

Trying again: resuscitating failed attempts to initiate tellings
(or topics) in conversation

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#1 [Holt:M88:1:5:11]
1 Rob: [but what about um
2 (0.9)
3 Rob: ye- what about you now how're you
4 Les: .hh oh fi: neh-well nah- yes I am fairly fine
5 (0.5)
6 Rob: oh[:
7 (0.9)
8 Rob: dare I ask how the house is or shall I not
9 (0.5)
10 Les: uhm no eh- no it's not at the moment ehh hheh hheh
11 [heh
12 Rob: [oh drat
. .
. ((talk continues 14 seconds elapse))
. .
27 Rob: suddenly it'll all happe[n
28 Les: [ehyes yes
29 Rob: [()-
30 Les: [oh how's Mary keeping 'cause uh her allergies are
31 they
32 (0.5)
33 Rob: well she came in blotchy the other day and they
34 didn't (.) couldn't decide what it was
. .
. ((discussion of M's allergies continues for 38 seconds))
. .
67 Rob: well- and she-[told me how this'd suddenly started
68 Les: [((sniff))
69 Rob: over the last (.) year two years[an-
70 Les: [yes
71 Rob: the sun is another one isn't it
72 Les: .hh who e-the sun[yes
73 Rob: [the sun
74 (.)
75 Les: .hh[h well th this is eh why I'm not quite so well
76 Rob: [mm
77 Les: at the moment I'd thought I'd got to the bottom of my
78 allergies but I came out in most terrible rash last
79 week.hhhh[hh
80 Rob: [oh[:
81 Les: [and I was telling them all at school how
82 much better I was but I think it might've been um
83 primulas I touched
84 (.)
85 Rob: oh you poor thi[ng

#2. [Chicken Dinner:8:423-465]

1 Mic: He might be: `hhh (0.6) well known photographer some
2 day.
3 (0.2)
4 Sha: At's true.=
5 Mic: =Yihkno:w,
6 (1.7)
7 Sha: 'S tru[e.
8 Viv: [You c'd s-]
9 Mic: [S : t r a :]nger things ev happ[ened.
10 Sha: [That's ri:ght
11 ennit: still won't keep'm fr'm bein'n asshole.
12 Viv: hnh
13 (1.2)
14 Sha: °hn°
15 Mic: hnuh=
16 Sha: =Uh y(h)uh?
17 (2.7)
18 Nan: W't kinda c[amera does he have]
19 Viv: [At's not even fair]though. They didn't
20 [even meet'm yet.
21 Sha: [n ~No.
22 (0.7)
23 Mic: Who Rob?
24 (0.3)
25 Viv: Ye:ah.
26 Mic: W[ell ah met Rob,]
27 Viv: [Ev you met 'im?]
28 Mic: Ah met um,
29 Sha: Nuh eez a nice guy eez[j's s[orta dumb.]
30 Mic: [([)]
31 Nan: [I've talk'to]'m on the
32 phone.

#3. [HG:11:16-17]

1 Hyl: yeh I was (.) pretty upset bout that[and then one] time=
2 Nan: [°(m m m :)°]
3 Hyl: =u-well like- what I was saying before I interrupted
4 myself .hh w[as that]
5 Nan: [°hh hih] hh° =
6 Hyl: =this fifteen year old girl wrote that (y)er mother
7 doesn't let her wear nail polish or short skirts or do
8 any of this stuff

#4. [NB:IV:10:26]

1 Emm: you know there's so many other wonderful people
2 around you.hh .hhh uh it's good to get away
3 from your family sometimes yih-ih can be
4 yourself yih[know what I me]jean
5 Lot: [y e a h]
6 Lot: yea[h
7 Emm: [.huhh uh getting ba:ck to this Viafor foam
8 Lottie is her nail alright now

#5. [Holt.S088(II).2.2]

1 Ron: uhm Leslie the reason why I'm phoning is I'm just
2 wondering whether you might be a hu- able to help
3 a family in u-Upper Rayley .hhhh who've had rather
4 a tragedy
5 (0.2)
6 Ron: .t.hhh uhm (0.2) their youngest son was killed
7 on the Upper Rayley bypas[s
8 Les: [some years ago
9 (0.2)
10 Ron: couple of weeks ag[o
11 Les: [.t oh couple of weeks ago
12 there's another one yes .hh[hh
14 Les: [how old
15 is he- was he
16 (.)
17 Ron: i- sorry
18 Les: .hhhhhhh how old was h[e
19 Ron: [he was just twenty
20 Les: .m.t ah.h
21 Ron: .hhh (.) and um .hhhh (.) I was talking to
22 the mother hh uhm u-hu-ih-u-her name is Mrs
23 Sorrin Mrs Noel Sorrin .h[hh
24 Les: [yes
25 Ron: uhm uh- up until this point they'd had no connection with
26 the church at all

#6. [Holt:S088.2.7.2]

1 Les: .hh oh I'm (.) Se sorry to bring you from your
2 work .hhh Serena you know what you were telling me
3 Les: about your father yesterday and how he was eventually
3 going to look for- a- .hh store manager job
4 (.)
5 Ser: yes=
6 Les: =.hhhhmhhh .t u-well where my husband works they're
7 actually going to advertise for one in the near future
8 (0.5)
9 Les: .hhh[h but
10 Ser: [yes it won't be finished till July next yea[r
11 Les: [hhh
12 Les: ah yes I thought so so I just thought I'd ring
13 you and ask .hhhh[h uhm
14 Ser: [oh (what a shame heh)=
15 Les: =okay=
16 Ser: =yeah no th- (0.2) that would be brilliant uh ac[tually
17 Les: [it is
18 actually a very well paid job.

#7. Heritage.III.1.14:4

1 Jan: alright u-yes I'll look into that u-and uh s[ee if we=
2 Edg: [yuh
3 Jan: =can got one=
4 Edg: =[yes
5 Jan: =[eh but you're hap[py with the fir]rst one]
6 Edg: [I- I am n o t]making] a I am not
7 making a very big issue of it=
8 Edg: =[()
9 Jan: =[no well it it's right that we should know especially eh-
10 you know uh

#8. [VEGTALK-BBCR4.02.01.04 683s]

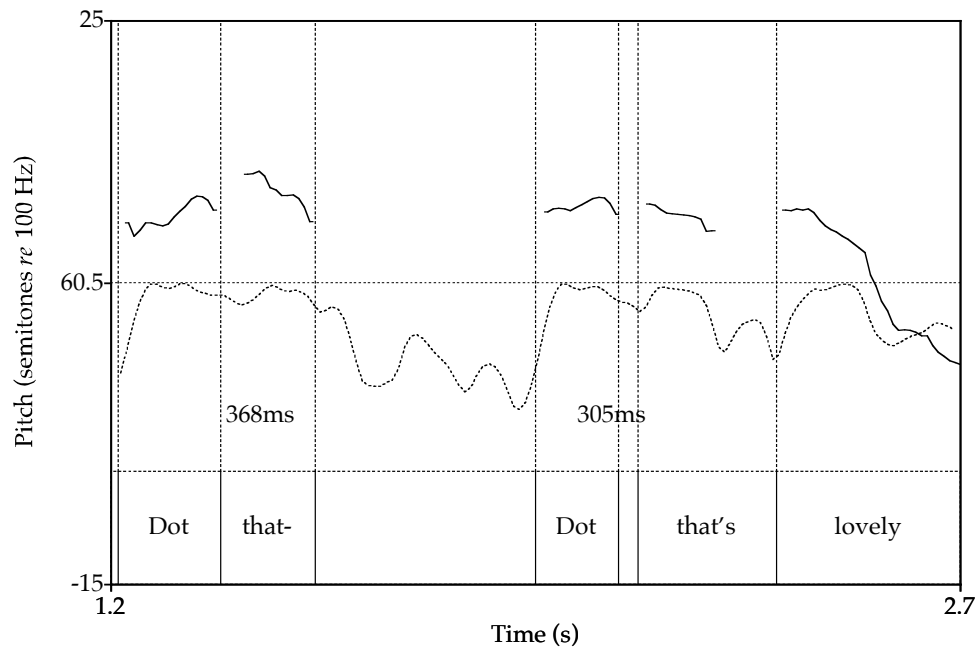
1 Dot: .hh and it's fantastic
2 (.)
3 Gre: [Dot that-]
4 Cha: [w o n d e] r ful (.)
5 Gre: Dot that's lovely (.) I for one am going to get a tape

#8. [SLB 3.5.11]

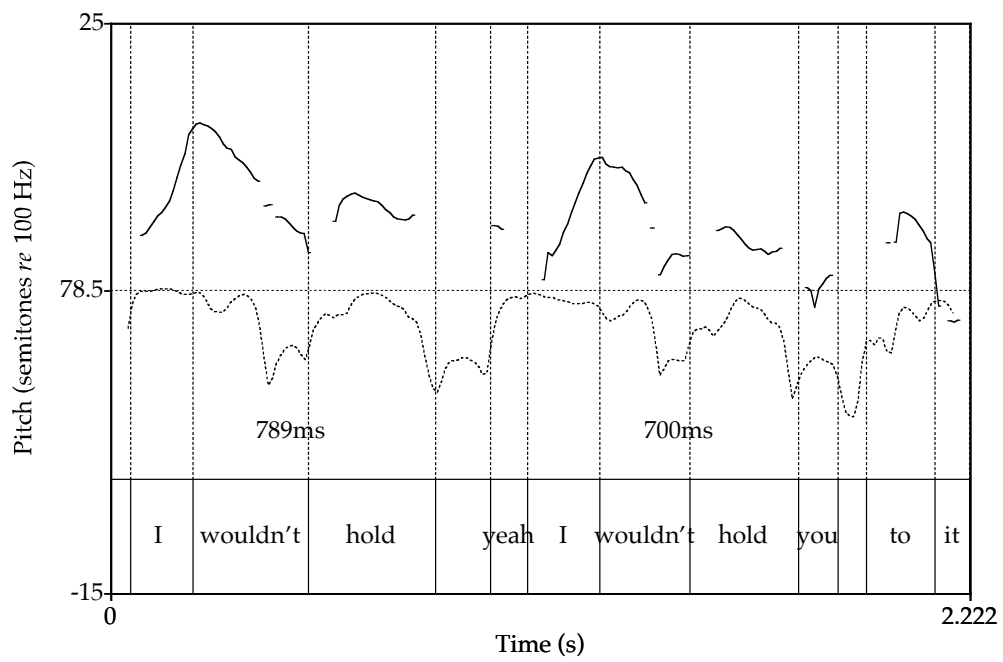
1 Gin: uh (.) kind of keep it in mind for next Wednesday
2 Mil: °m:: ° kh[hh
3 Gin: [and uh
4 (0.7)
5 Gin: wi[i'll see how the]t u works o[u t]
6 Mil: [I wouldn't hold] [yeah I] wouldn't hold you
7 to it because I: I never ca:- am sure either

#9. [NBIV.3.2]

1 Lot: you you walked ho:me hu:h
2 Emm: [oh: yeah it's delightful
3 [but a lot of] people out
4 Lot: [did you go down]
5 (.)
6 Lot: yeah did you go down the dime store
7 Emm: yeah I got my peds



Fragment #7



Fragment #8

#11. [NB:IV:10:26]

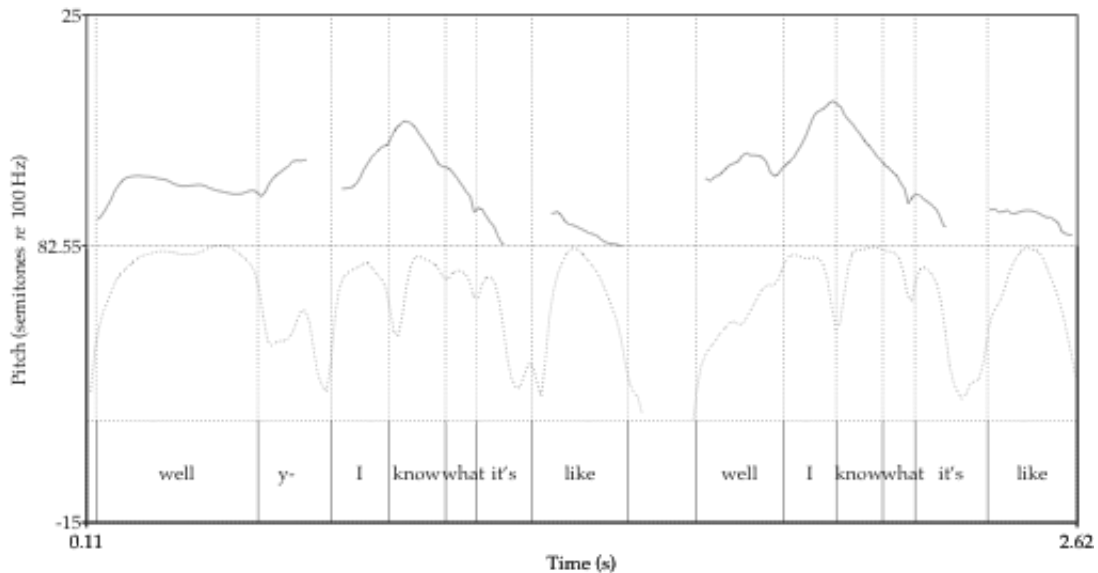
1 Lot: so he says here take this so: he e-she got that and ih
2 and it's: n:ever bothered her
3 (0.2)
4 Emm: .t.hha[hhhhhhhh
5 Lot: [.t.hhhh a[nd get]that]in the tube Emma
6 Emm: [°oh::°]gah-]hh
7 Emm: alri:ght dea[r
8 Lot: [get the tube and now tonight I: I took a
9 toothpick en I .hh and I put the[th-ih s]tuff]down in my=
10 Emm: [m m :]h m]
11 Lot: =uh- and my nails yo[u k n o w]
12 Emm: [isn't this]funny you and I: would
13 have it.h
14 (0.4)
15 Emm: this is re[dicul]ous.]
16 Lot: [e : vry]body]'s got it .hh isn't that funny **we**
17 **were in a p-uh:**
18 Emm: [oh: God it's terrible Lottie my toenails
19 .hehh they just look so sick those big toenails it just u-
20 makes me sick you know they're just (.) u-dead (.)
21 everything's dead I d- I sat out (.) today and I said my
22 God am I just (.) dying it's: (.) like I'm ossified
23 Lot: **no I- we were in: some [place** uh don't know if it was
24 Emm: [((sniff))
25 Lot: =Bullock's or somepla:ce (0.4) I guess it was Bullock's.
27 and somebody was talking about it and I bet there were
28 .hhh ten people around there and they all started say
29 well they had the same thing

#12. Virginia: 30:18:54

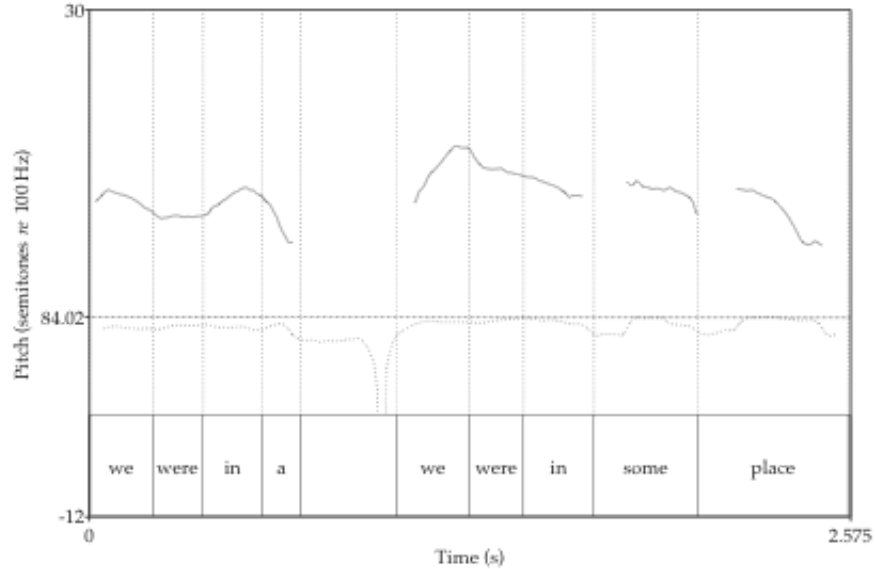
1 BET: Paul didn't like you anyway
2 VIR: ew(h)ellh hhow do [you know he always ([])]
3 WES: [ehh huh huh |
4 BET: [umcause what he ca]ll
5 you
6 (.)
7 VIR: well he called you the same thing
8 BET: he did not [() that]
9 VIR: [y e s h e di d he did] so he did so
10 (0.7)
11 WES: **what did he call [you**
12 VIR: [I'm sorry Beth he did say that about
13 you y(h)ou can't tell me he didn't cause he told me
14 WES: **what did he call you Beth**
15 BET: that's none of anybody el[se's business] (you all talk)=
16 VIR: [I k n o w]
17 BET: =(like that and you sit there and [you-)
18 WES: [(he) call you honey
19 (0.5)
20 BET: n[o

#13. [CH4247-433]

1 M: how long have you been there by the way
2 F: over here uh it'll be three years in November
3 M: .pt wow (0.5) so you really are out of touch aren't yo(h)u
4 hun hun (0.6) .hhhh[h
5 F: [we(hh)ll I like to think I'm not totally
6 out of touch hih .h[eh
7 M: [we::ll y- I [know what i]t's [like
6 F: [h h] I [was never
8 very in touch even when I was still in Americahh though huh
9 uh
10 M: oh okay you're that type I got you huh huh [huh huh [huh huh
11 F: [heh heh [hI was
12 always away in my own world anyway [so
13 M: [huh
14 (0.3)
15 M: huh huh .hhhhhhhh well I know what it's like because I've
16 wor- having lived over in Korea for almost three years uhm
17 (0.3) it's (0.7) you know when you come back all of a sudden
18 (0.3) the- you know the society's changed a little bit you
19 know



Fragment #13



Fragment #11

#14. [Holt:SO88:1:5:1-3]

1 Gor: .hh.t.hhhhh hehm .mp (0.7) .mp that's really sad
 2 that's a real shame
 3 (0.3)
 4 Sus: tis[isn'it]
 5 Gor: [.t.k].t .h
 6 (0.2)
 7 Gor: yea[h
 8 Sus: [hh-hh you got yours booked up
 9 (0.4)
 10 Gor: .pt have I got mine no .hh not as of yet .hh[h I=
 11 Sus: [.hhh
 12 Gor: =[was driving]
 13 Sus: =[what about]Fra[nce are you going to Fr] a]nce
 14 Gor: [the other n i g h t].t]am I going
 15 to Fra-nce .hh[h
 16 Sus: [([)
 17 Gor: [ehm .t.hh hu- I her- had a reply
 18 from the- (.) the woman

. ((discussion about Gordon possibly spending a year in France:
 1.30mins elapse))

54 Gor: .ts.khhh they can s- all speak about (.) five
 55 languages .hhh[hh
 56 Sus: [(yeah)
 57 (0.2)
 58 Gor: .k ff Dutch origin hhhhh the husband's English
 59 and they're living in France (0.3) .hhh .hhhhhhhhh=
 60 Sus: =blimey
 61 (1.1)
 62 Gor: great stuff uhm (0.2) I was driving last night
 63 (0.5)
 64 Gor: .ptch ah (.) me dad brought the Land Rover home
 65 .plk got this massive great Land Rover it's
 66 (b)really (.) brilliant

