



Pauses in Speech

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This special issue attempts to fill the gaps identified above and bring together contributions from several areas of spoken language research. Possible research questions include, but are not limited to: What is a pause? What is the role of breathing for speech pausing? How do pauses affect speech fluency? What are the phonetic characteristics of hesitations and filler particles? What is the contribution of pauses to perceived tempo, speaking rate, and fluency? To what extent are pausing patterns idiosyncratic or language/culture dependent? What are the signatures of pauses in dialogues, multimodal contexts and in different speech styles, including affective speech?





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