

Measuring AAC User Linguistic Competence: A Novel Approach

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Short Abstract

This session explores how to measure linguistic competence for language produced with an AAC system. We analyzed anonymous language use data from over 30,000 symbol-supported and text-based AAC systems. We found that Mean Length of Utterance (MLU), the current go to method, is not very suitable for AAC. In this session we will present a number of alternative measures covering the syntactic, semantic, morphological, and phonological components of linguistic competence while respecting AAC user privacy. Join us to learn about robust new ways to measure linguistic competence that work equally well for emergent and advanced users.

Long Abstract

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