Construction of an ID Gloss Database
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Goals
Build a lexicon that is web-based and open access.
Design so that different research groups can set up their own data fields accessing a central repository of media representing individual signs.
Establish a common system that can be used widely by researchers in various fields.

ID Gloss is...
"The common identifier for each lexical sign" (A. Johnston and BeuzekaIles. A sign lemma, abstracting away from actual usage such as non-target pronunciation or spatial modification.

Why use ID Gloseses?

Application & Benefits
* Contains the vocabulary items used most frequently in ordinary conversation.
* Each local group determines principles for assigning glosses to signs.
* Database structure allows local groups to select which fields to complete.
* Incorporates notations systems usable by various transcription tools such as ELAN, CHILDES, and etc.
* To be maximally usable, includes at least the following two components:
  * Images (not only still photos or drawings).
  * Information about sign, phonological or other (e.g., handshape), by which the sign can be searched.
* Designed for use with software which allows the video to be time-aligned to each annotation. In this way, analyses can be based on the actual form of the utterance, rather than the transcript.

Template
Develop a systematic annotation system for maximum comparability across research.
Optimize the production of transcriptions facilitating efficient searches and analyses by incorporating an ID gloss for each sign drawn from a lexicon having information about each sign's phonological and grammatical characteristics.

Examples

Gloss Information
- ID-Gloss
- Alternate glosses
- Semantic information
- English translations
- Example in sentences
- Example in pictures
- Example in movies
- Data entry specialist

Phonological Information
- Segmental information
- Suprasegmental information
- Phonetic transcriptions

Sociolinguistic Information
- Usage notes
- Age group
- Gender group
- Region

ID-Gloss is...