Suggestion for the turn-taking labeling procedure, revised 11/03/05

Turn-exchanges, 1st tier
Supposing A has had the floor before and now B speaks.

Simultaneous speech present? (automatically determined)

- YES (flag “O”)

  B intends to take the floor

  - YES

    Backchannel With overlap (BC_O)

    Successful?

    - YES

      Butting-in (BI)

      A’s utterance complete?

      - YES

        Interruption (I)

        Overlap (O)

      - NO

        Pause Interruption (PI)

        Smooth switch (S)

    - NO

      A’s utterance complete?

      - YES

        Interruption (I)

        Overlap (O)

      - NO
Miscellaneous, 2nd tier

- if a turn-exchange starts as a backchannel but then speaker assumes the floor, label as “S” but make a note in the miscellaneous tier about this (e.g. BC_S, see also the note below about the coherence of B’s utterance).
- Similarly, if a turn-exchange starts as a butt-in but then speaker assumes the floor, label as “O” but make a note in the misc. tier about this (e.g. BI_O)
- If a speaker does not intend to take a floor but this utterance is different from a ‘canonical’ backchannel (mmhm with no Q-A interaction), make a note in the misc. tier

NB: Sometimes the difference between butting in (BI) and overlap (O) may be minimal, especially, if the speaker B butts in and then shortly afterward assumes the floor while speaker A managed to finish his/her utterance. In these cases, judge the coherence of the B’s utterance. If you perceive it as one unit, label the exchange as “O” (followed by two “X”), and if you perceive it as 2 units, label as “BI” (followed by “X” and “S” or “O”). Example:

A: You need to place the mime …..next to the lion
B: so that…. the mime is next to the lion

1st option: O X X
2nd option: BI X S/O