

The DART Speech-Act Taxonomy Ver. 1.1
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Speech-act Label	(Approximate) Function
abandon	abandoning a unit, either choosing not to complete it or due to interruption
accept	responding in an active positive way
acknowledge	signalling decoding, understanding
add	signalling extension/elaboration of information
agree	signalling explicit agreement
answer	answering a question
apologise	apologising
approve	expressing appreciation or approval
attribute	expressing attribution to s.o.
bye	saying farewell; closing a dialogue
complete	completing the interlocutor's move
conclude	indicating a (logical) conclusion
contrast	indicating a contrast, e.g. by means of a contrastive conjunction
confirm	confirming a request for confirmation
correct	correcting what the interlocutor has said
correctSelf	correcting one's own utterance
direct	eliciting the interlocutor's non-verbal response
echo	repeating the interlocutor's words for verification
elab	elaborating the answer to a question or a directive
enumerate	enumerating
exclaim	expressing emotion or surprise
explain	providing an explanation
expressAwareness	expressing awareness, possibly knowledge of s.th.
expressNonAwareness	negative counterpart to the above
expressConviction	expressing conviction, e.g. through use of <i>of course</i>
expressOpinion	expressing an opinion/evaluation
expressPossibility	expressing a possibility
expressImPossibility	negative counterpart to the above
expressRegret	expressing regret
expressStance	expressing one's attitude, eg. through <i>frankly (speaking)</i>
expressSurprise	expressing surprise
expressWish	expressing a wish or desire
greet	greeting the interlocutor

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hesitate	hesitating before the beginning of a turn/unit
hold	signalling to the interlocutor to hold the line, usually to look up information or to think
identifySelf	identifying the speaker's name/institution
init	initiating a new phase of the dialog
insult	insulting the interlocutor
negate	responding negatively
offer	offering a service to benefit the interlocutor
pardon	signalling misunderstanding/the need for the interlocutor to repeat
phatic	semantically empty discourse-marking expression, such as initial <i>you know</i>
predict	predicting some future event
predictPossibility	predicting a possibility
promise	making a promise
refer	indicating a deictic reference (neutral option)
referCondition	referring to a condition
referOpt	referring to an option
referPerson	referring to a person (excluding vocatives)
referReason	referring to a reason
referTime	referring to a specific (point in) time
referThing	referring to a concrete or abstract object
refuse	responding negatively to an offer, etc
reject	rejecting a proposal
reqConfirm	requesting a confirmation
reqDirect	requesting a directive
reqInfo	requesting verbal information
reqModal	requesting permission, advice, etc.
reqOpt	requesting an option
selfTalk	speaking to oneself (the speaker)
spell	spelling out something
state	conveying information/awareness
stateIntent	indicating the speaker's intention
stateConstraint	stating a potential constraint
stateOpt	stating a potential option
stateReason	stating a reason
summarise	signalling a summary
suggest	proposing action by the interlocutor (or the interlocutor and the speaker)
suggestOpt	suggesting a potential option

Speech-act Label	(Approximate) Function
swear	expressing an expletive
thirdParty	speaking to s.o. who is not the speaker or the interlocutor
thank	thanking
unclassifiable	a speech-act not classifiable according to the present scheme
uninterpretable	uninterpretable, due to missing or incoherent information