The DART Speech-Act Taxonomy (version 2.0)

| Speech-act Label | (Approximate) Function |
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| 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 |
| acknowledgeThanks | responding to a thank you |
| add | initiating a follow-up in a sequence |
| admit | admitting to something |
| agree | signalling explicit agreement |
| answer | answering a question |
| apologise | apologising |
| approve | expressing appreciation or approval |
| attribute | expressing attribution to someone |
| bye | saying farewell; closing a dialogue |
| complete | completing the interlocutor's move |
| conclude | indicating a (logical) conclusion |
| confirm | confirming a request for confirmation |
| contradict | contradicting the interlocutor |
| correct | correcting what the interlocutor has said |
| correctSelf | correcting one's own utterance |
| direct | eliciting the interlocutor's non-verbal response |
| disagree | expressing disagreement |
| disapprove | expressing disapproval |
| disConfirm | negative response to a request for confirmation |
| echo | repeating the interlocutor's words for verification |
| elab | elaborating the answer to a question |
| emphatic | repeating something for emphasis, usu. yes, no, or a DM |
| enumerate | enumerating |
| exclaim | expressing emotion or surprise |
| explain | providing an explanation |
| expressAwareness | expressing awareness, possibly knowledge of something |
| expressConviction | expressing conviction, e.g. through use of no doubt |
| expressDisappointment | expressing diappointment |
| expressDisgust | expressing disgust |
| expressDislike | expressing dislike |
| expressDoubt | expressing doubt |
| expressHope | expressing hope that something can or will be done, will happen |

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| expressImPossibility | negative counterpart to the above |
| expressImProbability | negative counterpart to the above |
| expressIndifference | expressing one's indifference to a proposal, suggestion, or offer |
| expressLiking | expressing a liking for something |
| expressNonAwareness | negative counterpart to the above |
| expressOpinion | expressing an opinion/evaluation |
| expressPossibility | expressing a possibility |
| expressPreference | expressing a preference |
| expressProbability | expressing the probability of something occurring |
| expressRegret | expressing regret |
| expressStance | expressing one's attitude, eg. through frankly (speaking), etc. |
| expressSurprise | expressing surprise |
| expressUncertainty | expressing uncertainty regarding something |
| expressWish | expressing a wish or desire |
| greet | greeting the interlocutor |
| 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 dialogue |
| initConclusion | initiating a (logical) conclusion |
| initCondition | initiating a condition |
| initConstraint | initiating a constraint |
| initContrast | initiating a contrast |
| initCounterExp | initiating something counter to expectation |
| initFollowUp | initiating one or more additional explanations |
| initGeneralisation | initiating a generalisation |
| initOpinion | initiating an opinion |
| initQ | initiating a query |
| initReason | initiating a reason |
| initSummary | initiating a summary |
| insult | insulting |
| listSequence | listing items using ordinals |
| muse | deliberating as to how to respond |
| negate | making a negative-polarity statement |
| nominate | indicating that/when someone should speak in a sequence |
| offer | offering a service to benefit the interlocutor |
| pardon | signalling misunderstanding/the need for the interlocutor to repeat |

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| phatic | semantically empty discourse-marking expression, such as initial *you know* |
| predict | predicting some future event |
| reaffirm | indicating that something is (assumed to be) part of the common ground |
| refer | indicating a deictic reference (neutral option) |
| referAct | referring to an ongoing action/process |
| referCondition | referring to one or more conditions |
| referConstraint | referring to one or more constraints |
| referDate | referring to a date |
| referDirection | referring to a direction |
| referDuration | referring to a duration |
| referHow | referring to how something is done |
| referLiking | referring to a liking |
| referOpt | referring to an option |
| referPerson | referring to a person/people (excluding vocatives) |
| referPlace | referring to a place/places |
| referPossibility | referring to a possibility |
| referProbability | referring to a probability |
| referProcess | referring to an ongoing action |
| referReason | referring to a reason |
| referThing | referring to a concrete or abstract object |
| referTime | referring to a specific (point in) time |
| refuse | responding negatively to an offer, etc |
| reject | rejecting a proposal or suggestion |
| rejectSelf | rejecting one's own ideas/suggestions |
| report | reporting what others, including the interlocutor, have said |
| reqConfirm | requesting a confirmation |
| reqDirect | requesting a directive |
| reqInfo | requesting verbal information |
| reqModal | requesting permission, advice, etc. |
| reqOpt | requesting an option |
| retract | retracting something that has been stated |
| selfTalk | speaking to oneself (the speaker) |
| spell | spelling out something |
| state | conveying information |
| stateAttempt | stating that an attempt was/is being made |
| stateCondition | stating a condition |
| stateConstraint | stating a potential constraint |
| stateDate | stating a date |
| stateDistance | stating a distance |
| stateDuration | stating a duration |

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| stateHabit | stating a habit |
| stateIntent | indicating the speaker's intention |
| stateNonConstraint | stating the absence of a constraint |
| stateNonOpt | stating the absence of a potential option |
| stateOpt | stating a potential option |
| stateProcess | stating that a process/action is ongoing |
| stateReason | stating a reason |
| stateTime | stating a time |
| suggest | proposing joint or interlocutor's potential action |
| swear | swearing, possibly insulting |
| thank | thanking |
| unclassifiable | a speech-act not classifiable according to the present scheme |
| uninterpretable | uninterpretable, due to missing or incoherent information |