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# Are there salience differences between character and observer viewpoint gestures?

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## Abstract

The present study investigates salience differences between character viewpoint gestures (CVGs) and observer viewpoint gestures (OVGs). Since co-speech gestures usually contribute not-at-issue meaning by default (cf. Ebert et al., 2020) and are backgrounded, it was hypothesized that there is no salience difference between CVGs and OVGs. A forced-choice study was conducted to investigate this hypothesis. Results showed that CVGs and OVGs do not differ with respect to their salience. Therefore, previous studies that suggested a preference for CVGs (Hinterwimmer et al., 2021) might be traced back to other pragmatic and not to salience differences between the two gesture types.

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