mental Space Theory (Liddell)
- Highly Iconic Structure (Cuxac)
- Body Partitioning (Dudis)
- Obligatory? Necessary! (Quinto-Pozos)
- Types of CA & subcategories (Fischer & Kollien)

CA typology (Fischer & Kollien)



a project
for the development
of electronic devices
for the teaching-learning
of CA

eLCA

eLearning & CA

The screenshot shows a window titled "OLAT – Online Learning And Training". Inside, a slide is displayed with the title "Lerneinheit „Constructed Action in DGS analysieren“" and the subtitle "Übung 1: Markieren Sie Sequenzen mit Constructed Action.". A modal window titled "Impressum" is open, containing information about the eLearning unit:
Impressum
eLCA – eLearning-Einheit „Constructed Action“
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Programmierung/Screenendesign: natani, www.natani.de
Gefördert durch die Universität Hamburg im Rahmen von
The slide also features a timeline at the bottom with a playhead and various controls.

directed by Renate Fischer,
collab. Anke Müller and Simon Kollien

eLCA Goals

- Enhancing understanding of CA in fluent discourse
- Advancing the meta-linguistic skills regarding CA (language awareness)
- Giving feedback to the students' understanding of CA

eLCA

consists of 2 practise units

- Unit 1: chronological depiction
- Unit 2: referential structure and embodiment

Unit

1

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Übung 1: Markieren Sie Sequenzen mit Constructed Action.

Lösung von Musterlösung

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88	99	CD (LS)	Blue	
154	171	CD (zus.fassend)	Blue	
193	200	CD (Kommunikationsverb)	Blue	
224	231	CD	Blue	
248	261	CD (Kommunikationsverb)	Blue	

Aufgabe / Hilfe Info zum Film Übersetzung

Segment bei Frame 39 einfügen

Zeilstrahl

Frames	0	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100
Kollien, Simon											
Musterlösung											

CD (zus.fassend) CD (LS)

Zoom 100% Impressum



top FPS: 3.4 -- Frame: 39 / 2435

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eLCA Unit 1

chronological depiction

- identify instances and duration of CA on the measuring line
- categorise and label the CA items
- compare with model solution
- feedback about learners' errors

Unit
2

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Szene mit Referenten

Lösungsübersicht Referenten/Artikulatoren

Aufgabe / Hilfe

Toolbox

Film

Sichern

Navigation

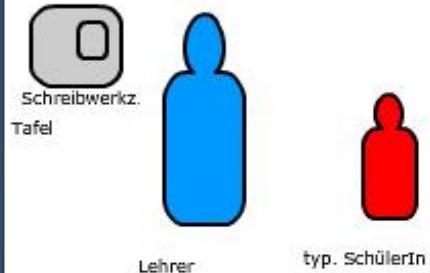


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Toolbox

Artikulatoren	Referenten

Label Lehrer



Impressum

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eLCA Unit 2

referential structure and embodiment

- relate referents to body parts
- analyse and segment parallelised CA
- compare with model solution
- feedback about learners' errors

eLCA in the signing class

Both units offer multiple didactic opportunities

- blended learning for each learner
 - individual work, team work, classroom work
 - differentiation of complexity levels according to students
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- precise retrieval of CA sequences in the film
 - observing authentic signed discourse
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- Error analysis
(didactics and research: our study is in progress)

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potential for contrastive analyses

- comparison with authentic German narration
- comparison with voiced German version of signed narration
- comparison with signed variants
- reflection of typological characteristics
(crosslinguistics)

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contrastive analyses

original sequence



erroneous reproduction



voiced version

SIGNER 9 Unser Lehrer hat immer gesagt „es muss alles stimmen“. Und einmal ist es passiert, dass mein Bruder, der älteste von uns Dreien, mit meinem Vater, mit dem Fahrrad von Königsberg nach, wie heißt es noch, Cranz gefahren ist. Ein Ostseebad, das

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