

Supplemental Material S4. Examples of the narrative measures.

Structure type	Subtype	Example
Predicate	Verb	然后 小 鸟 妈妈 爬 到 树上。 Then little bird mom climbed onto the tree Then, the little bird mom climbed onto the tree.
	Predicate adjective	小猫 真 生气。 The cat so angry The cat is so angry.
	Progressive	小狗 在 捉 老鼠。 The dog ProM catch mouse The dog is catching the mouse.
Aspect Marker	Perfective	然后 小 男孩 拣回 了 自己的 球。 Then little boy got back PerM his ball Then the little boy got his ball back.
	-	小猫 吃 了 一 条 鱼。 The cat ate PerM one CL fish The cat ate a fish.
Passive	-	它的 腿 被 狐狸 吃了。 Its leg PASS fox eat SFP Its leg was eaten by the fox.
Relative Clause	-	看到 掉 到 河里的 球 了。 Saw dropped RP river LP ball SFP Saw the ball that dropped in the water.

Note. ProM = progressive marker; PerM = perfective marker; CL = classifier; PASS = passive marker; SFP = sentence final particle; RP = resultative particle; LP = linking particle.