

Table 1. Summary of prosodic characteristics of oral discourse

| | | Aphasia group | Control group | All subjects |
|--|---------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| Number of sentences | ≤ 8 syllables | 124 | 65 | 189 |
| | 9-12 syllables | 71 | 144 | 215 |
| | ≥ 13 syllables | 51 | 167 | 218 |
| | Total | 246 | 376 | 622 |
| % distribution of intonation curves with positive slopes | ≤ 8 syllables | 34.70% | 13.90% | 27.50% |
| | 9-12 syllables | 32.40% | 9.00% | 16.70% |
| | ≥ 13 syllables | 19.60% | 6.00% | 9.20% |
| | Total | 30.90% | 8.50% | 17.40% |
| Tasks | Story | 37.04% | 7.73% | --- |
| | Descriptive | 23.42% | 9.62% | --- |