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APPENDICES

Appendix 1: Personal experience narratives in AdaSL

Fieldwork 2018

Narrative ADA_01 (short narrative)

In the forest, I was looking for snails in the forest. The slim snake came to me and I cut it.

orientation	1.	In the forest,
complication	2.	I was looking for snails in the forest.
climax	3.	The slim snake come to me
resolution	4.	and cut it.
coda		

Narrative ADA_02 (short narrative)

I was looking and walking. The snake crawled by me, I wanted to refuse, but I cut it. The father dug a hole, buried the long, thick snake and covered it.

orientation		
complication	1.	I was looking and walking.
climax	2.	The snake crawled by me
resolution	3.	I wanted to refuse, but I cut it.
coda	4.	The father dug a hole,
	5.	buried the long, thick snake
	6.	and covered it.

Narrative ADA_03 (short narrative)

In the forest, I was farming. A big and long snake bit my leg. My leg was bleeding. I saw it, they held me and we ran away. I ate onions to clean the wound on my leg and that was it.

orientation	1.	In the forest,
complication	2.	I was farming.
climax	3.	A big and long snake bit my leg.
	4.	My leg was bleeding.
resolution	5.	I saw it,
	6.	they held me
	7.	and we ran away.
	8.	I ate onions to clean the wound on my leg
coda	9.	and that was it.

Narrative ADA_04

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A long time ago, I was born, not here, in Naswana. A long time ago, my sibling and I went to the farm. We were walking back. We were back and then I was thinking. I was looking for it [snails] and there were none. I came back here I looked around. I was thinking that I want to pee. I went to pee and there was none. I was thinking. I was looking for snails. A snake crawled and I didn't see it. When I saw it, I don't want to cut it. I saw it and I refused. The long snake was in the water and I ran away. I fell in the water and screamed. My father was there, saw me, held me and took me away. I ate and put a mixture of leaves on my eyes. I got back here in. That's all.

orientation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A long time ago, 2. I was born, not here, in Naswana. 3. A long time ago, my sibling and I went to the farm.
complication	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. We were walking back 5. and then I was thinking. 6. I was looking for it [snails] 7. and there was none. 8. I came back here 9. I looked around. 10. I was thinking that I want to pee 11. I went to pee 12. and there was none. 13. I was thinking. 14. I was looking for snails.
climax	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 15. A snake crawled 16. and I didn't see it. 17. When I saw it 18. I don't want to cut it. 19. I saw it 20. and I refused. 21. The long snake was in the water
resolution	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 22. and I ran away. 23. I fell in the water 24. and screamed. 25. My father was there, 26. saw me, 27. held me 28. and took me away. 29. I ate

	30. and put a mixture of leaves on my eyes.
	31. I got back here
coda	32. That's all.

Narrative ADA_05

I went farming and it was raining. I was walking around looking for snails but there was none. I sat down to rest and drank water. I looked for snails again. In my bag, there was a cutlass. I was looking for it in my bag. A bee stung me on the face. I rubbed my face. I scared the bees off. I shook them off my face and off my body. I washed my face and body with water. My face was hurting, it had a big swelling. I took a medicine. It calmed me. I lit a fire to burn it [the hive]. The fire decreased. That was it.

orientation	1. I went farming 2. and it was raining.
complication	3. I was walking around looking for snails 4. but there was none. 5. I sat down to rest 6. and drank water. 7. I looked for snails again. 8. In my bag, there was a cutlass. 9. was looking for it in my bag.
climax	10. A wasp stung me on the face.
resolution	11. I rubbed my face. 12. I scared the bees off. 13. I shook them off my face 14. and off my body. 15. I washed my face and body with water. 16. My face was hurting, 17. it had a big swelling. 18. I took a medicine. 19. It calmed me. 20. I lit a fire to burn it [the hive]. 21. The fire decreased.
coda	22. That was it.

Narrative ADA_06

I stayed to pick up snails with my father. I was looking for snails. Amongst the leaves, there was something big curled up with its head moving. I pointed at it. “What is it? Is it a rat?” Ah! The snake’s head raised, I saw it and I was scared. I ran away. I ran and I arrived, I was tired and my heart was beating fast. I was very tired.

orientation	17. I stayed to pick up snails with father.
complication	18. I was looking for snails. 19. Amongst the leaves, 20. there was something big curled up 21. with its head moving.
climax	22. I pointed at it. 23. “What is it? Is it a rat?” Ah! 24. The snake’s head raised 25. And I saw it 26. and I was scared
resolution	27. I ran away. 28. I ran 29. and I arrived, 30. I was tired 31. and my heart was beating fast. 32. I was very tired.
coda	

Narrative ADA_07

A long time ago, when I was a small boy, there, on the farm, I went with my father. I walked there and stayed there. My father went farming until he finished his work. I sat there waiting, thinking and I saw a hole. Something moved. I thought: “What could that be?”. I put my hand in the hole. I was very small and I didn't know. I put my arm in the hole. “What is it?”, I thought. With the cutlass, I dug the hole to make it bigger, my hand, I put it in the hole. I didn't hear anything, but my father heard and came to me. I had my arm in the hole and my father said, “Get out of there!”. My father cut off the snake's head with the cutlass. The snake's head opened. The mouth was broken. I was scared and frightened. My father pulled the snake out of the hole. It was a big and very long snake. He pulled it out and put it on the branch of a tree. I calmed down and my father said with gestures, “Don't put your arm in the hole! Do you hear? No, you don't hear. I said “ok”. “So you can't put your arm in the hole. You have to see, don't touch. If the snake bites you, you die”. I was troubled, I should not have put my arm in the hole. I began to tremble with fear. My father kept asking me, “Do you understand?”. My father lit a fire, grabbed the snake from the branch and put it in the fire. He buried it and covered it. The fire is over. I relaxed and that was it!

orientation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A long time ago, 2. when I was a small boy, 3. there, on the farm, 4. I went with my father. 5. I walked there 6. and stayed there. 7. My father went farming 8. until he finished his work.
complication	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 9. I sat there waiting, 10. thinking 11. and I saw a hole. 12. Something moved. 13. I thought: “What could that be?”. 14. I put my hand in the hole. 15. I was very small 16. and I didn't know. 17. I put my arm in the hole. 18. “What is it?”, I thought. 19. With the cutlass, 20. I dug the hole to make it bigger,

	21. my hand, I put it in the hole.
climax	22. I didn't hear anything, 23. but my father heard 24. and came to me. 25. I had my arm in the hole 26. and my father said, "Get out of there!"
resolution	27. My father cut off the snake's head with the cutlass. 28. The snake's head opened. 29. The mouth was broken. 30. I was scared and frightened. 31. My father pulled the snake out of the hole. 32. It was a big and very long snake. He pulled it out 33. and put it on a branch of a tree. 34. I calmed down 35. and my father said with gestures, "Don't put your arm in the hole!" 36. Do you hear? 37. No, you don't hear 38. I said "ok?!". 39. so you can't put your arm in the hole. 40. You have to see, 41. don't touch. 42. If the snake bites you, 43. you die." 44. I was troubled, 45. I should not have put my arm in the hole. 46. I began to tremble with fear. 47. My father kept asking me, "Do you understand?" 48. My father lit a fire, 49. grabbed the snake from the branch 50. and put it in the fire. 51. He buried it and covered it. 52. The fire is over.
coda	53. I was relaxed 54. and that was it!

Narrative ADA_08

I didn't see the snake. I put the cutlass under my arm. When I was walking, the snake bit my leg. I looked for the snake but I didn't find it. When I found it, I ran with my leg hurting. I called the man and showed him my leg. The man insisted in looking for it. He found it and said: "Ah!". He walked quietly, shot it and the snake died. "Ah! It was big". We dug a hole, we put the snake inside and we covered it. "Ah!" My leg was hurting. He took me on his back, we walked and finally arrived. "Ah!" My leg was hurting. The woman waited for a long time. It hurt. The woman said "How?" "Did you kill it?" "God bless you" ... I rested, it was buried. And that was it.

orientation	1. I didn't see the snake. 2. I put the cutlass under my arm.
complication	3. When I was walking,
climax	4. the snake bit my leg 5. I looked for the snake 6. but I didn't find it. 7. When I found it, 8. I ran with my leg hurting.
resolution	9. I called the man 10. and showed him my leg. 11. The man insisted in looking for it. 12. He found it 13. And said "Ah!". 14. He walked quietly, 15. shot it 16. and the snake died. 17. "Ah! It was big". 18. We dug a hole, 19. we put the snake inside 20. and we covered it. 21. "Ah!" My leg was hurting. 22. He took me on his back, 23. we walked and finally arrived. 24. "Ah!" My leg was hurting. 25. The woman waited for a long time. 26. It hurt. 27. Woman said "How?"

	28.	“Did you kill it?”
	29.	“God bless you”
	30.	I rested, it was buried.
coda	31.	Finished...

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Narrative ADA_09

I went farming there. I saw a small snake and I got scared. I threw it away and ran off. I ran and walked a long way. I saw a big snake [a phyton]. It was moving the head. I saw it and refused. I called a man and showed it to him. The man shot the snake and it died. I went back to the farm.

orientation	1.	I went to farm there
complication	2.	I saw a small snake
	3.	and I got scared.
	4.	I threw it and ran away.
	5.	I ran
	6.	and walked a long way.
	climax	7.
8.		It moved the head.
9.		I saw it
10.		and refused [to kill it].
11.		I called the man
12.		and showed it to him.
resolution	13.	The man shot the snake
	14.	and it died.
coda	15.	I went back to the farm.

Narrative ADA_10

I went farming in the morning. I drank water and rested. I was walking and the snake bit my leg. I saw the bite and I got scared. I was there. I was bitten by the snake and got scared. The man saw me and I was scared. My son took me on his back. I was scared. The leg was swelling. They took a long time to come over. I was really tired. A man came. The leg had swollen. He took me on his back. I was tired. I waited for help. “Where are you? Where are you? Where are you?” My son took me on his back. People came to watch. The snake was small. The leg was swollen. I cut, cooked and ate plantain, cassava, cocoyam and maize. When they arrived, I laid down, I was tired. They saw that I was tired and brought me to the hospital, but it was expensive.

orientation	1. I went to farming in the morning.
complication	2. I was farming 3. and I drank water 4. and rested. 5. I was walking 6. and the snake bit my leg.
climax	7. I saw the bite 8. and I got scared. 9. I was there (farm). 10. I was bitten by the snake 11. and got scared.
resolution	12. The man saw me 13. and I was scared. 14. My son took me on his back. 15. I was scared. 16. The leg was swelling. 17. They took a long time to come over. 18. I was really tired. 19. A man came. 20. The leg had swollen. 21. He took me on his back. 22. I was tired. 23. I waited for help. 24. “Where are you? 25. Where are you? 26. Where are you?” 27. My son took me on his back.

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	28. People came to watch.
	29. The snake was small.
	30. The leg was swollen.
	31. I cut,
	32. cooked
	33. and ate plantain, cassava, cocoyam and maize.
	34. When they arrived,
coda	35. I laid down,
	36. I was tired.
	37. They saw that I was tired
	38. and brought me to the hospital,
	39. but it was expensive.

Narrative ADA_11a

Father went farming. He tied the branches and put them on his head. He was walking when a long big green snake bit his leg. He screamed in pain, He fell and kept screaming. A man ran to him, picked him up, and ran there. He washed the leg with water. He rubbed nut palm on the leg and cleaned it with water. He rubbed it with palm nut, the bite wound was getting bigger. He put medicine on his forehead, shoulder and mouth. He was limping and holding me. He mixed the medicine with the food for three days. “You don't get the injection, you wait 3 days and then go to hospital”.. He waited and three days later, he went to the hospital and took an injection and waited to get better. He paid them and asked to make a phone call. He called me and them I pick him up. He was feeling fine and we came back home by car.

orientation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Father went farming. 2. He tied the branches 3. and put them on his head.
complication	4. He was walking
climax	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. when a long black snake bit his leg. 6. He screamed in pain, 7. He fell 8. and kept screaming. 9. A man ran to him 10. picked him up, 11. and ran there.
resolution	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 12. He washed the leg with water. 13. He rubbed nut palm on the leg 14. and cleaned it with water. 15. He rubbed it with palm nut, 16. the bite wound was getting bigger. 17. He put medicine on his forehead, 18. shoulder 19. and mouth. 20. He was limping 21. And holding me 22. He mixed the medicine with the food for three days. 23. “You don't get the injection, you wait 3 days and then go to hospital”. 24. He waited 25. and for three days later, 26. he went to the hospital

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	27. and took an injection
	28. and waited to get better.
	29. He paid them
	30. and asked to make a phone call.
	31. He called me and then I pick him up.
	32. He was feeling fine
coda	33. and we came back home by car.

Narrative ADA_11b

A long time ago, my mother had a baby and I went farming. I was looking for food to make fufu. I saw a lion and got scared. I was walking and saw a lion with his tongue out. "What a big lion there. She turns to right and said to mother: "The lion is there and you have to leave. When it sees you, it can eat you and pulls out the meat and that's it." "Go away, stay there!" I was walking and said "Stay there!". "No, go back!" I ran away. The lion ate the man's head. Many people came, they beat it and shot it and it died. Many men came, held it and cut it. Part of the meat was for them. Part of the meat was for them, part was for Aburi. Part was for Oyibi, part was for them and that was it. There were no more lions... That was it... The lion turned into a person and asked to be given a baby. "No, you give me the baby and I put it on my back and you go". It turned again into a lion, it ran to a hole and ate it. It was over. Everyone was afraid, they went by car to look for the lion, but he never showed up again.

orientation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A long time ago, 2. my mother had a baby 3. and I went farming.
complication	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. I was looking for food to make fufu. 5. I saw a lion 6. got scared. 7. I was walking 8. saw a lion 9. with his tongue out. 10. "What a big lion there."
climax	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 11. She turns to right 12. and said to mother: 13. "The lion is there and you have to leave. When it sees you, it can eat you and pulls out the meat and that's it." "Go away, stay there!" 14. I was walking 15. and said "Stay there" 16. I ran away. 17. The lion ate the man's head.
resolution	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 18. Many people came, 19. they beat it 20. and shot it 21. and it died. 22. Many men came,

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	<p>23. held it</p> <p>24. and cut it.</p> <p>25. Part of the meat was for them.</p> <p>26. Part of the meat was for them,</p> <p>27. part was for Aburi.</p> <p>28. Part was for Oyibi,</p> <p>29. part was for them</p> <p>30. That was it.</p>
coda	<p>31. There were no more lions...</p> <p>32. finished... yes... [pause]</p> <p>33. The lion turned into a person</p> <p>34. and asked to be given a baby.</p> <p>35. "No, you give me the baby</p> <p>36. and I put it on my back</p> <p>37. and you go".</p> <p>38. It turned again into a lion,</p> <p>39. it ran to a hole</p> <p>40. and ate it.</p> <p>41. It was over.</p> <p>42. Everyone was afraid,</p> <p>43. they went by car</p> <p>44. to look for the lion,</p> <p>45. but he never showed up again...</p> <p>46. yes, it's true...</p>

Narrative ADA_12

A long time ago, I was coming back from the farm. I was tired and I needed to rest. I had no water. I was walking and didn't see the snake. I had a water bin on my head and the snake bit me. I ran and the snake left. My leg was hurting. I asked a hearing boy to look at the bite on my leg. The bite had the snake's teeth, we cleaned it with water. I cleaned the bite and saw that the wound got too big. I went to the hospital and I got better.

orientation	1. A long time ago, 2. I was coming back from the farm.
complication	3. I was tired 4. and I needed to rest. 5. I had no water 6. I was walking 7. and didn't see the snake.
climax	8. I had a water bin on my head 9. and the snake bit me. 10. I ran 11. and the snake left.
resolution	12. My leg was hurting. 13. I asked a hearing boy to look at the bite on my leg. 14. The bite had the snake's teeth, 15. we cleaned it with water. 16. I cleaned the bite 17. and saw that the wound got too big. 18. I went to the hospital
coda	19. and I got better.

Narrative ADA_13

My father was old but not dead yet, he was here. Far away on the farm, something there was coming to here. A snake bit his leg. Someone ran and bring him. He prepared the red palm and tied his leg. I cut the onion in small bits. I put on some water and went to get leaves and brought them. I made the mix and rubbed it on the leg. And that was it. The snake's tooth was this size. I rubbed his leg. We waited a day and the swelling got smaller. That was it. Blessing on the head, tongue, shoulder, eyebrows, both arms, the other shoulder. Three days later it was over. That was it...

orientation	1. My father was old 2. but not dead yet, 3. he was here. 4. Far away on the farm.
complication	5. something there was coming to here
climax	6. a snake bit his leg.
resolution	7. Someone ran 8. and bring him. 9. He prepared the red palm and 10. "They" tied his leg. 11. I cut the onion in small bits. 12. I put on some water 13. and went to get leaves 14. and brought them. 15. I made the mix 16. and rubbed his leg. 17. And that was it. 18. The snake's tooth was this size. 19. I rubbed my leg, 20. We waited one day 21. and the swelling got smaller. 22. That was it. 23. Blessing on the head, tongue, shoulder, eyebrows, both arms, the other shoulder. 24. Three days later 25. it was over.
coda	26. That was it

Narrative ADA_14 (Corpus, 2000)

I was in the forest, near the water and there were lots of fish. There were also many snails. I was catching them and putting them in the bag. I was surprised. There were really many snails and I was surprised. I, alone, caught a lot of snails up to this size. Snails were crawling. I was catching snails by myself everywhere. That's when I saw a snake and I was afraid. It was a big snake with spots on its body. The snake's head stood up and poked its tongue out, moving sideways. The snake was big, it had spots on its body, and curled up. The head rose, I was afraid and I screamed. The snake was strong. I was blessing myself and praying to God. I said, "I pray to you to bless me with life, Jesus Christ.". "I pray to God and Jesus Christ". "Please bless me with life". "Thank you, God, and I will pray, Jesus Christ". I prepared myself by grabbing the cutlass and killed it. I was looking at the dead snake. I took one part of the snake and threw it away. The other part I buried and covered it. The snake was too big, strong and long. I cut it. I cut the head's snake... yeah... it was in the forest and it had spots on the body. It can bite and eat you. I was looking for the 'animal', It was hunting for prey, to eat and swallow me completely... I screamed... its belly filled up a lot... ahh... rats, pigs, dogs, chickens, turkeys... do you know what a turkey is?

orientation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. I was in the forest, near the water 2. and there were lots of fish. 3. There were also many snails.
complication	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. I was catching them 5. and putting them in the bag. 6. I was surprised. 7. There were really many snails 8. and I was surprised. 9. I, alone, caught a lot of snails up to this size 10. Snails were crawling. 11. I was catching snails by myself everywhere.
climax	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 12. That's when I saw a snake 13. and I was afraid. 14. It was a big snake 15. with spots on its body. 16. The snake's head stood up 17. and poked its tongue out, moving sideways. 18. The snake was big, 19. it had spots on its body, 20. and curled up.

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	<p>21. The head rose, 22. I was afraid 23. and I screamed. 24. The snake was strong. 25. I was blessing myself 26. and praying to God. 27. I said, "I pray to you to bless me with life, Jesus Christ." 28. "I pray to God and Jesus Christ". "Please bless me with life". "Thank you, god, and I will pray, Jesus Christ". 29. I prepared myself by grabbing the cutlass</p>
resolution	<p>30. and killed it. 31. I was looking at the dead snake. 32. I took one part of the snake 33. and threw it away. 34. The other part I buried 35. and covered it.</p>
coda	<p>36. The snake was too big, 37. Strong 38. and long. 39. I cut it. 40. I cut the head's snake... yeah... 41. it was in the forest 42. and it had spots on the body. 43. It can bite and eat you. 44. I was looking for the 'animal', 45. It was hunting for prey, 46. to eat 47. and swallow me completely... 48. I screamed... 49. its belly filled up a lot... ahh [rats, pigs, dogs, chickens, turkeys... 50. do you know what a turkey is?</p>

Corpus 2000

Narrative ADA_15a

We were looking for snails, Kaya was cutting plants, she looked and was surprised. She called me out and said look there. She was surprised. We were walking in silence, we got out of there, we picked up stones. We threw them at the hive and ran. The bees that were in the hive all ran away, and we ran and went away. There were a lot of them. We were looking for snails, the two of us, we were walking. Kaya went one way alone, and I went the other way by myself. We were cutting and we saw snails, we picked them up and put them in the bag. There were many snails, we caught 15. We were cutting and we saw bees. I called her and said "look there!" Ahhh... with a stone, I threw it, took one and another and we ran, our hearts were beating fast. If the bee stings you in the eye you die... you cry... we stopped... we were looking but there was no hive. It almost stung Kaya's eye... almost... and she might not see anymore. God saw it. It was this size We grabbed the stones and threw them, the bees fled and we ran... yes... it was scary....

(...)

orientation	1. We were looking for snails,
complication	2. Kaya was cutting plants, 3. she looked 4. and was surprised. 5. She called me out to “her” 6. and said “look there!”. 7. She was surprised.
climax	8. We were walking in silence, 9. we got out of there, 10. we picked up a stone. 11. We threw them at the hive 12. and ran.
resolution	13. The bees that were in the hive all ran away, 14. and we ran 15. and went away.
coda	16. There were a lot of them. 17. We were looking for snails, 18. the two of us,

19. we were walking.
20. Kaya went that way alone,
21. and I went that way alone.
22. We were cutting
23. and we saw snails,
24. we picked them up
25. and put them in the bag.
26. There were many snails,
27. we caught 15.

We were looking for snails, the two of us, we were walking. Kaya went that way alone, and I went that way alone. We were cutting and we saw snails, we picked them up and put them in the bag. There were many snails, we caught. We were cutting and we saw bees. I called her and said "look there" Ahhh... with a stone, I threw it, took one and another and we ran, our hearts were beating fast. If the bee stings you in the eye, you die... you cry... we stopped... we were looking but there was no hive. It almost stung Kaya's eye... almost... and she might not see anymore. God saw it. It was this size.

We grabbed the stones and threw them, the bees fled and we ran... yes... it was scary....

(...)

Narrative ADA_15b

A long time ago, there in Mampong, when school was finished... the lion was bad, when we saw it, we were afraid. My grandmother brought me to school... the big lion was bad... the lion was bad, the big lion attacked, it wanted to bit so we ran. The soldiers silently walked on it and shot it and the lion died. We saw that the lion was very big... ahh... its body was strong, its claws were dirty, it was big, it could attack us. Ahh... Its teeth were the size of the index finger. Too many teeth.,The eyes were big, the mouth was wide and the jaws were huge. It was bad. My grandmother took me to school. It was there, in that space, in the building. There it was at school.

orientation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A long time ago, 2. there in Mampong, 3. when school was finished 4. the lion was bad,
complication	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. when we saw it, 6. we are afraid. 7. My grandmother brought me to school...
climax	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 8. the big lion was bad... 9. the lion was bad, 10. the big lion attacked,
resolution	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 11. it wanted to bit so we ran. 12. The soldiers silently walked on it 13. and shot it 14. and the lion died. 15. we saw that the lion was very big... ahh... 16. it's body was strong, 17. it's claws were dirty, it was big, 18. it could attack us... ahh... 19. It's teeth were the size of the index finger. 20. Too many teeth. 21. The eyes were big, 22. the mouth was wide 23. and the jaws were huge. 24. It was bad.
coda	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 25. My grandmother took me there to school 26. It was there, in that space, in the building. 27. there it was at school.

Appendix 2: Personal experience narratives in LaSiBo

Fieldwork 2019

Narrative LAS_01a

Well... I went... I went to the farm. I carry it on my head. I went to the farm with things on my head. And I was walking, it (snake) passed by me, I stepped back, I ran away... The snake bit me and I was hurt. Someone took me on their back. We walked. The leg was fine a few days later. Finished

(She stopped and I asked what was the size of the snake)

It's this size... more or less... it's the pinky's size...

(She looked around for some to show the exact size but couldn't find it).

It's the arm's size... with spots... more or less...I saw the snake, I got scared and I stepped back. The snake passed by me, I called people, showed it to them and ran away with 'things' on my head. I walked. I got scared and stepped back. I looked for the snake, I ran away breathing fast. Finished.

orientation	1. Well... I went... I went to the farm
	2. I carry it on my head
	3. I went to the farm with things on my head
complication	4. And I was walking
climax	5. It (snake) passed by me
	6. I stepped back
resolution	7. I ran away...
	8. The snake bit me
	9. and I was hurt
	10. Someone took me on their back
	11. We walked
coda	12. The leg was fine a few days later.
	13. Finished.

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Fieldwork 2021

Narrative LAS_01b

I was walking on the road. An animal was walking there and passed by me. I was walking ‘So’, I didn’t see it.” I was afraid to look at the animal. I stepped back a bit. ‘So’. I was walking, I ran away, I took a stone and I threw the stone at it. I was scared and I ran away. ‘So’, I hid, fell and hit my head on the ground. my face hurt and ‘so’ I came here. I was running away and I fell and hit my head on the ground. And that was it. My face hurt and I walked back here. My face was still hurting and that was it. The animal was big, it had long horns and large, strong paws. I was walking. It came near me, I saw it and ran away and I fell and hit my head on the ground. It came and passed by me [?]. I came back here with pain in my face. And that was that [same sign to ‘so’].

orientation	1. I was walking on the road. 2. An animal was walking there 3. and passed by me.
complication	4. I was walking 5. “So, I didn’t see it.”
climax	6. I was afraid to look at the animal. 7. I stepped back a bit.
resolution	8. I was walking, 9. I ran away 10. and I took a stone 11. and I threw the stone at it. 12. I was scared and I ran away. 13. I hid, fell and hit my head on the ground. my face hurt.
coda	14. I came here. 15. I was running away 16. and I fell 17. and hit my head on the ground. 18. And that was it. 19. My face hurt 20. and I walked back here. 21. My face was still hurting 22. And that was it.

Narrative LAS_01c

At that time, I was not pregnant. Her father (pointing to her daughter) let me go alone to the field. I ate and waited until it was afternoon, I was walking until there were two paths, I went to the one on the right. I was walking, I didn't see it [a snake], I was walking and a big (snake) was there. I ran away. I fell down and hit my head... I fell and hit my shoulder on the ground and that was it. I took a stone and I threw it. It ran away and I didn't see it anymore. I walked away and went very far with things on my head. It didn't bit me, I ran away and the snake went away. I was wondering if it was not going to come back so I threw a stone again. I walked away and left, and that was it. I went alone to the farm. Her father spent his time wandering around [pointing to her daughter]. I was looking for him and I didn't find him. I was alone, someone could kill me, then he didn't want to walk with me anymore and that was it.

orientation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. At that time, I was not pregnant. 2. father (pointing to her daughter) let me go alone to the field. [pause] 3. I ate 4. waited until it was afternoon, 5. I was walking until there were two paths, 6. I went to the one on the right 7. I was walking, 8. I didn't see it [a snake],
complication	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 9. I was walking
climax	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 10. and a big (snake) was there,
resolution	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 11. I ran away. 12. I fell down 13. and hit my head... 14. I fell and hit my shoulder on the ground 15. and that was it. 16. I took a stone and I threw it. 17. It ran away and 18. didn't see it anymore. 19. I walked away 20. and went very far with things on my head. 21. It didn't bit me, 22. I ran away 23. and the snake went away. 24. I was wondering if it was not going to come back

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	25. so, I threw a stone again.
	26. I walked away and left, and that was it.
coda	27. I went alone to the farm.
	28. Her father spent his time wandering around [pointing to her daughter].
	29. I was looking for him
	30. and I didn't find him.
	31. I was alone, someone could kill me,
	32. then he didn't want to walk with me anymore
	33. and that was it.

Fieldwork 2019

Narrative LAS_02a

The snake with this color (pointing to his brown pants), with its head up. It was there (pointing to the floor beside him). I was walking and the snake crawled up my leg and bit me. I got scared, I held my leg. I saw it and ran away. I held my leg in pain. I called people. I tied my leg up. I walked, I ran away.

(He stopped and I asked what was the size of the snake)

I ran away. The snake had its head up and it is the pinky's size. It bit my leg and I ran away. I took the medicine and I got stronger. I was finished and walked. I was stronger.

orientation	1. The snake with this color (pointing to his brown pants) 2. It was there (pointing to the floor beside him)
complication	3. I was walking
climax	4. and the snake crawled up my leg
resolution	5. and bit me. 6. I got scared, I held my leg. 7. I saw it and ran away. 8. I held my leg in pain. 9. I called people. 10. I tied my leg up.
coda	11. I walked, 12. I ran away.

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Fieldwork 2021

Narrative LAS_02b

One day, after my bath in the night, a snake passed by, I was walking and the snake bit my foot. The snake was next to my foot, I took a stone and beat it. I went to prepare the medicine, I took it and put it on the bite wound. When it was finished, I went to sleep. When I finished it, I was strong. The snake was long and slim... long and slim and [with his index finger on the ground he draws the size], the snake was slim.

orientation	1. One day, 2. after my bath in the night, 3. snake passed by
complication	4. I was walking
climax	5. the snake bit my foot. 6. The snake was next to my foot.
resolution	7. I took a stone 8. beat it. 9. went to prepare the medicine, 10. I took it 11. and put it on the bite wound. 12. When it was finished, 13. I went to sleep. 14. When I finished it, 15. I was strong.
coda	

Fieldwork 2019

Narrative LAS_03

I put it in the bottle, I mixed it, tasted it and drank it. The snakes will not bite me. The snakes would go away. I cut it and it was ready. There were five snakes there in the house. I was sleeping and listening (?) to the footsteps (?). I ate, I saw the snakes there and I killed them. And it was finished. After killing the five of them, it was finished. I left the snake. The snakes don't bite me. First, I mixed it, I tasted it and I ate it. I got stronger. No bites. I got stronger.

(He stopped and I asked what was the size of the snake).

No, I'm strong. I'm strong. They don't bite me. I'm strong. I tasted it with my finger. I tasted it with my finger and swallowed it. I got stronger. ... I gave it to him to taste it. There were four pythons, I put it there (?) and cut the snake, ate it and went away. I didn't eat the snake, it went away. They cut it and gave it to me but I gave it to somebody else to eat it... It's this size. They ate it.

orientation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. I put it in the bottle, 2. I mixed it, 3. tasted it 4. and drank it. 5. The snakes will not bite me. 6. The snakes would go away. 7. I cut it and it was ready. 8. There were five snakes there in the house.
complication	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 9. I was sleeping 10. and listening (?) to the footsteps (?). 11. I ate,
climax	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 12. I saw the snakes there
resolution	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 13. and I killed them. 14. And it was finished. 15. After killing the five of them, 16. it was finished. 17. I left the snake.
coda	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 18. The snakes don't bite me. 19. First, I mixed it,

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- 20. I tasted it
- 21. and I ate it.
- 22. I got stronger.
- 23. No bites. I got stronger.

Narrative LAS_04

I went... farming. When I finished farming, I ate. At midday I was farming. In the afternoon I picked the 'bag' up and put it on my back. I was walking and it (snake) bit me leg. I looked for it but I didn't find it. The snake was gone. I was looking for it and I didn't find it. One day later. Two days later, I saw that the leg had swollen. The man came and prepared a mixture (medicine). I drank it. It wasn't bad. I drank it. It wasn't bad. I cut the tree, I tied my leg, I was limping. The man came and talked to me (?) ... two days later, the leg had swollen. If I didn't tie my leg up I could die. To tie it was good. And it was finished...

(He stopped and I asked what was the size of the snake).

The snake was more or less big. Some are small and some are large, some are long... All the big ones, if they are of this color (pointing to his brown pants), they are not big... The big ones aren't the arm's size (diameter). Pythons are very big and long. The big snake's head pushed on my belly and I fell... yes... I saw some pythons crawling. The big snake's mouth opened. The big snake's head pushed on my belly and I fell. The snake ate / attacked me. The snake swallowed it. The dark snake does not eat it and swallows it but it bites. I was looking for it and couldn't find it. I was farming and dumped it (the bowl). After dumping it, the snake passed over my head. I was scared, I was there, after dumping it, the snake passed by, I was scared. The snake went over my shoulder. I cut the snake's body in half. I cut it and separated the snake's body. I left.

orientation	1. I went... farming. 2. When I finished farming 3. I ate. 4. At midday I was farming. 5. In the afternoon I picked the 'bag' up 6. and put it on my back.
complication	7. I was walking
climax	8. and it (snake) bit me leg.
resolution	9. I looked for it 10. but didn't find it. 11. The snake was gone. 12. I was looking for it 13. and I didn't find it.
coda	14. One day later. Two days later, the leg had swollen. 15. The man came

16. and prepared a mixture (medicine).
17. I drank it.
18. It was bad.
19. If snake bit the leg, need to drink it
20. But it wasn't good.
21. I cut the branch's tree,
22. I tied my leg,
23. I was limping.
24. The man came and talked to me (?) ...
25. two days later, the leg was deflated.
26. If I didn't tie my leg up I could die.
27. To tie it was good.
28. Ad it was finished...

Narrative LAS_05a

I was walking and saw it (pantomime). I took a step back. It was there. I cut it. All the snake's meat was to give away. It was big. The snake was this size (pointing to the tree trunk). It was very long, very big. I cut it into slices for eating/ they eat snakes. People share it, I gave ten pieces. I don't eat it. Eating it makes us stronger. I washed my hands... I washed my hands and ate pieces of the snake. I ate it and spit it, I cleaned my mouth. I picked up the snake's pieces and gave them away. I stayed with them. I didn't touch it, I didn't want to eat it. That one ate it, this one ate it, another one ate it... I don't eat it. This leg size and other lower leg size... yes... I was looking at the ground. Those two (point to people) ate it. I don't eat it, that one ate it, I didn't eat it, I didn't want to, I don't eat it. The snake was very big, I don't eat big snakes. I don't want to. This kind of snake... to eat yes... If I give this one, you eat it, taste it, ingest it and relieve it. That one is sick, it is in pain and is weak. You digest it, relieve it and it's finished.

orientation	
complication	1. I was walking
climax	2. and saw it (pantomime) 3. I took a step back. 4. It was there
resolution	5. I cut it.
coda	6. All the snake's meat was to give away. 7. It was big. 8. The snake was this size (pointing to the tree trunk). 9. It was very long, very big. 10. I cut it into slices for eating/ 11. they eat snakes. 12. People share it, 13. I gave ten pieces. 14. I don't eat it. 15. Eating it makes us stronger. 16. I washed my hands... 17. I washed my hands 18. and ate pieces of the snake. 19. I ate it and spit it, 20. I cleaned my mouth. 21. I picked up the snake's pieces

22. and gave them away.
23. I stayed with them.
24. I didn't touch it,
25. I didn't want to eat it.
26. That one ate it,
27. this one ate it, a
28. another one ate it...
29. I don't eat it.
30. This leg size and other lower leg size... yes...
31. I was looking at the ground.
32. Those two (point to people) ate it.
33. I don't eat it,
34. that one ate it,
35. I didn't eat it,
36. I didn't want to,
37. I don't eat it.
38. The snake was very big,
39. I don't eat big snakes.
40. I don't want to.
41. This kind of snake... to eat yes...
42. If I give this one,
43. you eat it,
44. taste it,
45. ingest it
46. and relieve it.
47. That one is sick,
48. it is in pain and is weak.
49. You digest it,
50. relieve it

Fieldwork 2021

Narrative LAS_05b

The gazelle passed by running that way [to the opposite side]. Later, it came back and Ahh [surprise gesture]. I killed it. Then, I relaxed and stayed. I cut it and sliced it. It was heavy. I could take it and put it on my head with some effort, but my neck could get weak. No, I didn't want to. I cut it into slices and everyone took a piece. I was relaxed. I sliced it, I shared it around with nine people. Then I had no more. It isn't good to hide it, just give it. It is good to share. No need to pay for it right away. It was an ox with a long horn. It tried to hit me and I avoided it, it went away. It wanted to fight with me but I avoided it and it ran away. Later, a long time after that, I went farming in the field. There, I didn't see it, it was dark and I didn't see it. It was dark at the night, the animal passed by and I didn't see it. I looked at it and I called someone [?]. I was surprised [gesture]. We handled the animal and I pulled it up. I tied it. It went for sale and that was it.

orientation	
complication	1. The gazelle passed by running that way [to the opposite side].
climax	2. Later, it came back 3. and Ahh.
resolution	4. I killed it. 5. Then, I relaxed 6. and stayed. 7. I cut it and sliced it.
coda	8. It was heavy. 9. I could take it 10. and put it on my head with some effort, 11. but my neck could get weak. 12. No, I didn't want to. 13. I cut it into slices 14. and everyone took a piece. 15. I was relaxed. 16. I sliced it, 17. I shared it around with nine people. 18. Then I had no more. 19. It isn't good to hide it, 20. just give it. 21. It is good to share.

22. No need to pay for it right away.
 23. It was an ox with a long horn.
 24. It tried to hit me
 25. and I avoided it,
 26. it went away.
 27. It wanted to fight with me
 28. but I avoided it
 29. and it ran away.
 30. Later, a long time after that,
 31. I went farming in the field.
 32. There, I didn't see it,
 33. it was dark
 34. and I didn't see it.
 35. It was dark at the night,
 36. the animal passed by
 37. and I didn't see it.
 38. I looked at it
 39. and I called someone [?].
 40. I was surprised.
 41. We handled the animal
 42. and I pulled it up.
 43. I tied it.
 44. It went for sale
 45. and that was it.
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Narrative LAS_05c

The snake rose and opened its mouth. This can bite. The snake rose [different handshape], I cut it and throw it away. The snake was on a three. I could shoot it with a gun. It fell and I threw it away. The big snake with the size of an arm and long. It was a python, it was long. I cut the snake's neck and cut its body into small parts. I gave it around [points to different directions] to ten people. I don't like to eat snake. I give it away. I don't take any money for it. They refused to pay, and ran away. They spent all the money. They went away with the money and spent it all. They went away and ate and stayed strong.

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Fieldwork 2019

Narrative LAS_06a

On the farm, I carry it on my head, the snake was on the ground in front of me, I didn't see it and stepped on it. The snake bit my leg, The snake bit with the teeth. I cut a rope and tied it to my leg, I walked away. At the hospital, they removed the teeth and I covered it with my clothes. The leg was hurting, the pain on my leg moved to the belly and I threw up.

(I asked how the size was.)

The teeth were very small but were removed.

(I asked "And about snake's size?")

The size of the snake was like this.

orientation	1. On the farm, I carry it on my head, 2. The snake was on the ground in front of me, 3. I didn't see on it
complication	4. and stepped it.
climax	5. the snake bit my leg, 6. The snake bit my leg.
resolution	7. I cut a rope and tied it to my leg, 8. I walked away. 9. At the hospital, they removed the teeth 10. And I covered it with my clothes. 11. The leg was hurting, 12. the pain on my leg moved to the belly 13. and I threw up.
coda	

Fieldwork 2021

Narrative LAS_06b

I was this size [looked around and pointed to a person], like that person. I was this size. An animal with horns gave birth to a baby this size. It was strong. It was there, not here at my father’s place. The animal gave birth to a baby. It was in a hidden place and I didn’t see it. I was walking and I passed by that road. The small animal ran and passed also by that same road. I was walking with things on my head. It came behind me. It was running and hit me on the back with its horns and I fell down. a man [shepherd?] begged me and that was it, he gave me money and I went away. I went to the hospital, I ate something for my back and that was it. I grew up and that was it. The animal with horns never attacked me again. It was only that one time and that was it, [pause] only that time and that was it.

(Few moments later)

There was a strong animal with a tail [a cow], it hit me with its head [pause] on my back, I was walking, and it hit me on my back. I was holding things on my head and fell down, the shepherd begged me and that was it, he gave me money and I went away. I went to the hospital, I ate something for my back and that was it. I grew up and that was it. The animal with horns never attacked me again.

orientation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. I was this size [looked around and pointed to a person], like that person. 2. I was this size. 3. An animal with horns gave birth to a baby this size. 4. It was strong. 5. It was there, 6. not here at my father’s place. 7. The animal gave birth to a baby. 8. It was in a hidden place 9. and I didn’t see it.
complication	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 10. I was walking 11. and I passed by that road. 12. The small animal ran 13. and passed also by that same road. 14. I was walking with things on my head.

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climax	15. It came behind me. 16. It was running 17. and hit me on the back with its horns 18. and I fell.
resolution	19. The shepherd came begging. 20. I refused, 21. he gave me money 22. and there I went to the hospital 23. and I recovered. 24. I grew up and the animal never attacked me again. 25. It was only that one time 26. and that was it,
coda	27. only that time and that was it.

Appendix 3: Personal experience narratives in LGG

Fieldwork 2018

Narrative LGG_01 (deaf man)

Me, Elmer (sign name), I didn't know. I was walking to the trees. I was walking and I looked but I didn't know. There were no hearing people. I was walking and saw (nonmanual) the snake crawling, the snake was almost coming. I was walking and I saw it and I was surprised. I ran away, climbed a tree and hid, I looked at it. I was looking at it and I was afraid. I screamed and the hearing people came: "The snake is there, look at it". They hit it. It died, finished.

orientation	1. Me, Elmer (sign name), I didn't know 2. I was walking to the trees
complication	3. I was walking and I looked but I didn't know 4. there were no hearing people 5. I was walking
climax	6. and saw (nonmanual) the snake crawling 7. and I saw it 8. and I was surprised (nonmanual)
resolution	9. I ran away 10. Climbed a tree 11. And hid 12. I looked at it 13. I was looking at it 14. and I was afraid 15. I screamed 16. and the hearing people came 17. "The snake is there, look at it" 18. they hit it
coda	19. it died. 20. finished

Narrative LGG_02 (deaf man)

A long time ago, there in Bubaque, I was thinking of going to the cow flock. I was walking, the snake was crawling around and I didn't see it. I was walking, I saw the snake there, The snake was crawling and I got scared. I ran away. I didn't go to the front (where the snake was), I went back. I went back and there. I called the man and said: "I saw a snake there". I took him back there. I looked for it, but it was already gone.

orientation	1. A long time ago, there in Bubaque, 2. I was thinking of going to the cow flock
complication	3. I was walking 4. the snake was crawling around 5. and I didn't see it 6. I was walking,
climax	7. I saw (nonmanual) the snake there 8. The snake was crawling 9. and I got scare
resolution	10. I ran away 11. I didn't go to the front (where the snake was) 12. I went back. 13. I went back and there. 14. I called the man and said: 15. "I saw a snake there" 16. I took him back there 17. I looked for it
coda	18. it was already gone

Narrative LGG_03 (deaf man)

I was a child and I was at the cashew trees. I was climbing the tree. The snake moved in the tree, I looked and stayed quiet. I was looking and I turned away. The snake fell to the ground. I was holding on to the tree and looked at the ground. I called the hearing people. The hearing looked up and asked: "What?". I said: "There's a snake over there". The hearing people looked at the snake and said "It's there!". The hearing people came running. We threw stones at it. The snake felt the beatings and slowly died. I held it. I lit a fire with firewood, with the stick, I held it and put it in the fire. He died in the fire. It's finished.

orientation	1. I was a child 2. and I was at the cashew trees
complication	3. I was climbing the tree
climax	4. the snake moved in the tree, 5. I looked and stayed quiet 6. I was looking and I turned away. 7. the snake fell on the ground 8. I was holding on to the tree 9. and looked at the ground 10. I called the hearing people 11. the hearing looked up 12. and asked: "What?" 13. I said: "There's a snake over there" 14. the hearing people looked at the snake 15. and said "It's there!".
resolution	16. the hearing people came running 17. we threw stones at it 18. the snake felt the beatings 19. and slowly died 20. I held it 21. I lit a fire with firewood 22. with the stick, I held it 23. and put it in the fire 24. he actually died in the fire
coda	25. It's finished

Narrative LGG_04 (deaf man)

A long time ago, I was a child. I was under a tree, I was sleeping. The snake that was in the tree fell on me, I saw it and it scared me. I ran away. I was scared but then I calmed down. That was it.

orientation	1. A long time ago, I was a child. 2. I was under a tree
complication	3. I was sleeping
climax	4. The snake that was in the tree 5. fell on me, 6. I saw it 7. and it scared me.
resolution	8. I ran away. 9. I was scared but then I calmed down.
coda	10. That was it.

Narrative LGG_05 (deaf man)

I changed the t-shirt to a sleeveless one. I changed the t-shirt for a sleeveless one and shorts. I dressed and I was ready. I was adjusting a bag and I put it on my back. I was holding the bag on my back and I was walking. I said to mother "Goodbye, mother! I am going to work.", "I'm going to work, okay?", "Ok, goodbye.", "Kiss you, goodbye.". I was walking, there were many trees. I was walking and I arrived there. I was doing something. I was looking down. I looked at it and I took a step back. "Is it a snake?" and I was surprised. I ran fast. I told everyone "There is a big snake there!". I ran there and everybody came to see it. I caught the snake with a stick. We hit it. The snake stopped moving. We looked at it and picked it up with a stick and it was like this.

orientation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. I changed the t-shirt to a sleeveless one. 2. I changed the t-shirt for a sleeveless one and shorts. 3. I dressed 4. and I was ready.
complication	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. I was adjusting a bag 6. and I put it on my back. 7. I was holding the bag on my back 8. and I was walking. 9. I said to mother 10. "I'm going to work, goodbye!" 11. "I'm going to work, okay?" 12. "Ok, goodbye." 13. "Kiss you, goodbye.". 14. I was walking, 15. there were many trees. 16. I was walking 17. and I arrived there.
climax	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 18. I was doing something. 19. I was looking down. 20. I looked at it 21. and I took a step back. 22. "Is it a snake?" 23. and I was surprised. 24. I ran fast. 25. I told everyone 26. "There is a big snake there!"

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	27. I ran there 28. and everybody came to see it.
resolution	29. I caught the snake with a stick. 30. We hit it. 31. The snake stopped moving. 32. We looked at it 33. and picked it up with a stick 34. and it was like this.
coda	

Narrative LGG_06 (deaf man)

A long time ago, I was a child. By car, there in the trees (of cashew). I was here with my father. We were talking and time passed by. I arrived on Monday and I went to work. I and my hearing friends, 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 together walked inside. We were walking and arrived. We stopped and stayed here. Each one went to a different tree. I went in this direction. I was picking up the cashews in the bag. I had stomach pains. I stayed and I was thinking. I saw the cashew tree. I climbed and I stayed there. There were cashews there and I picked them one by one. The snake was over me. Father was below and looked up at it surprised: He threw (something). The snake was by my side and I saw it, I got scared and moved away. I came down from the tree. The hearing hit the snake. The snake fell from the tree. They hit it. the snake was this size. We hit it and it died. It's finished.

orientation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. a long time ago, 2. I was a child 3. by car, there in the trees (of cashew) 4. I was here with my father 5. we were talking 6. and time passed by 7. I arrived on Monday 8. and I went to work. 9. I and my hearing friends, 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 together walked inside 10. we were walking 11. and arrived. 12. We stopped 13. and stayed here 14. each one went to a different tree 15. I went in this direction
complication	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 16. I was picking up the cashews in the bag 17. I had stomach pains 18. I stayed and I was thinking 19. I saw the cashew tree 20. I climbed and I stayed there 21. there were cashews there and I picked them one by one
climax	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 22. the snake was over me 23. Father was below

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	24. and looked up at it surprised: Oh 25. I threw (something) 26. the snake was by my side 27. and I saw it, 28. I got scared 29. and moved away 30. I came down from the tree
resolution	31. the hearing hit the snake 32. The snake fell from the tree 33. They hit it
coda	34. the snake was this size 35. we hit it and it died 36. It's finish

Narrative LGG_07 (deaf man)

A long time ago, I was a child. There in the trees (of cashew). I was going up there to pick cashews. I was climbing the tree. The snake was in the tree and I didn't know it. I was taking the cashew and putting it in the bag. The snake was above me and I saw it. I got scared, I climbed down from the tree and fell. I told to the hearing people. "There's a big snake on the tree", "It's there" (pointing). They said "Really?". Everyone came, they threw stones at the snake and it fell. The snake this size was dead. The snake was narrow and very long. The snake was brown, it was this colour and it was very long. We hit it, it died and that was it. It's finished.

orientation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. a long time ago, I was a child 2. there in the trees (of cashew) 3. I was going up there to pick cashews
complication	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. I was climbing the tree 5. the snake was in the tree 6. and I didn't know it 7. I was taking the cashew 8. and putting it in the bag
climax	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 9. the snake was above me and I saw it 10. I got scared, 11. I climbed down from the tree 12. and fell 13. I told to the hearing people 14. "There's a big snake on the tree" 15. "It's there" (pointing). 16. They said "Really?" 17. Everyone came
resolution	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 18. they threw stones at the snake 19. and it fell 20. the snake this size was dead 21. the snake was narrow and very long 22. the snake was brown 23. it was this colour and it was very long 24. we hit it, it died and that was it
coda	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 26. finish

Narrative LGG_08 (deaf man)

A long time ago, I was a child. Then I grew up and became a boy, about this size. Father was there amongst the trees cutting trees. I had my food in a bowl and I carried it on my head, holding it with my hands. I was walking and was holding food on my head until there. Mother was farming I was here passing by a tree. I was holding the bowl on my head. A big black snake was on the ground. I was holding my bowl on my head when I saw the snake. I hadn't seen it. It had big eyes and we made eye contact. I was holding the bowl and quietly looked at it (facial expression). I ran away. I left the bowl on the floor. I told my mother: "There is a snake". She went there to look for it but didn't see it. I didn't know and the snake was deep in the hole. I didn't see it

orientation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A long time ago, I was a child 2. Then I grew up 3. and became a boy, about this size. 4. Father was there amongst the trees cutting trees. 5. I had my food in a bowl 6. and I carried it on my head, 7. holding it with my hands
complication	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 8. I was walking and was holding food on my head until there. 9. mother was farming. 10. I was here passing by a tree. 11. I was holding the bowl o my head.
climax	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 12. A big black snake was on the ground, 13. I was holding my bowl on my head when I saw the snake. 14. I hadn't seen it. 15. It had big eyes 16. and we made eye contact. 17. I was holding the bowl and quietly, 18. looked at it (facial expression). 19. I ran away. 20. I left the bowl on the floor 21. I told my mother 22. "There is a snake"
resolution	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 23. She went there to look for it

	24. but didn't see it.
	25. I didn't know and the snake was deep in the hole.
coda	26. I didn't see it.

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Narrative LGG_09 (deaf woman)

I was walking. I saw it. What is it? It was a dog barking. I ran away! Yes, I ran away.
It's finished

orientation	
complication	1. I was walking.
climax	2. I saw it 3. What is it? 4. It was a dog barking
resolution	5. I ran away
coda	6. Yes, I ran away. 7. It's finished

Narrative LGG_10 (deaf woman)

I was walking, and I was afraid. I grabbed the snake and the snake was long.

orientation	
complication	1. I was walking,
climax	2. and I was afraid.
resolution	3. I grabbed the snake
coda	4. and the snake was long.

Narrative LGG_11 (deaf woman)

A long time ago, I was a child. At the hearing's home, I didn't know, there were three hearing friends. I was walking. I was picking cashew. I put it in my head and I was walking, there were six hearing men, there were many hearing men. They were walking and holding a big knife, they saw it, they opened their eyes, ran and cut it down. The snake was big. I didn't know anything, I was holding things on my head and walking. The hearing people called me and told me: "There is a big snake". I didn't know, I opened my eyes. I left the things from my head things on the floor, I went running and saw it. "It's big!". They were beating it and it died. Six hearing people picked up the snake. They took it to the house. Me and the hearing hanged the head of the snake. We cut the skin from top to bottom. We remove the skin from top to bottom. We removed the head and the head was broken. We cut it into slices and put it on the fire. I lit the fire and cooked it. Time passed and it was ready. The hearing people came and sat down. I served the food to them. I didn't eat it. I have not eaten it because I am afraid. Thank you

orientation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A long time ago 2. I was a child. 3. At the hearing's home, 4. I didn't know, 5. there were three hearing friends.
complication	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. I was walking. 7. I was picking cashew. 8. I put it in my head 9. and I was walking, 10. there were six hearing men, 11. there were many hearing men. 12. They were walking 13. and holding a big knife,
climax	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 14. they saw it, 15. they opened their eyes, 16. ran 17. and cut it down. 18. The snake was big. 19. I didn't know anything, 20. I was holding things on my head 21. and walking. 22. The hearing people called me

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	<p>23. and told me: "There is a big snake" 24. I didn't know, 25. I opened my eyes 26. I left the things from my head things on the floor, 27. I went running 28. and saw it (surprised) 29. "It's big!"</p>
resolution	<p>30. They were beating it 31. and it died. 32. Six hearing people picked up the snake. 33. They took it to the house. 34. Me and the hearing hanged the head of the snake. 35. We cut the skin from top to bottom. 36. We remove the skin from top to bottom. 37. We removed the head and the head was broken. 38. We cut it into slices 39. and put it on the fire. 40. I lit the fire 41. and cooked it. 42. Time passed 43. and it was ready. 44. The hearing people came 45. and sat down. 46. I served the food to them.</p>
coda	<p>47. I didn't eat it. 48. I have not eaten it 49. because I am afraid. 50. Thank you</p>

Narrative LGG_12 (deaf woman)

I was walking and the snake lifted its head and I got scared. I walked and the snake bit me and I died. That's it

orientation	
complication	1. I was walking
climax	2. and the snake lifted its head 3. and I got scared
resolution	4. I walked 5. and the snake bit me 6. and I died.
coda	7. That's it

Narrative LGG_13 (deaf woman)

About the snake... I and the hearing were walking. Me and the hearing together at school we were talking. We looked at the mango tree. We were afraid of the snake. Together we ran. The hearing hit the snake. The snake was this size. They hit it. They held it down with the stick. We saw it and we were scared. Two hearing were afraid and walked. They hit it and it was this size. That was it.

orientation	1. About the snake... 2. I and the hearing were walking.
complication	3. Me and the hearing together at school we were talking. 4. We looked at the mango tree.
climax	5. We were afraid of the snake.
resolution	6. Together we ran 7. The hearing hit the snake. 8. The snake was this size. 9. They hit it. 10. They held it down with the stick. 11. We saw it and we were scared. 12. Two hearing were afraid 13. and walked. They hit it 14. and it was this size.
coda	15. That was it.

Narrative LGG_14 (deaf woman)

Last year, in my house. I saw a snake and I was afraid. I saw the snake and I ran away. Hearing adults came to hit it. They killed it and went away. I saw it and I was scared. The snake was green. The snake was green. I didn't touch it. I ran away.

orientation	1. Last year, in my house.
complication	2. I saw a snake
climax	3. and I was afraid.
	4. I saw the snake
resolution	5. and I ran away.
	6. Hearing adults came to hit it.
	7. They killed it
	8. and went away.
	9. I saw it
	10. and I was scared.
	11. The snake was green.
	12. The snake was green.
	13. I didn't touch it.
coda	14. I ran away

Narrative LGG_15 (deaf woman)

In Bafatá, a hearing had a deaf baby (me), I was born and then I grew up and then I don't know. I saw the snake and then I didn't mind it. I was taking cashew. I saw the snake and I didn't mind it. I was taking cashew. The snake crawled. I was taking cashew. I didn't know it. The snake crawled here (near the feet). I didn't see it. I was here and I was taking cashew. My father saw it. My father ran and picked me up and took me. The snake flew (?). My father cut off the snake's tail. It was this size. He cut it, tied it and kept it up there (something on a shelf). It died.

orientation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In Bafatá, 2. a hearing had a deaf baby (me), 3. I was born 4. and then I grew up 5. and then I don't know.
complication	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. I saw the snake 7. and then I didn't mind it. 8. I was taking cashew. 9. The snake crawled. 10. I was taking cashew. 11. I didn't know it. 12. The snake crawled here (near the feet). 13. I didn't see it. 14. I was here 15. and I was taking cashew.
climax	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 16. My father saw it. 17. My father ran
resolution	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 18. and picked me up 19. and took me. 20. The snake flew (?). 21. My father cut off the snake's tail. 22. It was this size. 23. He cut it, 24. tied it 25. and kept it up there (something on a shelf).
coda	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 26. It died.

Narrative LGG_16 (deaf woman)

A long time ago at school. It was sometime after I was born, I don't know, I was a child. I was 4 years old, I don't remember, it was a long time ago. Me and my hearing friend, together we went to the cashew trees. We were picking up cashew from the ground and putting them in the bag. I didn't see it and I didn't know, we were picking up cashew. The snake was very nearby. It was not big, it was small. The snake came. I looked at it, I took a step back and I was afraid. The snake kept crawling and went away. I said to the hearing: I don't want to touch it because I'm afraid. I walked to the hearing. The hearing came and I pointed at where the snake was. He knew and hit it. I asked him: "Do you eat it? It's small and it isn't big, it's small!", I took the snake and threw it on the floor. It was there and it was sent away.

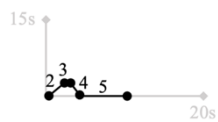
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complication	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 9. We were picking up cashew from the ground 10. and putting them in the bag. 11. I didn't see it 12. and I didn't know, 13. we were picking up cashew.
climax	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 14. The snake was very nearby. 15. It was not big, it was small. 16. The snake came. 17. I looked at it, 18. I took a step back 19. and I was afraid. 20. The snake kept crawling 21. and went away 22. I said to the hearing: 23. I don't want to touch it because I'm afraid. 24. I walked to the hearing. 25. The hearing came

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	26. and I pointed at where the snake was.
resolution	27. He knew 28. and hit it. 29. I asked him: 30. "Do you eat it?" 31. It's small and it isn't big, it's small!" 32. I took the snake and threw it on the floor. 33. It was there and it was sent away.
coda	

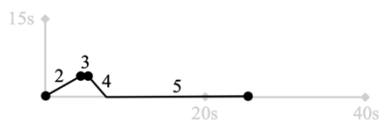
Appendix 4: Dramatic pyramids of AdaSL personal experience narratives

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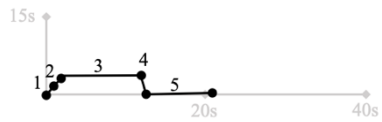
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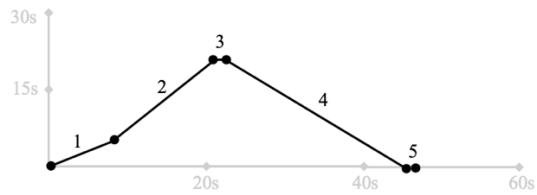
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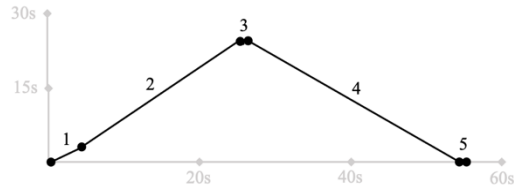
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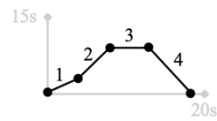
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coda	00:45.483	00:46.726

ADA_05



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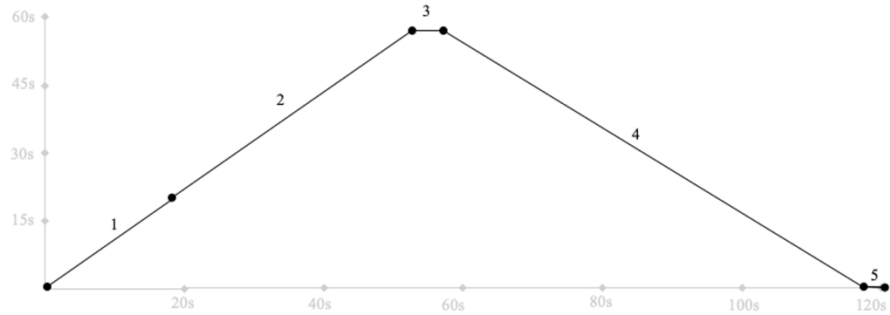
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coda		

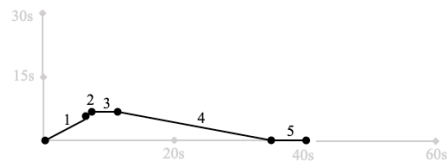
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ADA_07



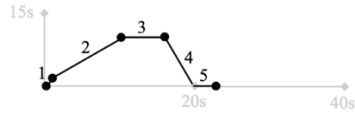
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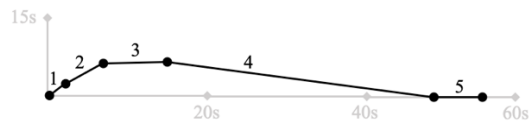
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ADA_09



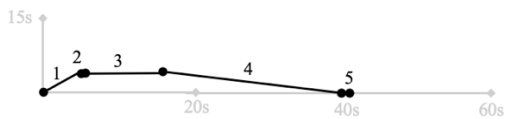
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ADA_10



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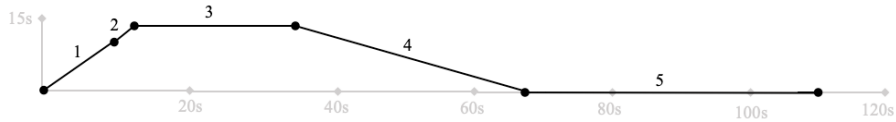
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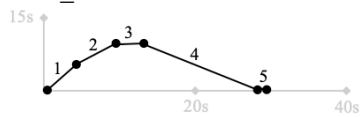
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ADA_11b



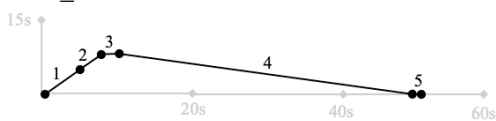
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ADA_12



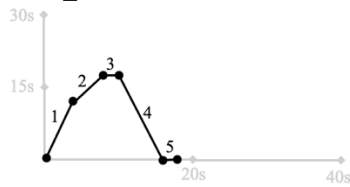
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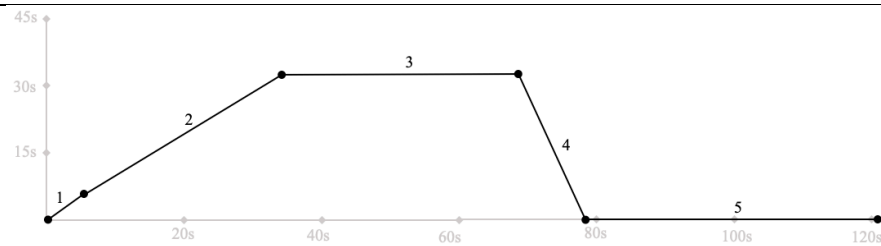
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ADA_14



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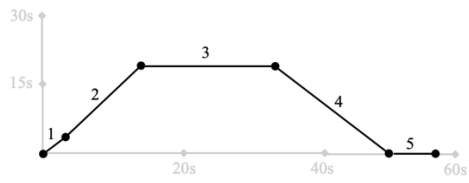
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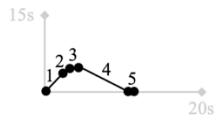
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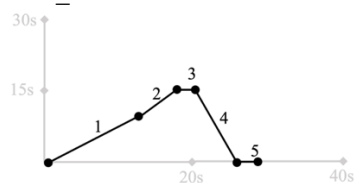
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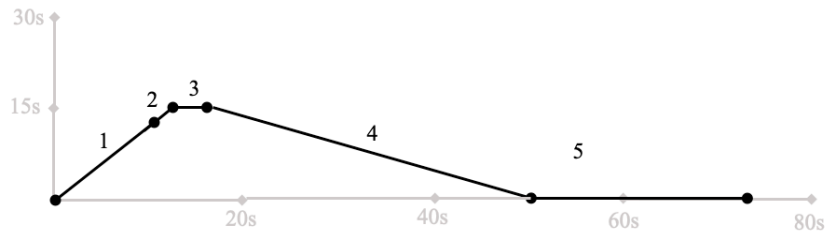
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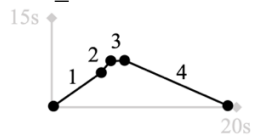
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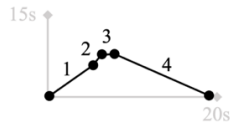
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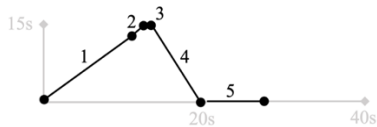
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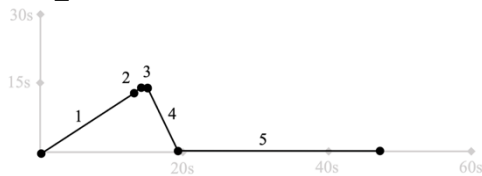
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coda		

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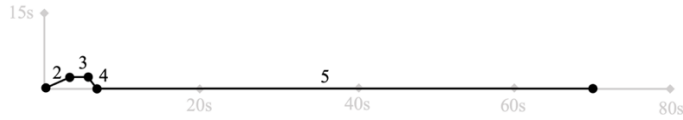
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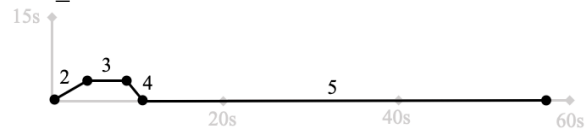
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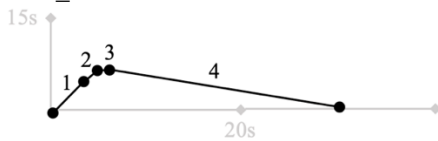
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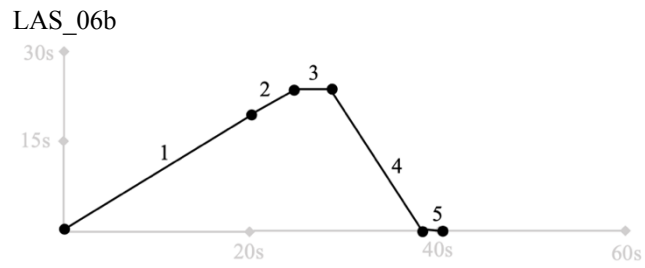


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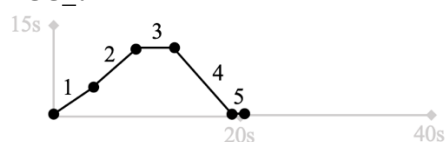
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coda		



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coda	00:38.086	00:42.991

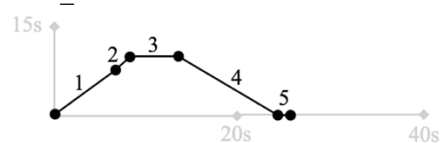
Appendix 6: Dramatic pyramids of LGG personal experience narratives

LGG_01



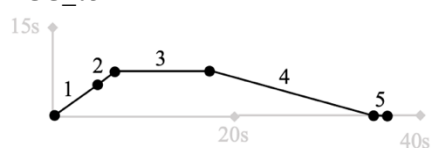
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LGG_02



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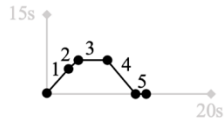
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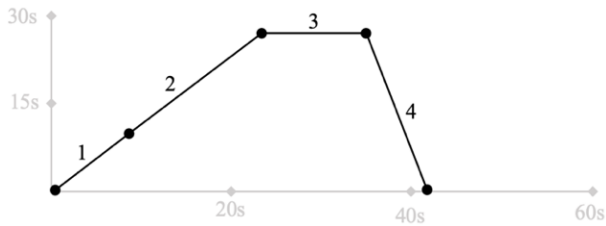
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LGG_04



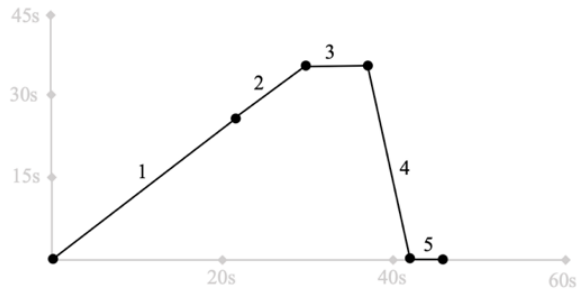
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LGG_05



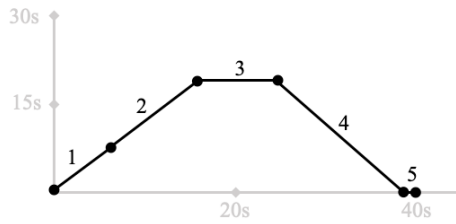
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coda		

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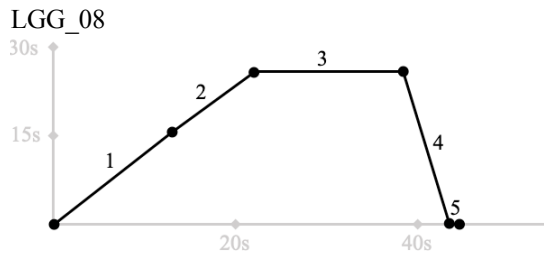
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LGG_07

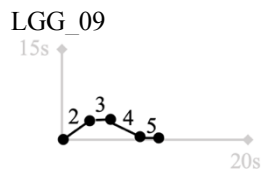


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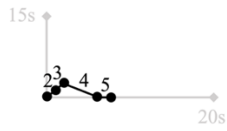


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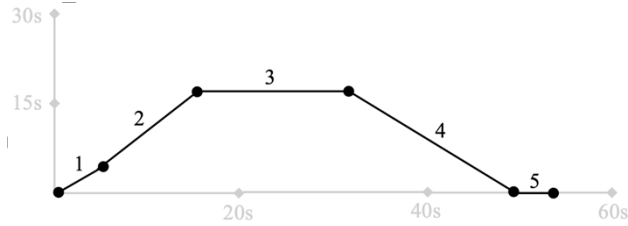
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LGG_10



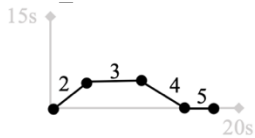
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LGG_11



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complication	00:08.290	00:17.399
climax	00:17.399	00:32.766
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coda	00:49.310	00:55.232

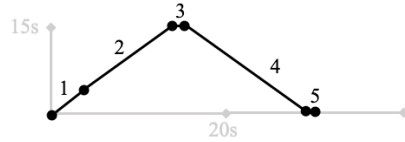
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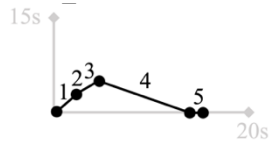
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LGG_13

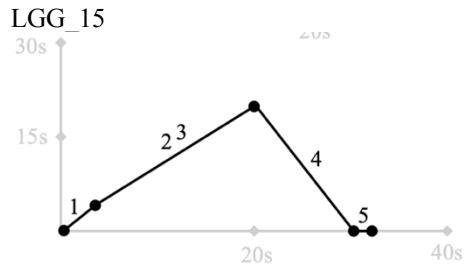


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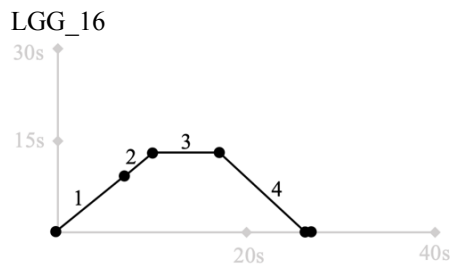
LGG_14



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coda	00:15.382	00:16.707



Component	Begin	End
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complication	00:04.852	
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resolution	00:19.738	00:31.688
coda	00:31.688	00:33.002



Component	Begin	End
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resolution	00:18.897	00:25.603
coda	00:25.603	00:27.103

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