

Appendix I

Dialogues 1-5 in Texts 1-3 with mood analysis

Dialogue 1

Poirot: (1.1) to (1.3)

(1.1) '----- qù dìshíyī hào fángjiān
' go eleventh number room
(Subject) Predicator Complement

(‘Go to room 11,)

(1.2) ----- qǐng nà wèi yīngguó xiǎojiě,
invite that MEAS British lady
(Subject) Predicator Complement

(Invite that British lady,)

(1.3) piānláo tā gūolái yī xià.
trouble she come one MEAS
POLITE Subject Predicator Adjunct

(Ask her to come for a while.)

The restaurant attendant: (1.4)

(1.4) ‘shì, xiānshēng.’
‘yes, Mr.’
minor clause

(‘Yes, sir.’)

(The attendant left the dining car for a few minutes and then returned)

The restaurant attendant: (1.5)

(1.5) ‘xiǎojiě lìkè jiù lái, xiānshēng.’
Miss immediately then come, Mr
Subject Adjunct Adjunct Predicator Vocative

(The lady will come at once, sir.)

Poirot: (1.6)

(1.6) ‘xièxiè nǐ.’
thank you
minor clause

(‘Thank you.’)

Dialogue 2

The General: (2.1) to (2.6)

(2.1) *nǐ zhēn jiù le wǒmen, qīnài de péngyǒu,*
 you really save ASP we dear NOM friend
 Subject Comment Predicator Complement Vocative
 Adjunct

(‘You really saved us, my dear friend,’)

(2.2) *nǐ wánjiù le fǎguó lǐjūn de róngyù –*
 you save ASP France army ASSOC honour
 Subject Predicator Complement

(You has saved the honour of the French Army.)

(2.3) ----- *yě bìmiǎn le yī chāng liúxuè .*
 (you) also avert ASP one MEAS bloodshed
 (Subject) Adjunct Predicator Complement

(You have averted much bloodshed.)

(2.4) *nǐ jiēshòu le wǒ de yāoqǐng,*
 you accept ASP I POSS invitation
 Subject Predicator Complement

(You has accepted my invitation.)

(2.5) *wǒ zhēn bù zhī rúhé gǎnxiè nǐ?*
 I really NEG know how thank you
 Subject Comment Predicator Complement
 Adjunct

(I really don’t know how to thank you.)

(2.6) ----- *zhème yuǎndào érlái –*
 (you) such far away come
 (Subject) Adjunct Predicator

((You) have come so far -)

Poirot: (2.7) to (2.8)

(2.7) *‘kěshì, wǒ yě jìdé,*
 but I also remember
 Conjunctive Subject Adjunct Predicator
 Adjunct

(But I also remember that ...)

(2.8) *nín bùshì yě jiù guò wǒ yī mìng ma?’*
 you NEG also save ASP I one life NTR: int
 Subject Modal Adjunct Predicator Complement Negotiator
 Adjunct

(... you had saved my life before.)

Dialogue 3

Dubosc: (3.1) & (3.2)

(3.1) *jīntiān* *lǐbàitiān,*
today Sunday
Subject (Predicator) Complement

(‘Today (is) Sunday,’)

(3.2) *‘míngtiān, lǐbàiyī wǎnshàng nín jiù dào yīstǎnbǎo le.’*
tomorrow Monday night you then arrive Stamboul ASP
Adjunct Subject Adjunct Predicator Complement

(‘Tomorrow, Monday night, you will arrive Stamboul.’)

Poirot: (3.3)

(3.3) *‘shìde.’*
Yes
minor clause

(‘Yes, (I shall arrive at Stamboul tomorrow night.))

Debosc: (3.4) & (3.5)

(3.4) *‘wǒ xiǎng, ...*
I think
Subject Predicator

(I think...)

(3.5) ... *nín zài nàlǐ shì yào tíng jǐtiān de ba?’*
you at there EMP want stop several days EMP NTR: int
Subject Adjunct Predicator Adjunct Negotiator

(... you would want to stay there for several day.)

Poirot: (3.6) to (3.10)

(3.6) *‘shì ya,*
yes
minor clause

(‘Yes,)

(3.7) *yīstǎnbǎo zhè gè dūshì wǒ huán měi dào gūo ne,*
Stamboul this MEAS city I still NEG: pf visit ASP NTR: ass
Complement Subject Adjunct Predicator Negotiator

(Stamboul I have never been there before,)

(3.8) *[[cuòguò le]] jiù tài kěxī le, shì ba?’*
missing ASP then too pity NTR: ass TAG
Subject Adjunct Predicator Negotiator

(Missing it will be a pity, won’t it?)

- (3.9) 'wú shì yī shēn qīng,
without duty one body slight
Adjunct Subject Predicator

(Without any duty, one feels so relax.)

- (3.10) wǒ yào zài dāngdì hǎohǎo guānguāng yī fān.
I have to at that place good visit one MEAS
Subject Pre- Adjunct Comment -dicator Adjunct

(I want to pay a good visit at that place.)

Dubosc: (3.11)

- (3.11) 'shèngsūfēi, bànjí le.'
Saint Sophie really fine NTR: ass
Subject Predicator Negotiator

(‘Saint Sophie is really fine.’)

————(Dialogue broke down: without response)————

Dubosc: (3.12)

- (3.12) 'zhè jìjié zhēn méi-yǒu shēnme rén lǚxíng a.'
this season really NEG: pf whatever person travel NTR: ass
Adjunct Comment Modal Subject Predicator Negotiator

(‘There are few people travelling in this season.’)

Poirot: (3.13)

- (3.13) '[[shuō de]] shì ya.'
say CC right NTR: ass
Subject Predicator Negotiator

(‘What you have said is right.’)

Ddubosc: (3.14) & (3.15)

- (3.14) '----- dànyuàn
(I) hope
(Subject) Predicator

((I) hope that)

- (3.15) nín cǐ xíng bié jiào tuōlǚsīshān zhōng de dàxuě gěi dǎngzhù le.'
you this trip NEG DISP: rec Taurus inside ASSOC snow DISP: rec block ASP
Subject Modal Adjunct Adjunct Predicator

(your trip will not be blocked by the snow at Taurus.)

Poirot: (3.16)

(3.16)	'-----	<i>huì</i>	-----	<i>ma?</i>
	(that)	possible	(be)	NTR: int
	(Subject)	Modal	(Predicator)	Negotiator
		Adjunct		

(Will that be possible?)

Dubosc: (3.17) & (3.18)

(3.17)	'-----	<i>yǐqián</i>	<i>yǒu quò</i>	<i>de,</i>
	(that)	before	have ASP	EMP
	(Subject)	Adjunct	Predicator	

(That had happened before.)

(3.18)	<i>bùguò</i>	<i>jīn nián</i>	-----	<i>dàohuān</i>	<i>méi fāshēng</i>	<i>nǐ.</i>
	however	this year	(that)	still	NEG happen	NTR: ass
	Conjunctive	Adjunct	(Subject)	Adjunct	Predicator	Negotiator
	Adjunct					

(However, this year (that) has not happened yet.)

Poirot: (3.19) & (3.20)

(3.19)	'-----	<i>dānyuàn</i>	<i>rúcǐ,</i>
	(I)	hope	as that
	(Subject)	Predicator	Complement

((I) hope it will be that.)

(3.20)	<i>'cóng ōuzhōu lái</i>	<i>de qìxiàn bào gào</i>	<i>kě</i>	<i>shízài</i>	<i>hěn bú</i>	<i>lèguān.</i>
	from Europe come ASSOC	weather report	however	really	very NEG	optimistic
	Subject		Conjunctive	Comment	Predicator	
			Adjunct	Adjunct		

(The weather report from Europe however is not very optimistic.)

Dubosc: (3.21) & (3.22)

(3.21)	'-----	<i>hěn bú</i>	<i>hǎo.</i>
	(this)	very NEG	good
	(Subject)	Predicator	

(It is very bad.)

(3.22)	<i>bāěrgàn</i>	<i>nàbiān</i>	<i>fēngxuě</i>	<i>hěn dà.</i>
	Balkans	there	snow	very large
	Adjunct	Subject	Predicator	

(As for the Balkans, there is much snow.)

Poirot: (3.23) & (3.24)

(3.23) '----- *tīng-shuō*
(I) hearsay
(Subject) Predicator

((I) heard that.....)

(3.24) *zài déguó* ----- *xià de yě hěn lìhài.*
at Germany (snow) fall CC also very heavy
Adjunct (Subject) Predicator Adjunct Comment
Adjunct

(It is snowing heavy in Germany too.)

Dubosc: (3.25)

(3.25) '*shì he,*'
yes
Minor clause

('yes')

(3.26) *míngtiān wǎnshàng qī diǎn sìshí fēn nín jiù dàodá*
tomorrow evening seven o'clock fourteen minutes you then arrive
Adjunct Subject Adjunct Predicator

yīstǎnbǎo le.
Stamboul ASP
Compliment

(Tomorrow evening at 7:40 p.m., you will arrive Stamboul)

Poirot: (3.27) to (3.29)

(3.27) '*shì he,*'
yes
Minor clause

('Yes,')

(3.28) '*shèngsūfēi <<>> kě zhēn bù cuò.*'
Saint Sophie VADV really NEG bad
Subject Adjunct Predicator

(Saint Sophie, <<>> is really nice'.)

(3.29) << *tīng-shuō*>>
hearsay
(Subject) Predicator

(<<(I) heard>>)

Dubouc: (3.30)&(3.31)

(3.30) ‘ wǒ xiāngxìn
I believe
Subject Predicator

(‘I believe)

(3.31) nà dìfāng bànjī le’
that place really fine ASP
Subject Predicator

(that place is really fine.)

Dialogue 4

Poirot: (4.1)

(4.1) ‘*ābósīnuò shāngxiào dàiběnhàn xiǎojiě huòxǔ*
Arbuthnot Colonel Debenham Miss perhaps
Vocative Subject Modal
Adjunct

kěyǐ chēngzhīwèi yī wèi fēicháng kěyí de rénwù.
can be called one MEAS very suspicious NOM character
Predicator -----Complement-----

(Colonel Arthbutnot, Miss Debenham can perhaps be called a highly suspicious character.)

Arthbutnot: (4.2)

(4.2) ‘----- *huāngmiù,*
nonsense
(Subject) Predicator

('It is) nonsense,')

Poirot: (4.3)

(4.3) ‘----- *bìngbù huāngmiù.*
NEG nonsense
(Subject) Predicator

('It is not nonsense.')

Arthbutnot: (4.4)

(4.4) ‘*nǐ shì zhǎo bǔ dào tā shénme máfán de.*
you EMP find NEG reach she any trouble EMP
Subject Predicator -----Complement-----

('You can't find anything against her.')

Poirot: (4.5) & (4.6)

(4.5) ‘*nàme, dàiběnhàn xiǎojiě << >> dānrèn*
how about, Debenham Miss work-at
Adjunct Subject Predicator

tāmen jiāting jiàoshī zhè jiàn shì ne?
their family teacher this MEAS matter NTR: int
-----Complement----- Negotiator

(How about the fact that Miss Debenham << >> was the private tutor in their household?)

(4.6) <<*zài xiǎo dàixī āmǔsīzhuàng bèi ----- bǎngpiào shí,>>*
at little Daisy Armstrong DISP: rec kidnap when
Con- Subject Adjunct Predicator -junctive
Ad- -junct

(when little Daisy Armstrong was kidnapped,)

----- (Dialogue broke down: without response) -----

Poirot: (4.7) to (4.11)

- (4.7) '[wómen zhīdào de] bǐ [[nǐ suǒ rènwéi de]] yào duō ba.'
 we know CC compare you that think CC have to many NTR: ass
 Subject Adjunct Predicator Negotiator

('we know more than you think.')

- (4.8) ruòshì dàiběnhàn xiǎojiě shì wúgū de,
 if Debenham Miss EMP innocent EMP
 Conjunctive Subject Predicator
 Adjunct

(If Miss Debenham is innocent,)

- (4.9) tā wèishénme yào yǐnmán zhì xiàng shìshí?
 she Q-why have to conceal this MEAS fact
 Subject Adjunct Predicator Complement

(why did she conceal that fact?)

- (4.10) tā wèishénme yào gàosù wǒ
 she Q-why have to tell me
 Subject Adjunct Predicator Complement

(Why did she tell me that')

- (4.11) tā cóng měiyǎo qù guò měiguó?
 she from NEG: pf go ASP America
 Subject Adjunct Predicator Complement

(she had never been in America?)

Arthbutnot: (4.12)

- (4.12) 'nǐ bù huì nòng cuò le ma?'
 you NEG possible make wrong ASP NTR: int
 Subject Predicator Negotiator

(Weren't you possibly making a mistake?)

Poirot: (4.13) & (4.14)

- (4.13) 'wǒ měiyǒu gāo cuò.
 I NEG: pf make wrong
 Subject Predicator

('I am not making any mistake.')

- (4.14) wèishénme dàiběnhàn xiǎojiě yào duì wǒ sāhuǎng?
 Q-why Debenham Miss have to towards me lie
 Adjunct Subject Pre- Complement -dicator

(Why did Miss Debenham lie to me?)

Arthbutnot (4.15) to (4.17)

(4.15)	'zhè	nǐ	zuihǎo	qù wèn	tā.
	this	you	the best	go ask	she
	Complement	Subject	Comment Adjunct	Predicator	Complement

(As for this, you had better ask her.)

(4.16)	wǒ	réngrán	rènwěi
	I	still	think
	Subject	Adjunc	Predicator

(I still think that.....)

(4.17)	nǐ	nòng	cuò	le.'
	you	make	wrong	ASP
	Subject	Predicator		

(you are wrong.)

Dialogue 5:

Debenham: (5.1)

- (5.1) 'nǐ yào jiàn wǒ ma?'
 you want see I NTR: int
 Subject Predicate Complement Negotiator

('Do you want to see me?')

Poirot: (5.2) & (5.3)

- (5.2) 'wǒ xiǎng wèn nǐ, xiǎojiě,
 I want ask you Miss
 Subject Predicate Complement Vocative

(I want to ask you, Miss,)

- (5.3) jīntiān zǎoshàng nǐ wèishénme yào duì wǒmen shuōhuǎng?'
 today morning you Q-why have to towards we lying
 Adjunct Subject Adjunct Pre- Complement -dicator

(This morning, why did you lie to us?)

Debenham: (5.4) & (5.6)

- (5.4) '----- duì nǐmen shuōhuǎng?'
 towards you lying
 (Subject) Complement Predicate

(Lying to you?)

- (5.5) wǒ bù dǒng nǐ de yìsī.
 I NEG understand you POSS meaning
 Subject Predicate Complement

(I don't understand what you mean.)

Poirot: (5.6) to (5.10)

- (5.6) 'nǐ yǐnmán le << >> [[]] shìshí.
 you conceal ASP fact
 Subject Predicate Complement

(You concealed ...the fact.)

- (5.7) << zài ārmŭsīzhuàng bēijù fāshēng de dāngshí,>>
 at Armstrong tragedy happen ASSOC time
 Con- Subject Predicate -junctive
 Ad- -junct

(when the Armstrong's tragedy was happened,)

- (5.8) [[nǐ zhèngzài tāmen jiā de]]
 you at that very moment their home SUB
 Subject Predicate

(you were actually at their home)

(5.9) *nǐ* *hái* *gàosù* *wǒmen*
 you also tell we
 Subject Adjunct Predicator Complement

(You also told us that.....)

(5.10) *nǐ* *cóngméi* *qù* *guò* *měiguó.*
 you NEG: pf go ASP America
 Subject Predicator Complement

(you had never been to America.)

Debenham: (5.11)

(5.11) ‘*shìde,*’ ----- *shì* *zhēn* *de.*
 yes EMP true EMP
 (Subject) Predicator

(Yes, (it) is true/ (what I said) is true.)

Poirot: (5.12)

(5.12) ‘*bù,* *xiǎojiě,* ----- *shì* *jiǎ* *de.*
 no Miss EMP false EMP
 Vocative (Subject) Predicator

(‘No, Miss, (it) was false / (what you said) is false.’)

Debenham: (5.13) to (5.15)

(5.13) ‘*nǐ* *wùhuì* *le* *wǒ de* *yìsī,*
 you misunderstand ASP I POSS meaning
 Subject Predicator Complement

(‘You misunderstood my meaning.)

(5.14) *wǒ* *shì* *shuō*
 I EMP say
 Subject Predicator

(I said.....)

(5.15) [[*wǒ* *gēn* *nǐ* *shuō* *le* *huǎng*]] *shì* *zhēn* *de.*
 I with you say ASP lying EMP true EMP
 -----Subject----- Predicator

(it is true that I lied to you.)

Poirot: (5.16)

(5.16) *è,* *nǐ* *shìng rèn* *le* *ma?*
 ah, you admit ASP NTR: int
 Subject Predicator Negotiator

(Ah, do you admit it?)

Debenham: (5.17)

(5.17)	<i>dāngrán</i>	<i>le</i> ,	<i>yīnwěi</i>	<i>nǐ</i>	<i>yǐjīng</i>	<i>kàn chuān</i>	<i>le</i>	<i>wǒ</i> .
	certainly	NTR: ass	because	you	already	look through	ASP	I
	Comment		Conjunctive	Subject	Adjunct	Predicator		Complement
	Adjunct		Adjunct					

(Certainly, since you have found me out.)

Poirot: (5.18)

(5.18)	<i>zhìshǎo</i>	<i>nǐ</i>	<i>háishì</i>	<i>hén tǎnshuài</i>	<i>de</i> ,	<i>xiǎojiě</i>
	at least	you	still	very frank	EMP	Miss
	Comment	Subject	Adjunct	Predicator		Vocative
	Adjunct					

(You are at least frank, Miss.)

Debenham: (5.19)

(5.19)	<i>wǒ</i>	<i>kàn</i>
	I	see
	Subject	Predicator

(I think)

(5.20)	<i>wǒ</i>	<i>yě</i>	<i>biéwǔ tà</i>	<i>lù</i>	<i>ké zǒu</i>	<i>le</i>
	I	also	NEG other way	can walk	ASP	
	Subject	Adjunct	Adjunct	Predictor		

(there does not seem anything for me to be.)

Poirot: (5.20) to (5.21)

(5.20)	<i>zhè</i>	<i>dèquē</i>	<i>rúci</i>
	this	certainly	like that
	Subject	Modal	Predicator
		Adjunct	

(That certainly is true.)

(5.21)	<i>nàme</i> ,	<i>xiǎojiě</i>	<i>nǐ yǐnmán</i>	<i>de</i>	<i>yuányīn</i>	<i>shì</i>	<i>shénme</i>
	then	Miss	you conceal	ASSOC	reason	be	what
	Adjunct	Vocative	Subject			Predicator	Complement

(Then, Miss, can I ask you the reason for your concealment?)

Debenham: (5.22) to (5.23)

(5.22)	<i>wǒ</i>	<i>rènwèi</i>
	I	think
	Subject	Predicator

(I think...)

(5.23)	<i>lǐ yóu</i>	<i>bùshì</i>	<i>hén míngxiǎn</i>	<i>ma</i> ,	<i>báiluo</i>	<i>xiānshēng?</i>
	reason	NEG	very obvious	NTR: int	Poirot	Mr
	Subject	Predicator		Negotiator	Vocative	

(the reason is very obvious, isn't it, Mr Poirot?)

Poirot: (5.24)

(5.24)	wǒ	xì	kàn	bù	qù-lái,	xiǎojiě
	I	but	see	NEG	go-come	Miss
	Subject	Adjunct	Predicator			Vocative

(But I can't see it, Miss.)

Debenham: (5.25)

(5.25)	wǒ	děi	móushēng.
	I	have to	make a living
	Subject	Predicator	

(I have to make a living.)

Appendix J

Transitivity + mood + thematic analysis

Text 1

1. *xùlià yán dōng qīng chén wǔ shí,*
 Syria cold winter early morning five o'clock

Location: spatial + temporal

Adjunct

(topical) Theme

[[*zài tiělù zhǐnáng chēngwéi tuōlǔsītè kuàichē de*]] *yī lièchē*
 at railway directory called Taurus express CC one train

-----Existent-----

-----Subject-----

-----Rheme-----

tīngkào zài gàilèpō chē zhàn yuètái.
 stop at Aleppo station platform

Process: existential Location: spatial

Predicator

Adjunct

-----Rheme-----

(It was five o'clock on a cold winter's morning in Syria. A train which was designated in railway directory as the Taurus Express stopped at the platform of Aleppo station.)

2. *zhè liè huǒchē yǒu*
 this MEAS train possess
 Carrier/Possessor Process: possessive
 Subject Predicator
 (topical) Theme

-----Rheme-----

chúfàn chē, cānchē, yī jié wòpù chē yǔ liǎng jié pǔtōng chēxiāng
 kitchen coach restaurant coach one MEAS sleeping coach and two MEAS economy coach

-----Attribute/Possession-----

-----Complement-----

-----Rheme-----

(The train consisted of a kitchen, a restaurant, a sleeping coach and two economy coaches.)

3. *zài dēng wòpǔ chēxiāng de jiētī shàng zhàn zhe*
 at ascending sleeping coach ASSOC step upon stand ASP
 Location: spatial Process: existential
 Adjunct Predicator
 (topical) Theme Rheme

yī míng [[chuān yàoyǎn jūnfú de]] niánqīng fǎguó lùjūn zhōngwèi,
 one MEAS wear resplendent uniform CC young French army lieutenant

-----Existent-----

-----Subject-----

-----Rheme-----

(By the step leading up into the sleeping coach stood a young French army lieutenant who was resplendent in uniform.)

4. ----- zhèng yǔ yī gè āixiǎo de nǎnrén tánhuà,
 ASP with one MEAS lean-small NOM man talk
 (Actor) Pro- -----Accompaniment: comitative----- -cess: material
 (Subject) -----Adjunct----- Predicator
 ((topical) Theme) -----Rheme-----

((He) was talking with a small lean man.)

5. zhè rén quán shēn ----- yùhán zhuāngshù,
 this person whole body ----- against cold clothing
 Actor (Process: material) Goal
 Subject (Predicator) Complement
 (absolute) (topical) Theme -----Rheme-----

(As for the man, his whole body was covered with heavy clothing.)

6. lián ěrduō yě dài-shàng le ěrmào,
 even (EMP) ear also (EMP) wear ASP ear muffs
 Actor Process: material Goal
 Subject Predicator Complement
 (interpersonal) (topical) Theme -----Rheme-----

(even his ears were covered with ear muffs,)

7. chúle yī kē hóng bítóu hé liǎng piě shàngqiào de réndān húzī zhīwài,
 besides one MEAS red nose and two MEAS pointing upward NOM curled moustache (-beside)
 -----Exclusion-----
 -----Adjunct-----
 -----(topical) Theme-----

shēnme yě kànbùjiàn.
 whatever also see-NEG-see
 (Phenomenon) VADV Process: mental
 (Subject) Adjunct Predicator
 -----Rheme-----

(Besides a red nose and two upward curled moustache, nothing could be seen.)

8. tiānqì shì cìqǔ de hánlěng,
 weather be piercing NOM cold
 Carrier Process: categorising Attribute
 Subject Predicator Complement
 (topical) Theme -----Rheme-----

(The weather was piercing cold.)

9. *cǐshí* ----- *fēngmìng* *lái*
 this time compliant with order come
 Location: temporal (Actor) Process: material
 Adjunct (Subject) Predicator
 (topical) Theme -----Rheme-----

wèi yì míng xiǎnyào de mòshēngkě rén sòngxíng,
 for one MEAS distinguished NOM stranger see off
 -----Beneficiary----- Process: material
 -----Adjunct-----
 -----Rheme-----

((He) was compliant with order to come and see a distinguished stranger off at such a time.)

10. ----- *díquè* *bù shì* *líng rén xiànmù de chāishì,*
 really NEG be make people envy NOM duty
 (Carrier) VADV Process: categorising -----Attribute-----
 (Subject) Adjunct Predicator -----Complement-----
 ((topical) Theme) -----Rheme-----

((This) was not a duty to be envied.)

11. *ránér* *dùbósīkè zhōngwèi zài zhiwù shàng de biǎoxiàn*
 however Dubosc lieutenant at duty upon NOM performance
 HCON -----Carrier-----
 -----Subject-----
 (textual) -----(topical) Theme-----

quèshì *yī fū dàzhàngfū de qìgài.*
 be one MEAS manhood NOM spirit
 Process: categorising -----Attribute-----
 Predicator -----Complement-----
 -----Rheme-----

(However, Lieutenant Dubosc performed his duty manfully.)

12. *tā* *yǐ yōuměi de fǎyǔ liǔlù le gāoyǎ de tánú.*
 he with polished NOM French show ASP graceful NOM style of conversation
 Actor -----Manner: mean----- Process: material -----Range-----
 Subject -----Adjunct----- Predicator -----Complement-----
 (topical) Theme -----Rheme-----

(He showed a graceful style of conversation with polished French.)

13. *qíshí tā bìng bù léijiě shì shí de zhēnxiàng,*
 actually he NEG know the matter ASSOC truth
 CON Senser Process: mental -----Phenomenon-----
 Subject Predicator -----Complement-----
 (textual) (topical) Theme -----Rheme-----

(In fact, he did not know the truth of the matter.)

14. *yáoyán liǔchuán yǐjiǔ,*
 rumour spread a long time
 Actor Process: material Extent: temporal
 Subject Predicator Adjunct
 (topical) Theme -----Rheme-----

(The rumour had spread for a long time.)

15. *dāngrán zài zhè zhǒng shìqíng shāng zhōngguī shì nánmiǎn de.*
 of course at this MEAS matter upon eventually EMP unavoidable EMP
 (Carrier) -----Matter----- VADV Process: acriptive
 (Subject) -----Adjunct----- Adjunct /Attribute
 (interp.) ((topical) Theme) -----Rheme-----

((Rumour) of course was unavoidable in this sort of matter.)

16. *jiāngjūn – tā zhè wèi dīngtóushàngsī jiāngjūn – de píqì*
 General he this MEAS superior General POSS temper
 -----Actor-----
 -----Subject-----
 -----(topical) Theme-----

yuèfā bùkě shōushí le.
 become unable control ASP
 Process: material
 Predicator
 -----Rheme-----

(The General - his General's – temper became uncontrollable.)

17. *hòulái, hǎoxiàng zhè wèi bǐlishí de shēngkè*
 afterward look like this MEAS Belgium ASSOC stranger
 HCON VADV -----Actor-----
 Adjunct -----Subject-----
 (textual) (interpersonal) -----(topical) Theme-----

yuǎndào zì yīngguó gǎn le lái le.
 far away from Britain hurry ASP come ASP
 VADV Location: spatial Process: material
 Adjunct Adjunct Predicator
 -----Rheme-----

(Then, it seemed that this Belgium stranger came all the way from Britain hurriedly.)

18. *yǒu yī gè lǐbài,*
 be one MEAS week
 Process: existential Existent
 Predicator Subject
 (topical) Theme Rheme

(There has been a week.)

19. *zhěngzhěng yī gè lǐbài de guǐmi jǐnzhāng qingshì guò hòu,*
 wholly one MEAS week ASSOC mysterious tense circumstance pass after
 VADV -----Actor----- Process: material
 Adjunct -----Subject----- Predicator
 (interpersonal) -----(topical) Theme----- Rheme

(After a whole week of mysterious tension had gone,)

20. *shìtài yǒu le zhuǎnbiàn.*
 situation have ASP change
 Carrier/Possessor Process: possessive Attribute/Possession
 Subject Predicator Complement
 (topical) Theme -----Rheme-----

(The situation had changed.)

21. *yī wèi zhūōyuè de jūnguān zìshā shēnsǐ,*
 one MEAS distinguished NOM officer suicide dead
 -----Actor----- Process: material
 -----Subject----- Predicator
 -----(topical) Theme----- Rheme

(A distinguished officer had committed suicide.)

22. *lìng yī wèi tūrán cízhí,*
 another one MEAS suddenly resign
 -----Actor----- VADV Process: material
 -----Subject----- Adjunct Predicator
 --(topical) Theme-- -----Rheme-----

(Another had resigned.)

23. *jiāolǜ de miànkǒng yě shūránde qīngsōng xià-lái,*
 anxious NOM face also suddenly relax come-down
 -----Actor----- VADV VADV Process: material
 -----Subject----- Adjunct Adjunct Predicator
 -----(topical) Theme----- Rheme-----

(Anxious faces had suddenly relaxed.)

24. *yī xiē jūnshì jièbèi yě fāngkuān le.*
 one MEAS military precaution also relax ASP
 -----Actor----- VADV Process: material
 -----Subject----- Adjunct Predicator
 -----(topical) Theme----- Rheme-----

(Some military precautions had also been relaxed.)

25. *zhè wěi jiāngjūn, << >>, yě dùnshí kànlái niánqīng le shí lái suì.*
 this MEAS General also immediately look like younger ASP about ten year
 Carrier VADV VADV Process:circumstantial/Attribute Time (deictic)
 Subject Adjunct Adjunct Predicator Adjunct
 (topical) Theme -----Rheme-----

(The General had immediately looked ten years younger.)

26. *<< dùbósīkè zhōngwèi sīfèng de zhè wèi tèshū jiāngjūn, >>*
 Dubosc Lieutenant serve EMP this MEAS special General
 -----Actor----- Process: material -----Goal-----
 -----Subject----- Predicator -----Complement-----
 -----(topical) Theme----- Rheme-----

(The special General that Lieutenant Dubosc served.)

27. *dùbósīkè ǒurán tīng guò tā yǔ zhè wèi mòshēng kèrén de yī xiē tánhuà.*
 Dubosc occasionally hear ASP he and this MEAS stranger guest POSS one MEAS conversation
 Senser VADV Process: mental -----Phenomenon-----
 Subject Adjunct Predicator -----Complement-----
 (top.) Theme -----Rheme-----

(Dubosc occasionally overheard part of a conversation between him and this stranger)

28. *‘nǐ zhēn jiù le wǒmen, qīnài de péngyǒu,’*
 you really save ASP we dear NOM friend
 Actor Manner Process: material Goal
 Subject Adjunct Predicator Complement Votive
 (topical) Theme -----Rheme-----

(‘You really saved us, my dear friend,’)

29. *jiāngjūn jīdòngde shuō*
 General emotionally say
 Sayer Manner Process: verbal
 Subject Adjunct Predicator
 (topical) Theme -----Rheme-----

(the General said emotionally,)

30. *tā nà cuō xuěbái de měi xū suí zhe shàngxià chàndòng.*
 he that MEAS snow white NOM beautiful moustache follow ASP up and down tremble
 -----Medium----- Pro- MANNER -cess: material
 -----Subject----- Predicator
 -----(topical) Theme----- Rheme-----

(His beautiful white moustache trembled up and down as he talked.)

31. *nǐ wǎnjiù le fǎguó lùjūn de róngyù*
 you save ASP France army ASSOC honour
 Actor Process: material -----Goal-----
 Subject Predicator -----Complement-----
 (topical) Theme -----Rheme-----

(You has saved the honour of the French Army.)

32. ----- yě bimiǎn le yī chāng liúxuè.
 also avert ASP one MEAS bloodshed
 (Actor) VADV Process: material -----Range-----
 (Subject) Adjunct Predicator -----Complement---
 (Topical Theme) -----Rheme-----

(You have averted much bloodshed.)

33. nǐ jiēshòu le wǒ de yāoqǐng,
 you accept ASP my POSS invitation
 Actor Process: material Goal
 Subject Predicator Complement
 (topical) Theme -----Rheme-----

(You has accepted my invitation.)

34. wǒ zhēn bù zhī rúhé gǎnxiè nǐ?
 I really NEG know how thank you
 Senser VADV Process: mental ----Phenomenon----
 Subject Adjunct Predicator ----Complement---
 (topical) Theme -----Rheme-----

(I really don't know how to thank you.)

35. ----- zhème yuǎndào érlái -
 such far away come
 (Actor) Location: spatial Process: material
 (Subject) Adjunct Predicator
 ((topical) Theme) -----Rheme-----

((You) have come so far -)

36. zhè wèi mòshēngkè << >> yīngduì yě hěn déitǐ,
 this MEAS stranger response also very suitable
 Carrier VADV Process: acriptive/Attribute
 Subject Adjunct Predicator
 (absolute) (topical) Theme -----Rheme-----

(As for this stranger, he made a suitable response.)

37. << míngzi jiào hèqiūlǐ báiluó>>
 name call Hercule Poirot
 Token Process: identifying Value
 Subject Predicator Complement
 (topical) Theme -----Rheme-----

(his name was Hercule Poirot)

38. tā shuō,
 he say
 Sayer Process: verbal
 Subject Predicator
 (topical) Theme Rheme

(He said,)

39. *'kě shì, wǒ yě jìdé,*
 but I also remember
 HCON Senser VADV Process: mental
 Adjunct Subject Adjunct Predicator
 (textual) (topical) Theme ----Rheme----

(But I also remember that ...)

40. *nín bùshì yě jiù guò wǒ yī mìng ma?'*
 you NEG also save ASP I one life NTR: int
 Actor Pro- VADV -cess: material -----Goal-----
 Subject Pre- Adjunct -dicator ---Complement-- Negotiator
 (topical) Theme -----Rheme-----

(...you had saved my life before.)

41. *jiāngjūn mǎshàng zuò le yī cì qiàdāng de yìngdá,*
 General immediately make ASP one MEAS suitable NOM reply
 Actor VADV Process: material -----Range-----
 Subject Adjunct Predicator -----Complement-----
 (topical) Theme -----Rheme-----

(The General made a suitable reply immediately.)

42. ----- *biáoshì*
 note
 (Sayer) Process: verbal
 (Subject) Predicator
 ((topical) Theme) Rheme

((He) noted that...)

43. *duìyǔ quòqù de shì tā shízài kuì bù gǎndāng;*
 as for past NOM matter he really ashamed NEG claim any merit
 Actor VADV Process: material
 Subject Adjunct Predicator
 (absolute) (topical) Theme -----Rheme-----

(As for the past event, he really could not claim any merit.)

44. ----- *yòu tídao le*
 again mention ASP
 (Actor) VADV Process: verbal
 (Subject) Adjunct Predicator
 ((topical) Theme) -----Rheme-----

fǎguó, bīlìshí, guāngyóng yǔ róngyù děng lèisì de huàtí zhīhòu,
 France Belgium glory and honour etc similar NOM topic after
 -----Verbiage-----
 -----Complement-----
 -----Rheme-----

(After they mentioned of France, of Belgium, of glory, of honour and of similar kind of topics,)

45. *liǎng rén rèqíng yōngbàode jiéshù le zhè cì tánhuà.*
 two person heartily embracingly finish ASP this MEAS conversation
 Actor VADV Process: material -----Goal-----
 Subject -----Adjunct----- Predicator -----Complement-----
 (topical) Theme -----Rheme-----

(They embraced each other heartily and finished the conversation.)

46. *zhì yǔ [[tāmen liǎng rén dàodī tán de]] shè shěnmē, ...*
 as to they two person in fact talk SUB be what
 HCON -----Token----- Process: identifying Value
 -----Subject----- Predicator Complement
 -----Topical Theme----- -----Rheme-----
 -----absolute Theme of (47)-----

(As to what they had talked about,...)

47. *dùbósīkè réng méng zài gǔ lǐ,*
 Dubosc still cover at drum inside
 Carrier VADV Process: acriptive/Attribute
 Subject Adjunct Predicator
 (absolute Theme) (topical) Theme -----Rheme-----

(...Dubosc was still in the dark.)

48. *tā zhǐ xiǎodé ...*
 he only know
 Senser VADV Process: mental
 Subject Adjunct Predicator
 (topical) Theme -----Rheme-----

(He only knew...)

49. ... *zìjǐ shì fèngmìng sòng zhè wèi báiluo xiānshēng*
 ... oneself EMP comply with the order see off this MEAS Poirot Mr
 Actor Process: material -----
 Subject Predicator -----
 (topical) Theme -----Rheme-----

chéngdā tuōlǚsītè kuàichē de.
 taking Taurus Express EMP
 -----Range-----
 -----Complement-----
 -----Rheme-----

(...he himself complied with the order to see Mr Poirot off by Taurus Express.)

50. ----- *shēnwèi yī gè qiánchéngyuǎndà de qīngnián jūnquān,*
 be one MEAS promising career NOM young officer
 (Carrier) Process: categorising -----Attribute-----
 (Subject) Predicator -----Complement-----
 ((topical) Theme) -----Rheme-----

(Being a young officer with a promising career,)

51. *tā* *zài* *zhíxíng* *rènwù* *shí*
 he at perform duty when
 Actor Process: material Range PCON
 Subject Predicator Complement
 (topical) Theme -----Rheme-----

(when he was performing his duty,)

52. ----- *dàoyě* *biǎoxiàn* *de* *rèchéng* *rènzhēn*.
 also express CC warmly seriously
 (Actor) VADV Process: material Range
 (Subject) Adjunct Predicator Complement
 ((topical) Theme) -----Rheme-----

((he) took it warmly and seriously.)

53. *jīntiān* ----- *libàitiān,*
 today Sunday
 Carrier (Process: categorising) Attribute
 Subject (Predicator) Complement
 (topical) Theme -----Rheme-----

('Today (is) Sunday,')

54. *dùbósikè* *zhōngwèi* *shuō*,
 Dubosc Lieutenant say
 Sayer Process: verbal
 Subject Predicator
 (topical) Theme Rheme

(Lieutenant Dubosc said,)

55. *'míngtiān, libàiyī* *wǎnshàng* *nín* *jiù* *dào* *yīsītǎnbǎo* *le.*
 tomorrow Monday night you then arrive Stamboul ASP
 -----Location: temporal----- Carrier VADV Process: circumstantial
 -----Adjunct----- Subject Adjunct Predicator Complement
 ----- (topical) Theme----- -----Rheme-----

('Tomorrow, Monday night, you will arrive Stamboul.')

56. *zhè huà* *tā* *yǐ* *bùshì* *diyī* *cì* *shuō* *le.*
 this conversation he already NEG first MEAS say ASP
 Verbiage Sayer VADV Time (deictic) Process: verbal
 Complement Subject Adjunct Adjunct Predicator
 (topical) Theme -----Rheme-----

(This conversation he did not mentioned for the first time.)

57. *huǒchē* *kāixíng* *zīqián*,
 train depart before
 Actor Process: material
 Subject Predicator
 (topical) Theme Rheme

(Before the train departed,)

58. *yuètái shàng de tánhuà duōshǎo miǎnbùle shì chōngfùxìng de.*
 platform upon ASSOC conversation more or less can't avoid EMP repetitive EMP
 -----Carrier----- VADV Process: ascriptive/Attributes
 -----Subject----- Adjunct Predicator
 -----(topical) Theme----- Rheme-----

(Conversation on the platform was apt to be repetitive.)

59. *'shì de.'*
 yes
 minor clause

('yes,')

60. *báiluo fùhè zhe shuō.*
 Poirot agree ASP say
 Sayer Process: verbal
 Subject Predicator
 (topical) Theme Rheme

(Poirot agreed.)

61. *'wǒ xiǎng, ...*
 I think
 Senser Process: mental
 Subject Predicator
 (topical) Theme Rheme
 (metaphorical realization of subjective probability of (62))

(I think...)

62. *nín zài nàlǐ shì yào tíng jǐtiān de ba?*
 you at there EMP want stop several day EMP NTR: int
 Actor Place (deictic) Process: material Range
 Subject Adjunct Predicator Adjunct Negotiator
 (topical) Theme -----Rheme-----

(...you would want to stay there for several days.)

63. *'shì ya, yīsitānbǎo zhè gè dūshì wǒ huán měi dào gūo ne,*
 yes Stamboul this MEAS city I still NEG: pf visit ASP NTR: ass
 -----Range----- Actor VADV Process: material
 -----Complement----- Subject Adjunct Predicator Negotiator
 (interp.) -----(topical) Theme----- Rheme-----

('Yes, Stamboul I have never been there before.)

64. *[[cuòguò le]] jiù tài kěxī le, shì ba?*
 missing ASP then too pity NTR: ass TAG
 Carrier VADV Process: ascriptive/Attribute
 Subject Adjunct Predicator Negotiator
 (topical) Theme -----Rheme-----

(Missing it will be a pity, won't it?)

65. *tā yǒushēngyǒusède jiāng shouzhǐ pāde tán le yī shēng.*
 he descriptively DISP: rec finger 'pa' snap ASP one MEAS
 Actor Manner Goal Man- Process: material -ner
 Subject Adjunct Complement Adjunct Predicator
 (topical) Theme -----Rheme-----

(He snapped his figures descriptively.)

66. *'wú shì yī shēn qīng,*
 without duty one body slight
 Matter Carrier Process: acriptive/Attribute
 Adjunct Subject Predicator
 (topical) Theme -----Rheme-----

(Without any duty, one feels so relax.)

67. *wǒ yào zài dāngdì hǎohǎo guānguāng yī fān.'*
 I have to at that place good visit one MEAS
 Actor Pro- Location: spatial Manner -cess: material VADV
 Subject Pre- Adjunct Adjunct -dicator Adjunct
 (topical) Theme -----Rheme-----

(I want to pay a good visit at that place.)

68. *'shèngsūfēi, bànjī le.'*
 Saint Sophie really fine NTR: ass
 Carrier Process: acritpive/Attribute
 Subject Predicator
 (topical) Theme Rheme

(‘Saint Sophie is really fine.’)

69. *dùbósikè zhōngwèi shuō*
 Dubosc Lieutenant say
 -----Sayer----- Process: verbal
 -----Subject----- Predicator
 -----(topical) Theme----- Rheme

(Lieutenant Dubosc said,)

70. *qíshí tā gēnběn měi-yǒu kān guò* -----
 in fact he indeed NEG: pf see ASP
 HCON Senser VADV Process: mental (Phenomenon)
 Subject Adjunct Predicator (Complement)
 (textual) (topical) Theme -----Rheme-----

(In fact, he has never been there before.)

71. *yī zhèn cìmiàn hán fēng xiàng yuètái hūxiào ěrguò,*
 one MEAS piercing face cold wind toward platform whistle pass
 -----Medium----- Location: spatial Process: material
 -----Subject----- Adjunct Predicator
 -----(topical) Theme----- Rheme-----

(A piercing cold wind came whistling toward the platform.)

72. *liǎng rén dōu dǎ le gè hánjìn.*
 two person also hit ASP MEAS shiver
 ----Actor---- VADV Process: material Range
 ---Subject-- Adjunct Predicator Complement
 (topical) Theme -----Rheme-----

(Both men shivered.)

73. *dùbósikè zhōngwèi tōutōu miáo le yī xià shǒubiǎo.*
 Dubosc Lieutenant surreptitious look at ASP one MEAS watch
 -----Senser ----- VADV Process: mental Phenomenon
 -----Subject ----- Adjunct Predicator Complement
 --(topical) Theme--- -----Rheme-----

(Lieutenant Dubosc took a glance at his watch surreptitiously.)

73. *chà wǔ fēn wǔ diǎn –*
 differ five minute five o'clock
 Process: categorising Carrier Attribute
 Predicator Subject Complement
 (topical) Theme -----Rheme-----

(For another five minutes, it will be five o'clock.)

75. *zhǐ chà wǔ fēnzhōng le*
 only differ five minute NTR: ass
 VADV Process: existential Existent
 Adjunct Predicator Subject Negotiator
 (interpersonal) (topical) Theme -----Rheme-----

(There is only five minutes left.)

76. ----- *kǒngpà*
 afraid
 (Senser) Process: mental
 (Subject) Predicator
 ((topical) Theme) Rheme
 ((He) was afraid that.....)

77. *[zhè rén kànjiàn*
 this person see
 Senser Process: mental
 Subject Predicator
 (topical) Theme Rheme

(...the man saw...)

78. *tā kàn le kàn shǒubiǎo,*
 he watch ASP watch watch
 Senser Process: mental Phenomenon
 Subject Predicator Complement
 (topical) Theme -----Rheme-----

(He had watched his watch.)

79. *tā yòu lìjī zhuà-qǐ le huàtí.*
 he again at once grasp up ASP topic of a conversation
 Actor VADV VADV Process: material Range
 Subject Adjunct Adjunct Predicator Complement
 (topical) Theme -----Rheme-----

(Once again, he grasped at a new topic of the conversation.)

80. ‘*zhè jìjié zhēn méi-yǒu shěnmé rén lǚxíng a.*’
 this season really NEG whatever person travel NTR: ass
 Location: temporal VADV VADV Actor Process: material
 Adjunct Adjunct Adjunct Subject Predicator Negotiator
 (topical) Theme -----Rheme-----

(‘There are few people travelling in this season.’)

81. *tā shuō zhe*
 he say ASP
 Sayer Process: verbal
 Subject Predicator
 (topical) Theme Rheme

(As he was saying.)

82. ----- *cháo shàngfāng wǒpùchēxiāng de chuānghù kàn le yī yǎn*
 toward upward sleeping coach ASSOC window watch ASP one eye
 (Sensor) -----Location: spatial----- Process: material
 (Subject) -----Adjunct----- Predicator
 ((topical) Theme) -----Rheme-----

(he glanced up at the window of the sleeping coach above them.)

83. ‘[[*shuō de*]] *shì ya.*’
 say CC right NTR: ass
 Carrier Process: ascriptive/Attribute
 Subject Predicator Negotiator
 (topical) Theme Rheme

(‘What you have said is right.’)

84. *báiluo xiānshēng diǎntóu yīng zhe.*
 Poirot Mr nod head reply ASP
 Sayer Process: verbal
 Subject Predicator
 (topical) Theme -----Rheme-----

(Mr. Poirot nodded his head.)

85. ‘ ----- *dànyuàn*
 hope
 (Sensor) Process: mental
 (Subject) Predicator
 ((topical) Theme) Rheme
 ((I) hope that)

86. *nín cǐ xíng bié jiào tuōlǔsīhān zhong de dàxuě gěi dǎngzhù le.*
 you this trip NEG DISP: rec Taurus inside ASSOC snow DISP: rec block ASP
 -----Goal----- -----Actor----- Process: material
 ---Subject--- Adjunct -----Adjunct----- Predicator
 ((topical) Theme) -----Rheme-----

(your trip will not be blocked by the snow at Taurus.)

87. ‘----- *huì* ----- *ma?*’
 possible NTR: int
 (Actor) (Process: material)
 (Subject) (Predicator) Negotiator
 ((topical) Theme) -----Rheme-----

(Will that be possible?)

88. ‘----- *yǐqián* ----- *yǒu quò de,*
 before have ASP EMP
 (Actor) Location: tempoal Process: material
 (Subject) Adjunct Predicator
 ((topical) Theme) -----Rheme-----

(That had happened before.)

89. *bùguò jīnnián ----- dào huán méi fāshēng ni.*
 however this year still NEG happen NTR: ass
 HCON Location: temporal (Actor) VADV Process: material
 Adjunct Adjunct (Subject) Adjunct Predicator Negotiator
 (textual) (topical) Theme -----Rheme-----

(However, this year (that) has not happened yet.)

90. ‘----- *dànyuàn* ----- *rúcǐ,*’
 hope as that
 (Senser) Process: mental Phenomenon
 (Subject) Predicator Complement
 ((topical) Theme) -----Rheme-----

((I) hope it will be that.)

91. *báiluo xiànshēng shuō.*
 Poirot Mr say
 Sayer Process: verbal
 Subject Predicator
 (topical) Theme Rheme
 (Mr. Poirot said.)

92. ‘*cóng ōuzhōu lái de qìxiàn bàogào kě shízài hěn bù lèguān.*’
 from Europe come SUB weather report however really very NEG optimistic
 -----Carrier----- CON VADV Process: ascriptive/Attribute
 -----Subject----- Adjunct Adjunct Predicator
 -----((topical) Theme)----- -----Rheme-----

(The weather report from Europe however is not very optimistic.)

93. '-----
 hěn bù hǎo.
 very NEG good
 Process: ascriptive/Attribute
 Predicator
 ((topical) Theme) -----Rheme-----

 (It is very bad.)
94. bāěrgǎn nàbiān fēngxuě hěn dà. '
 Balkans there snow very large
 Location: spatial Carrier Process: ascriptive/Attribute
 Subject Predicator
 ((topical) Theme -----Rheme-----

 (There is much snow in the Balkans.)
95. '----- tīng-shuō
 hearsay
 Process: mental
 Predicator
 ((topical) Theme) Rheme

 ((I) heard that.....)
96. zài déguó ----- xià de yě hěn lìhài. '
 at Germany fall CC also very heavy
 Location: spatial (Actor) Process: material VADV Manner
 Adjunct (Subject) Predicator Adjunct Adjunct
 ((topical) Theme -----Rheme-----

 (It is snowing heavy in Germany too.)
97. 'shì he, '
 yes
 minor clause
98. dūbósīkè zhōngwèi gǎndào.....
 Dubosc Lieutenant feel
 -----Senser----- Process: mental
 -----Subject----- Predicate
 ---(topical) Theme-- Rheme

 (Lieutenant Dubosc felt that...)
99. líng yī cì wúyán de gāngà yòu yào fāshēng,
 another one MEAS speechless NOM embarrassment again has to happen
 -----Medium----- VADV Process: material
 -----Subject----- Adjunct Predicator
 -----((topical) Theme----- -----Rheme-----

 (another speechless embarrassment was going to happen.)

100. ----- *gǎnkuài jiēzhe shuō.*
 hastily continuously say
(Sayer) Manner Manner Process: verbal
(Subject) Adjunct Adjunct Predicator
((topical) Theme) -----Rheme-----

((He) said hastily.

Text 2

101. ‘*ābósīnuò shāngxiào, dàiběnhàn xiǎojiě huòxǔ*
 Arbutnot Colonel Debenham Miss perhaps
 Carrier VADV
 Vocative Subject Adjunct
 (interpersonal) (topical) Theme -----

kěyǐ chēngzhīwèi yī wèi fēicháng kěyí de rénwù.
 can be called one MEAS very suspicious NOM character
 Process: categorising -----Attribute-----
 Predicator -----Complement-----
 -----Rheme-----

(Colonel Arthbutnot, Miss Debenham can perhaps be called a highly suspicious character.)

102. ‘----- *huāngmiù,*
 nonsense
 (Carrier) Process: ascriptive/Attribute
 (Subject) Predicator
 ((topical) Theme) Rheme

(‘(It is) nonsense,’)

103. *shāngxiào huà zhōng tòu zhe wēnqīng.*
 Colonel talk inside express ASP warmth feeling
 ----Actor---- Process: material Manner
 -- Subject-- Predicator Adjunct
 (absolute) (topical) Theme -----Rheme-----

(Colonel’s talk expressed a sense of warmness.)

104. ‘----- *bìngbù huāngmiù.*
 NEG nonsense
 (Carrier) Process: ascriptive/Attribute
 (Subject) Predicator
 ((topical) Theme) -----Rheme-----

(‘It is not nonsense.’)

105. ‘*nǐ shì zhǎo bù dào tā shénme máfan de.*
 you EMP find NEG reach she any trouble EMP
 Actor Process: material -----Range-----
 Subject Predicator -----Complement-----
 (topical) Theme -----Rheme-----

(‘You can’t find anything against her.’)

106. 'nàme, [[dàiběnhàn xiǎojiě << >> dānrèn
 how about, Debenham Miss work-at
 VADV Actor Process: material
 Subject Predicator
 (textual) (topical) Theme -----

tāmen jiāting jiàoshī]] zhè jiàn shì ne?'
 their family teacher this MEAS matter NTR: ass
 Range
 Complement Negotiator
 -----Rheme-----

(How about the fact that Miss Debenham << >> was the private tutor in their household?)

107. <<zài xiǎo dàixī āmūsīzhuàng bèi ----- bǎngpiào shí,>>
 at little Daisy Armstrong DISP: rec kidnap when
 Goal (Actor) Process: material PCON
 Subject Adjunct Predicator
 (textual) (topical) Theme -----Rheme-----

(when little Daisy Armstrong was kidnapped,)

108. piànkèjiān, ----- yī piàn sǐ jì.
 suddenly one MEAS dead silence
 VADV (Carrier) Process: ascriptive/Attribute
 Adjunct (Subject) Predicator
 (interpersonal) ((topical) Theme) -----Rheme-----

(Suddenly, (the room was filled with) a minute's dead silence.

109. báilúo qīngqīng diǎn le diǎn tóu.
 Poirot slightly nod ASP nod head
 Actor Manner Process: material
 Subject Adjunct Predicator
 (topical) Theme -----Rheme-----

(Poirot slightly nodded his head.)

110. 'nǐ qiáo,'
 you see
 minor clause
 ('You see,')

111. tā shuō,
 he say
 Sayer Process: verbal
 Subject Predicator
 (topical) Theme Rheme

(he said,)

112. ‘[[wǒmen zhīdào de]] bǐ [[nǐ suǒ rènwéi de]] yào duō ba.’
 we know SUB compare you that think SUB have to many NTR: ass
 -----Carrier----- -----Manner----- Process: ascriptive/Attribute
 -----Subject----- -----Adjunct----- Predicator Negotiator
 ---((topical) Theme)-----Rheme-----

(we know more than you think.)

113. ruòshì dài běnhàn xiǎojiě shì wúguī de,
 if Debenham Miss EMP innocent EMP
 HCON Carrier Process: ascriptive/Attribute
 Subject Predicator
 (textual) (topical) Theme -----Rheme-----

(If Miss Debenham is innocent,)

114. tā wèishénme yào yǐnmán zhì xiàng shìshí?
 she Q-why have to conceal this MEAS fact
 Actor Cause Process: material Range
 Subject Adjunct Predicator Complement
 (topical) Theme -----Rheme-----

(why did she conceal that fact?)

115. tā wèishénme yào gàosù wǒ
 she Q-why have to tell me
 Sayer Cause Process: verbal Receiver
 Subject Adjunct Predicator Complement
 (topical) Theme -----Rheme-----

(Why did she tell me that?)

116. tā cóng měiyǎo qù guò měiguó?
 she from NEG: pf go ASP America
 Actor Process: material Range
 Subject Predicator Complement
 (topical) Theme -----Rheme-----

(she had never been in America?)

117. shāngxiào qīng le yī xià hóulóng ,
 Colonel clear ASP one MEAS throat
 Actor Process: material Range
 Subject Predicator Complement
 (topical) Theme -----Rheme-----

(The Colonel cleared his throat)

118. ----- shuō,
 say
 (Sayer) Process: verbal
 (Subject) Predicator
 ((topical) Theme) Rheme

((he said,)

119. 'ní bù huì nòng cuò le ma?'
 you NEG possible make wrong ASP NTR: int
 Carrier Process: ascriptive/Attribute
 Subject Predicator Negotiator
 (topical) Theme -----Rheme-----
 (Weren't you possibly making a mistake?)
120. 'wǒ měi-yǒu gāo cuò.
 I NEG: pf make wrong
 Carrier Process: ascriptive/Attribute
 Subject Predicator
 Topical Theme -----Rheme-----
 ('I am not making any mistake.')
121. wèishénme dàiběnhàn xiǎojiě yào duì wǒ sǎhuǎng?'
 Q-why Debenham Miss have to towards I lie
 Cause Actor Pro- Range -cess: material
 Adjunct Subject Pre- Complement -dicator
 (interpersonal + topical) Theme -----Rheme-----
 (Why did Miss Debenham lie to me?)
122. shāngxiào sǒng zhe jiānbǎng
 Colonel shrug ASP shoulder
 Actor Process: material Range
 Subject Predicator Complement
 (topical) Theme -----Rheme-----
 (The Colonel shrugged his shoulder and said,)
123. ----- shuō,
 say
 (Sayer) Process: verbal
 (Subject) Predicator
 ((topical) Theme) Rheme
 ((he) said,)
124. 'zhè nǐ zuìhǎo qù wèn tā.
 this you the best go ask she
 Verbiage Sayer VADV Process: verbal Receiver
 Complement Subject Adjunct Predicator Complement
 (topical) Theme -----Rheme-----
 (As for this, you had better ask her.)

125. *wǒ réngrán rènwěi*
 I still think
 Senser VADV Process: mental
 Subject Adjunc Predicator
 (topical) Theme -----Rheme-----
 (metaphorical realization of subjective probability of (126))
 (I still think that.....)
126. *nǐ nòng cuò le.*
 you make wrong ASP
 Carrier Process: ascriptive/Attribute
 Subject Predicator
 (topical) Theme -----Rheme-----
 (you are wrong.)
127. *báiluo tígāo le sāngmén zhāohuàn*
 Poirot raise ASP voice call
 Actor Pro- Range -cess: material
 Subject Pre- Complement -dicator
 (topical) Theme -----Rheme-----
 (Poirot raised his voice and called.)
128. *yī míng cānchē fúwùyuán zì chē líng yī duān de mén jìn-lái*
 one MEAS dining-car attendant from car another one end ASSOC door enter-come
 -----Actor----- -----Location: spatial----- Process: material
 -----Subject----- -----Adjunct----- Predicator
 -----((topical) Theme)----- -----Rheme-----
 (A diner-car attendant came from the other end of the car.)
129. ‘----- qù dìshíyī hào fángjiān
 ‘ go eleventh number room
 (Actor) Process: material Range
 (Subject) Predicator Complement
 ((topical) Theme) -----Rheme-----
 (‘Go to room 11.)
130. ----- qǐng nà wèi yīngguó xiǎojiě,
 invite that MEAS British lady
 (Actor) Process: material Goal
 (Subject) Predicator Complement
 ((topical) Theme) -----Rheme-----
 (Invite that British lady.)
131. *piānláo tā guò-lái yī xià.*
 trouble she come one MEAS
 Actor Process: material Time (deictic)
 POLITE Subject Predicator Adjunct
 (interpersonal) (topical) Theme -----Rheme-----
 (Ask her to come for a while.)

132. 'shì, xiānshēng.'
'yes, Mr.'
minor clause
(‘Yes, sir.’)
133. nà rén lí-qù.
that person leave-go
Actor Process: material
Subject Predicator
(topical) Theme Rheme

(The man departed.)
134. fáng nèi sì rén jìngjìde zuò zhe.
room inside four people silently sit ASP
Location: spatial Actor Manner Process: material
Adjunct Subject Adjunct Predicator
(topical) Theme -----Rheme-----

(The four men in the room sat in silence.)
135. ābósīnuò shàngxiào de liǎn, yīrú mùkèbānde jiāngyìng, bù dòng shēng sè
Arbuthnot Colonel POSS face, like wood-carve rigid, not move sound colour
-----Carrier----- -----Manner----- Process: ascriptive/Attribute
-----Subject----- -----Adjunct----- Predicator
------(topical) Theme----- -----Rheme-----

(Colonel Arbuthnot’s face looked as if though it were carved out of wood, rigid and impassive.)
136. nà rén huí-lái le.
that person back-come ASP
Actor Process: material
Subject Predicator
(topical) Theme -----Rheme-----

(The man came back.)
137. 'xiǎojiě lìkè jiù lái, xiānshēng.'
Miss immediately then come, Mr
Actor VADV VADV Process: material
Subject Adjunct Adjunct Predicator Vocative
(topical) Theme -----Rheme-----

(The lady will come at once, sir.)
138. 'xièxiè nǐ.'
thank you
minor clause
(‘Thank you.’)

139. *liāng fēnzhōng hòu, mǎlǐ dàibēnhàn xǐǎojiě lài-dào le cānchē.*
 two minute later Mary Debenham Miss come-reach ASP restaurant-car
 Location: temporal Actor Process: material Range
 Adjunct Subject Predicator Complement
 (topical) Theme -----Rheme-----

(Two minutes later, Mary Debenham entered the dining-car.)

140. *tā měiyǒu dài màozi.*
 she NEG wear hat
 Actor Process: material Range
 Subject Predicator Complement
 (topical) Theme -----Rheme-----

(She did not wear any hat.)

141. *tā de tóu fǎnkàngxíngde wǎng hòu áng zhe.*
 she POSS head defiance towards back head-up ASP
 Actor Manner Location: spatial Process: material
 Subject Adjunct Adjunct Predicator
 (topical) Theme -----Rheme-----

(Her head was thrown back as though in defiance.)

142. *tóufǎ zì ébù wǎng hòu shū le guòqù,*
 hair from forehead towards back comb ASP go
 Actor Location: spatial Process: material
 Subject Adjunct Predicator
 (topical) Theme -----Rheme-----

(The sweep of her hair back from her forehead,)

143. *bíkǒng de húxiàn, zàizài xiàng yī zhī chuántóu shàng de diāoxiàng,*
 nostril ASSOC curve very similar to one MEAS ship-head upon ASSOC status
 Carrier -----Process: circumstantial/Attribute-----
 Subject Predicator -----Complement-----
 (topical) Theme -----Rheme-----

(the curve of her nostril looked like the figure-head of a ship,)

144. ----- *wúwèide chōng-xiàng xiāngyǒng de hǎilàng.*
 gallantly dash-towards rough NOM sea-wave
 (Actor) Manner Process: material Location: spatial
 (Subject) Adjunct Predicator Adjunct
 (Topical Theme) -----Rheme-----

(Plunging gallantly into a rough sea.)

145. *zài zhè yīchànnàjiān, tā díquè shì měilì de.*
 at this very moment she really EMP beautiful EMP
 Location: temporal Carrier VADV Process: ascriptive/Attribute
 Adjunct Subject Adjunct Predicator
 (topical) Theme -----Rheme-----

(At this very moment, she was really beautiful.)

146. *tā de yǎnguāng tóu-xiàng le ābósīnuò –*
 she POSS gaze throw-towards ASP Arthbutnot
 Actor Process: material Range
 Subject Predicator Complement
 (topical) Theme -----Rheme-----

(Her eyes went to Arbuthnot-)

147. ----- *què yě zhǐ tíng le nàma yī chàna.*
 but also only stop ASP such one short moment
 (Actor) PCON VADV VADV Process: material Extent
 (Subject) Adjunct Predicator Adjunct
 ((topical) Theme) -----Rheme-----

(But also only stopped for a very short moment.)

148. *tā duì báiluo shuō,*
 she to Poirot say
 Sayer Receiver Process: verbal
 Subject Complement Predicator
 (topical) Theme -----Rheme-----

(She asked Poirot,)

149. *‘nǐ yào jiàn wǒ ma?’*
 you want see I NTR: int
 Senser Process: mental Phenomenon
 Subject Predicator Complement Negotiator
 (topical) Theme -----Rheme-----

(‘Do you want to see me?’)

150. *‘wǒ xiǎng wèn nǐ, xiǎojiě,*
 I want ask you Miss
 Senser Process: verbal Receiver
 Subject Predicator Complement Votive
 (topical) Theme -----Rheme-----

(I want to ask you, Miss,)

151. *jīntiān zǎoshàng nǐ wèishénme yào duì wǒmen shuōhuǎng?’*
 today morning you Q-why have to towards we lying
 Location: temporal Actor Cause Pro- Range -cess: material
 Adjunct Subject Adjunct Pre- Complement -dicator
 (topical) Theme -----Rheme-----

(This morning, why did you lie to us?)

152. ‘----- *duì nǐmen shuōhuǎng?*
 towards you lying
 (Actor) Range Process: material
 (Subject) Complement Predicator
 ((topical) Theme) -----Rheme-----

(Lying to you?)

153. *wǒ bù dǒng nǐ de yìyì.*
 I NEG understand you POSS meaning
 Senser Process: mental Phenomenon
 Subject Predicator Complement
 (topical) Theme -----Rheme-----

(I don't understand what you mean.)

154. *'nǐ yǐnmán le << >> [[nǐ zhèngzài tāmen jiā de]] shíshí*
 you conceal ASP you at that very moment their home SUB fact
 Actor Process: material -----Range-----
 Subject Predicator -----Complement-----
 (topical) Theme -----Rheme-----

(You concealed that you were actually at their home.

155. *<< zài ārmǔsīzhuàng bēijù fāshēng de dāng-shí,>>*
 at Armstrong tragedy happen EMP when
 HCON Actor Process: material PCON
 Subject Predicator
 (textual) (topical) Theme Rheme

(when the Armstrong's tragedy was happened,)

156. *nǐ hái gàosù wǒmen*
 you also tell we
 Sayer VADV Process: verbal Receiver
 Subject Adjunct Predicator Complement
 (topical) Theme -----Rheme-----

(You also told us that.....)

157. *nǐ cóngméi qù guò měiguó.'*
 you NEG: pf go ASP America
 Actor Process: material Range
 Subject Predicator Complement
 (topical) Theme -----Rheme-----

(you had never been to America.)

158. *tā zhùyì-dào*
 he notice-reach
 Senser Process: mental
 Subject Predicator
 (topical) Theme Rheme

(He noticed that)

159. *tā wèiqiè le piànkè,*
 she flinch ASP a moment
 Senser Process: mental Circumstance
 Subject Predicator Adjunct
 (topical) Theme -----Rheme-----

(she flinched for a moment,)

160. *què* ----- *hěn kuài yòu huīfù guòlái.*
but very quick again recover through-come
HCON (Actor) Manner VADV Process: material
(Subject) Adjunct Adjunct Predicator
(textual) ((topical) Theme) -----Rheme-----
(but recovered very quickly.)
161. ‘*shì-de,*’
yes
minor clause
(Yes)
162. *tā shuō,*
she say
Sayer Process: verbal
Subject Predicator
(topical) Theme Rheme
(she said,)
163. ‘----- *shì zhēn de.*’
EMP true EMP
(Carrier) Process: ascriptive/Attribute
(Subject) Predicator
((topical) Theme) -----Rheme-----
((it) is true/ (what I said) is true.)
164. ‘*bù, xiǎojiǔ, ----- shì jiǎ de.*’
no Miss EMP false EMP
(Carrier) Process: ascriptive/Attribute
Vocative (Subject) Predicator
(interp.) (interpersonal) ((topical) Theme) -----Rheme-----
(‘No, Miss, (it) was false / (what you said) is false.’)
165. ‘*nǐ wùhuì le wǒ de yìsī,*
you misunderstand ASP I POSS meaning
Senser Process: mental: Phenomenon
Subject Predicator Complement
(topical) Theme -----Rheme-----
(‘You misunderstood my meaning.)
166. *wǒ shì shuō*
I EMP say
Sayer Process: verbal
Subject Predicator
(topical) Theme -----Rheme---
(I said.....)

167.	[[wǒ gēn nǐ shuō le huǎng]]	shì zhēn de.
	I with you say ASP lying	EMP true EMP
	-----Carrier-----	Process: ascriptiveAttribute
	-----Subject-----	Predicator
	------(topical) Theme-----	-----Rheme-----
	(it is true that I lied to you.)	

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168. *báiluo qīng le qīng hóulóng*
 Poirot clear ASP clear throat
 Actor Process: material Range
 Subject Predicator Complement
 (topical) Theme -----Rheme-----

(Poirot cleared his throat)

169. ----- *shuō*
 say
 (Sayer) Process: verbal
 (Subject) Predicator
 ((topical) Theme) Rheme

((he said,)

170. ‘*gè wèi xiān shēng, gè wèi nǚshì, wǒ xiǎng*
 every MEAS gentlemen every MEAS ladies I think
 ----- Senser Process: mental:
 -----Vocative----- Subject Predicator
 -----(interpersonal)----- (topical) Theme Rheme
 (metaphorical realization of subjective probability of (171))

(Ladies and gentlemen, I think...)

171. *wǒ shuō yīngwén ba,*
 I speak English NTR: ass
 Actor Process: material Range
 Subject Predicator Complement Negotiator
 (topical) Theme -----Rheme-----

(I speak in English,)

172. *yīn wéi wǒ zhīdào*
 because I know
 PCON Senser Process: mental
 Subject Predicator
 (textual) (topical) Theme Rheme

(because I know...)

173. *dàjiā dōu dǒng yī xiē yīngwén.*
 everyone also understand one MEAS English
 Senser VADV Process: mental Phenomenon
 Subject Adjunct Predicator Complement
 (topical) Theme -----Rheme-----

(everyone of us understand some English.)

174. *wǒmen jù zài zhèlǐ*
 we gather at here
 Actor Process: material Place (deictic)
 Subject Predicator Adjunct
 (topical) Theme -----Rheme-----
 (we gather here)
175. ----- *shì tiàochá* *[[shānmǔěr àidéhuá luójiǎdé << >>]*
 EMP investigate Samuel Edward Ratchett
 (Actor) Process: material -----
 (Subject) Predicator -----
 ((topical) Theme) -----Rheme-----
bèi cì de]] zhēnxiàng de
 DISP: rec kill SUB truth EMP
 -----Range-----
 -----Complement-----

 (to investigate the truth of the murder of Samuel Edward Ratchett)
176. ----- *<<yě jiùshì kāsàití>>*
 also be Cassetti
 (Token) VADV Process: identifying Value
 (Subject) Adjunct Predicator Complement
 ((topical) Theme) -----Rheme-----
 ((he) was also called Cassetti)
177. *zhěnpò běn àn yǒu liǎng xiàng kěnéng de lùndiǎn.*
 solve this case be two MEAS probable NOM point of view
 Cause: purpose Process: existential -----Existent-----
 Adjunct Predicator -----Subject-----
 (topical) Theme -----Rheme-----
 (To solve the case, there are two solutions.)
178. *wǒ xiànzài gěi gè wèi fēnxī shuō-míng,*
 I now for every MEAS explain say-clear
 Actor Time (deictic) Beneficiary Process: material
 Subject Adjunct Complement Predicator
 (topical) Theme -----Rheme-----
 (Now I will explain it clearly for every of you.)
179. *ránhòu yóu bōk xiānshēng, kāngsīdāndīng yīshī lái pànduàn*
 then by Bouc Mr. Constantine Dr come judge
 HCON -----Senser ----- Process: mental
 Adjunct Adjunct -----Subject----- Predicator
 (textual) -----((topical) Theme)-----Rheme-----
 (Then Mr. Bouc and Dr. Constantine will judge)

180. *nǎ yī xiàng lùndiǎn shì zhèngquè de.*
 which one MEAS viewpoint EMP right EMP
 Carrier Process: ascriptive/Attribute
 Subject Predicator
 (topical) Theme -----Rheme-----

(which solution is right)

181. *wǒ xiǎng*
 I think
 Senser Process: mental
 Subject Predicator
 (topical) Theme Rheme
 (metaphorical realization of subjective probability of (182))

(I think...)

182. *yǒuguān běn àn de gè zhǒng shìshí, gè wèi dōu zhīdào le.*
 concern this case ASSOC every MEAS fact, every MEAS also know ASP
 Phenomenon Senser VADV Process: mental
 Complement Subject Adjunct Predicator
 (topical) Theme -----Rheme-----

(every fact concerning this case, everyone of you has already known.)

183. *luójiǎdé xiānshēng zài jīntiān jīng fāxiàn bèi cì shēnsǐ.*
 Ratchett Mr. at today DISP: rec find DISP: rec stab dead
 Goal Location: Actor Process: Actor Process: Range
 temporal material material
 Subject Adjunct Adjunct Predicator Adjunct Predicator Adjunct
 (topical) Theme -----Rheme-----

(Mr. Ratchett was found stabbed this morning.)

184. *jù wǒmen suǒzhī, [[tā zuìhòu shēngcún de]] shíkè*
 according we known he latest live SUB time
 Angle -----Token-----
 Adjunct -----Subject-----
 (topical) Theme -----Rheme-----

shì zuótiān yè lǐ shíèr diǎn sānshíqī fēn,
 be yesterday night inside twelve o'clock thirty-seven minute
 Process: identifying -----Value-----
 Predicator -----Complement-----
 -----Rheme-----

(According to what we know, the latest time that he was alive is twenty-three minutes to one last night.)

185. *nà shí tā gézhe fāngmén yǔ wòpūlièchēzhāng shuō guò huà.*
 that time he through door with the Wagon Lit say ASP conversation
 Location: Actor Location: Accompaniment Process: material
 temporal spatial
 Adjunct Subject Adjunct Adjunct Predicator
 (topical) Theme -----Rheme-----

(At that time, he spoke with the Wagon Lit through the door.)

186. *zài sīzhě shuīyī kǒudài zhōng, fāxiàn le*
 at the body pyjama pocket inside, find ASP
 Location: spatial Process: existential
 Adjunct Predicator
 (topical) Theme Rheme

yī zhī [[biǎomiàn zǎsuì le de]] shǒubiǎo,
 one MEAS surface of the watch break ASP SUB watch
 -----Existent-----
 -----Subject-----
 -----Rheme-----

(A watch which surface was broken was found in the pocket of the body's pyjama.)

187. *shízhēn shì tíng zài yī diǎn yīkè shàng.*
 the hand of the watch EMP stop at one o'clock quarter upon
 Actor Process: material -----Location: temporal-----
 Subject Predicator -----Adjunct-----
 (topical) Theme -----Rheme-----

(The watch stopped at a quarter past one.)

188. *shēn fāxiàn hòu,*
 body found after
 Actor Process: material PCON
 Subject Predicator
 (topical) Theme -----Rheme-----

(After the body was found,)

189. *[[yàn shī de]] kāngsìdāndīng yīshī zhǐchū:*
 examine body SUB Constantine Dr. point out
 Sayer Process: verbal
 Subject Predicator
 (topical) Theme Rheme

(Dr. Constantine, who examined the body, pointed out...)

190. *[[sǐzhě sǐwáng de]] shíjiàn yīng zài wǎnyè zhì língchén èr shí zhījiàn*
 the deceased die SUB time must be/at mid-night to early morning two o'clock between
 Carrier Process: Circumstantial/Attribute
 Subject Predicator/Adjunct
 (topical) Theme -----Rheme-----

(the time of death must be between midnight and two in the morning.)

191. *gè wèi dōu zhīdào,*
 every MEAS also know
 Senser VADV Process: mental
 Subject Adjunct Predicator
 (topical) Theme -----Rheme-----

(Every of you know...)

192. *huǒchē zài shíèr shí bàn zuǒyòu bèi fēngxuě kùnzhu le.*
 train at twelve o'clock half about DISP: rec snow block ASP
 Goal Location: temporal Actor Process: material
 Subject Adjunct Adjunct Predicator
 (topical) Theme -----Rheme-----

(the train was blocked at about half past twelve.)

193. *ér zài nà shí zhīhòu, rènhé rén*
 and at that time after any people
 PCON Location: temporal Actor
 Adjunct Subject
 (textual) (topical) Theme Rheme

dōu bù kěnéng líkāi lièchē de.
 also NEG possible leave train EMP
 VADV Process: material Range
 Adjunct Predicator Complement
 -----Rheme-----

(After that time, nobody could leave the train.)

194. *gēnjù hārdémàn xiānshēng de zhèngcí, tā shì*
 according Hardman Mr POSS evidence he be
 Angle Carrier Process: categorising
 Adjunct Subject Predicator
 (topical) Theme ----Rheme----

niúyūe yī jiā zhēntàn fúwù gōngsī de zhēntàn
 New York one MEAS detective service company ASSOC detective
 -----Attribute-----
 -----Complement-----
 -----Rheme-----

(According to Mr. Hardman's evidence, he is a detective from a detective agency in New York)

195. *(yǒu jǐ míng lǚkè*
 be several MEAS traveler
 Process: existential Existent
 Predicator Subject
 (topical) Theme -----Rheme-----

(There are several travelers)

196. ----- *niǔ tóu kàn le hǎdémān yī yǎn*
 turn head watch ASP Hardman one MEAS
 (Sensor) Process: material Pro- Phenomenon -cess: mental
 (Subject) Predicator Pre- Complement -dicator
 ((topical) Theme) -----Rheme-----

((they) turned their heads and glanced at Hardman)

197. ----- *zhǐ-chū*
 point out
 (Sayer) Process: verbal
 (Subject) Predicator
 ((topical) Theme) Rheme

((he) pointed out...)

198. *rènhé yī gè rén jīngguò*
 any one MEAS person pass
 Actor Process: material
 Subject Predicator
 (topical) Theme Rheme

tā de fángmén (dì shíliù hào, zài zuì wěi yī jiàn)
 he POSS door the sixteen number at the last one MEAS
 Range
 Complement
 -----Rheme-----

(Anyone passed at his door – No. 16 at the extreme end,)

199. ----- *tā dōu huì kànjiàn.*
 he also possible see
 (Phenomenon) Senser VADV Process: mental
 (Complement) Subject Adjunct Predicator
 ((topical) Theme) -----Rheme-----

(...he could see.)

200. *yīncǐ wǒmen wú fǎ bù zhèyàng lùndìng:*
 thus we no way NEG such conclude
 PCON Senser Contingency: condition Process: mental
 Subject Adjunct Predicator
 (textual) (topical) Theme -----Rheme-----

(We are thus forced to conclude...)

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|----------------------|-----------------|--------------|-------------|-----------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------------|---------------|
| <i>kālái</i> | <i>chēxiāng</i> | <i>zhōng</i> | <i>wòpù</i> | <i>fángjiān</i> | <i>lǐ</i> | <i>de</i> | <i>yī</i> | <i>míng</i> | <i>lǚkè</i> . |
| Calais | coach | inside | sleeping | coach | inside | ASSOC | one | MEAS | traveler |
| -----Attribute----- | | | | | | | | | |
| -----Complement----- | | | | | | | | | |
| ----- | | | | | | | | | |

<i>zhè</i>	<i>kěyǐ</i>	<i>shuō,</i>	[[<i>bēnlái</i>	<i>shì</i>	<i>wǒmen</i>	<i>de</i>]]	<i>lùndiǎn</i>
this	possible	say	original	be	our	SUB	view point
Token	Process: identifying		-----Value-----				
Subject	Predicate		-----Complement-----				
Topical Theme	-----Rheme-----						

(This can be said our original point of view.)

Appendix K
Thematic progression of Texts 1-3

Text 1


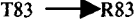
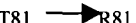

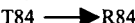

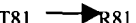



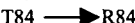

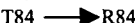
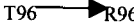
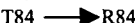
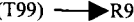

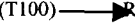
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3	Topical/ Circumstance (marked)	<div>T3→R3 ↓ (T4)→R4 ↓ [T11] T5→R5 ↓ T6→R6 ↓ T7→R7 ↓ [T28]</div>
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5	Absolute + Topical/ Subject	
6	Interpersonal + Topical/ Subject	
7	Topical/Circumstance (marked)	

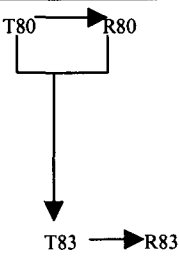
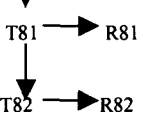
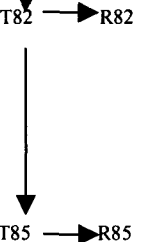
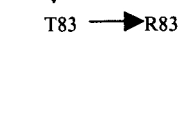
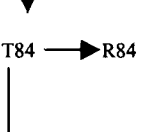
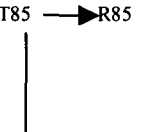
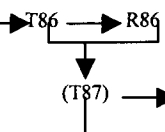
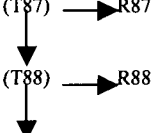
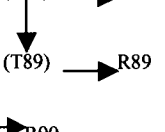
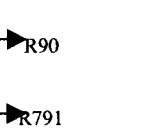
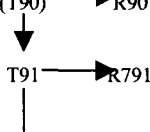
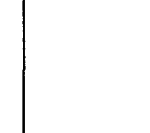
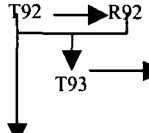
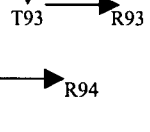

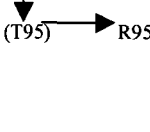
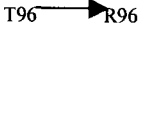

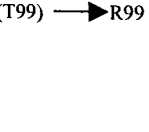
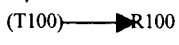
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'28' A:	Topical/ Subject	
29	Topical/ Subject	
30	Topical/ Subject	
'31' A:	Topical/ Subject	
'32' A:	Topical/ Subject	
'33' A:	Topical/ Subject	
'34' A:	Topical/ Subject	
'35' A:	Topical/ Subject	

36<37>	Absolute + Topical/ Subject	<pre>graph TD T36 --> R36 T36 --> T38 T38 --> R38 T38 --> T39 T39 --> R39 T39 --> T40 T40 --> R40 T40 --> T41 T41 --> R41 T41 --> T42 T42 --> R42 T42 --> T43 T43 --> R43 T43 --> T44 T44 --> R44 T44 --> T45 T45 --> R45 T45 --> [60]</pre>
38	Topical/ Subject	
'39' B:	Textual + Topical/ Subject	
'40' B:	Topical/ Subject	
41	Topical/ Subject	
42	Topical/ Subject	
'43' A:	Absolute + Topical/ Subject	
'44' A:	Topical/ Subject	
45	Topical/ Subject	

Clause	Theme Type	Thematic progression pattern (Text 1 paragraph 6, 7 & 8)
46	Absolute + Topical/ Subject	<div><div>T36→R36</div><div>T47→R47</div><div>T48→R48</div><div>T49→R49</div><div>T50→R50</div><div>T51→R51</div><div>T52→R52</div><div>[T54]</div></div>
47	Absolute + Topical/ Subject	
48	Topical/ Subject	
49	Topical/ Subject	
50	Topical/ Subject	
51	Topical/ Subject	
52	Topical/ Subject	
'53' C:	Topical/ Subject	<div><div>T53→R53</div><div>T54→R54</div><div>T55→R55</div><div>[T61]</div></div>
54	Topical/ Subject	
'55' C:	Topic/ circumstance	
56	Topical/ Verbiage (marked)	<div><div>T56→R56</div><div>T57→R57</div><div>T55→R55</div></div>
57	Topical/ Subject	
58	Topic/ Subject	

Clause	Theme Type	Thematic progression pattern (Text 1 paragraph 9)	
		Dialogue	interjection
'59' B:	minor clause		
60	Topical/ Subject		T60 → R60
'61' C:	Topical/ Subject (interpersonal metaphor)	T61 → R61	
'62' C:	Topical/ Subject	T62 → R62	
'63' B:	Interpersonal + Topical/ Range	T63 → R63	
'64' B:	Topical/ Subject	T64 → R64	
65	Topical/ Subject		T65 → R65
'66' B:	Topical/ Subject	T66 → R66	
'67' B:	Topical/ Subject	T67 → T67	
'68' C:	Topical/ Subject	[T77] T68 → R68	
69	Topical/ Subject		T69 → R69
70	Textual + Topical/ Subject		T70 R70 [T73]

Clause	Theme Type	Thematic progression pattern (Text 1 paragraph 11)	
		dialogue	interjection
'80' C:	Topical/ Circumstance (marked)		
81	Topical/ Subject		
82	Topical/ Subject		
'83' B:	Topical/ Subject		
84	Topical/ Subject		
'85' C:	Topical/ Subject		
'86' C:	Topical/ Subject		
'87' B:	Topical/ Subject		
'88' C:	Topical/ Subject		
'89' C:	Topical/ Subject		
'90' B:	Topical/ Subject		
91	Topical/ Subject		
'92' B:	Topical/ Subject		
'93' C:	Topical/ Subject		
'94' C:	Topical/ Circumstance (marked)		
'95' B:	Topical/ Subject (interpersonal metaphor)		
'96' B:	Topical/ Circumstance (marked)		
'97' C:	minor clause		
98	Topical/ Subject		
99	Topical/ Subject		
100	Topical/ Subject		

Clause	Theme Type	Thematic progression pattern (Text 1 paragraph 11)
'80' C:	Topical/ Circumstance (marked)	
81	Topical/ Subject	
82	Topical/ Subject	
'83' B:	Topical/ Subject	
84	Topical/ Subject	
'85' C:	Topical/ Subject	
'86' C:	Topical/ Subject	
'87' B:	Topical/ Subject	
'88' C:	Topical/ Subject	
'89' C:	Topical/ Subject	
'90' B:	Topical/ Subject	
91	Topical/ Subject	
'92' B:	Topical/ Subject	
'93' C:	Topical/ Subject	
'94' C:	Topical/ Circumstance (marked)	
'95' B:	Topical/ Subject	
'96' B:	Topical/ Circumstance (marked)	
'97' C:	minor clause	
98	Topical/ Subject	
99	Topical/ Subject	
100	Topical/ Subject	

Text 2

Clause	Theme Type	Thematic progression pattern (Text 2A paragraph 1)	
		dialogue (Poirot & Arthbutnot)	interjection
101A:	Interpersonal +Topical/ Subject		
102B:	Topical/ Subject		
103	Absolute + Topical/ Subject		
104A:	Topical/ Subject		
105B:	Topical/ Subject		
106A: <107>	Textual + Topical/ Subject		

Clause	Theme Type	Thematic progression pattern (Text 2A paragraph 2)	
		dialogue (Poirot & Arthbutnot)	interjection
108	Textual +Topical/ Circumstance		
109	Topical/ Subject		

Clause	Theme Type	Thematic progression pattern (Text 2 A paragraph 3)	
		dialogue (Poirot & Arthbutnot)	interjection
110A:	minor clause		▼
111	Topical/ Subject		T11→R11
			▼
112A:	Topical/ Subject	▼ T12→R12	[T27]
113A:	Textual + Topical/ Subject	T13→R13	
		▼	
114A:	Topical/ Subject	T14→R14	
		▼	
115A:	Topical/ Subject	T15→R15	
		▼	
1116A:	Topical/ Subject	T16→R16	▼
117	Topical/ Subject		T17→R17
			▼
118	Topical/ Subject		(T18)→R18
		▼	
119B:	Topical/ Subject	T19→R19	
		▼	
120A:	Topical/ Subject	T20→R20	
		▼	
121A:	Interpersonal + Topical/ Subject	T21→R21	
		▼	
122	Topical/ Subject		T22→R22
			▼
123	Topical/ Subject		(T23)→R23
			▼
124B:	Topical/ Verbiage (marked)	T24→R24	[T35]
125B:	Topical/ Subject (interpersonal metaphor)	T25→R25	
		▼	
126B:	Topical/ Subject	T26→R26	

Clause	Theme Type	Thematic progression pattern (Text 2B paragraph 4)	
		dialogue (Poirot & attendant)	interjection
127	Topical/ Subject		T27 → R27 ▼
128	Topical/ Subject		T28 → R28 [T58] ▼ [T33]

Clause	Theme Type	Thematic progression pattern (Text 2B paragraph 5)	
		dialogue (Poirot & attendant)	interjection
129A:	Topical/ Subject	(T29) → R27 ▼	
130A:	Topical/ Subject	(T30) → R30 ▼	
131A:	Topical/ Subject	(T31) → R31 ▼	
132C:	minor clause	[T37]	

Clause	Theme Type	Thematic progression pattern (Text 2B paragraph 6)	
		dialogue (Poirot & attendant)	interjection
133	Topical/ Subject		T33 → R33 ▼
134	Topical/ Subject		T34 → R34 ▼
135	Topical/ Subject		T35 → R35 ▼
136	Topical/ Subject		T36 → R36
137C:	Topical/ Subject	T37 → R37	
138A:	minor clause		

Clause	Theme Type	Thematic progression pattern (Text 2C paragraph 7)	
		dialogue (Poirot & Debenham)	interjection
139	Topical/ Circumstance (marked)		T39→R39
140	Topical/ Subject		T40→R40
141	Topical/ Subject		T41→R41
142	Topical/ Subject		T42→R42
143	Topical/ Subject		T43→R43
144	Topical/ Subject		T44→R44
145	Topical/ Circumstance (marked)	[T48]	T45→R45

Clause	Theme Type	Thematic progression pattern (Text 2C paragraph 8)	
		dialogue (Poirot & Debenham)	interjection
146	Topical/ Subject		T46→R46
147	Topical/ Subject		(T47)→R47

Clause	Theme Type	Thematic progression pattern (Text 2C paragraph 9)	
		dialogue (Poirot & Debenham)	interjection
148	Topical/ Subject		▼ T48 → R48 ▼
149D:	Topical/ Subject	T49 → R49 ▼	[T59]
150A:	Topical/ Subject	T50 → R50	
151A:	Topical/ Circumstance (marked)	T51 → R51 ▼	
152D:	Topical/ Subject	[T63] (T52) → R52 ▼	
153D:	Topical/ Subject	T53 → R53 ▼	
154A: <155>	Topical/ Subject	T54 → R54 ▼	
156A:	Topical/ Subject	T56 → R56 ▼	
157A:	Topical/ Subject	T57 → R57	

Clause	Theme Type	Thematic progression pattern (Text 2C paragraph 10)	
		dialogue (Poirot & Debenham)	interjection
158	Topical/ Subject		▼ T58 → R58 ▼
159	Topical/ Subject		T59 → R59 ▼
160	Textual + Topical/ Subject		(T60) → R60 ▼ [T62]

Clause	Theme Type	Thematic progression pattern (Text 2C paragraph 11)	
		dialogue (Poirot & Debenham)	interjection
161	minor clause		▼
162	Topical/ Subject		T62 → R62
163D:	Topical/ Subject	▼ T63 → R63	
164A:	Textual + Interpersonal + Topical/ Subject	▼ (T64) → R64	
165D:	Topical/ Subject	▼ T65 → R65	
166D:	Topical/ Subject	▼ T66 → R66	
167D:	Topical/ Subject	▼ T67 → R67	

Text 3

Clause	Theme Type	Thematic progression pattern (Text 3 paragraph 1)
168	Topical/ Subject	<pre>graph TD T68 --> R68 T68 --> T69 T69 --> R69</pre>
169	Topical/ Subject	

Clause	Theme Type	Thematic progression pattern (Text 3 paragraph 2)
'170'	Interpersonal + Topical/ Subject (interpersonal metaphor)	<pre>graph TD T70 --> R70 T71 --> R71 T72 --> R72 T72 --> T73 T73 --> R73 T74 --> R74 T75 --> R75 T75 --> T82 T77 --> R77 T77 --> T80 T78 --> R78 T79 --> R79 T80 --> R80 T72 --> T80 T75 --> T82 T77 --> T80 T79 --> T80</pre>
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'172'	Textual + Topical/ Subject (interpersonal metaphor)	
'173'	Topical/ Subject	
'174':	Topical/ Subject	
'175': <176>	Topical/ Subject	
'177':	Topical/ Circumstance (marked)	
'178':	Topical/ Subject	
'179'	Textual + Topical/ Subject	
'180'	Topical/ Subject	

Clause	Theme Type	Thematic progression pattern (Text 3 paragraph 3)
'181'	Topical/ Subject (interpersonal metaphor)	
'182'	Topical/ Phenomenon (marked)	
'183'	Topical/ Subject	
'184'	Topical/ Circumstance (marked)	
'185'	Topical/ Circumstance (marked)	
'186'	Topical/ Circumstance (marked)	
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'188'	Topical/ Subject	
'189'	Topical/ Subject	
'190'	Topical/ Subject	
'191'	Topical/ Verbiage	
'192'	Topical/ Subject	
'193'	Textual + Topical/ Circumstance (marked)	

Clause	Theme Type	Thematic progression pattern (Text 3 paragraph 4)
'194'	Topical/ Circumstance (marked)	
195	Topical/Process	
196	Topical/ Subject	
'197'	Topical/ Subject	
'199' [[198]]	Topical/ Phenomenon (marked)	
'200'	Textual + Topical/ Subject	
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Appendix L
Thematic selection of the English corpus

Fig. 1: Average number of Themes per clause in each chapter

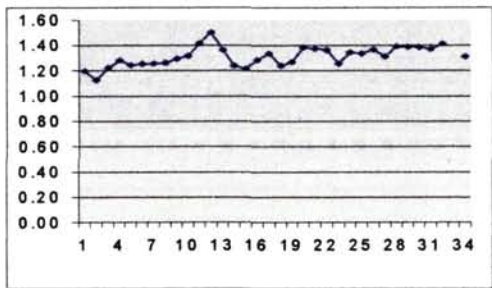


Fig. 2: Proportion of different Theme types in the English corpus

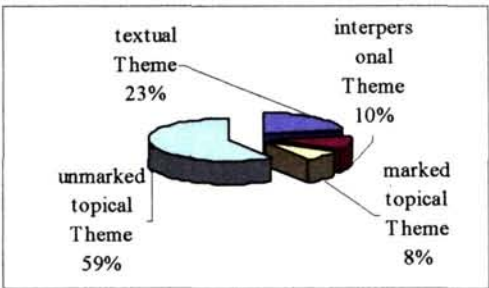


Fig. 3: Number of Themes per clause in each chapter deviating from the mean

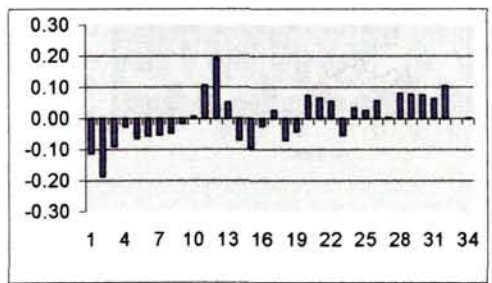


Fig. 4: Number of Theme per clause in each part deviating from the mean

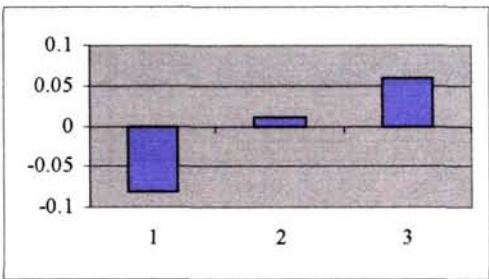


Fig. 5: Trends of the textual, interpersonal and topical Themes

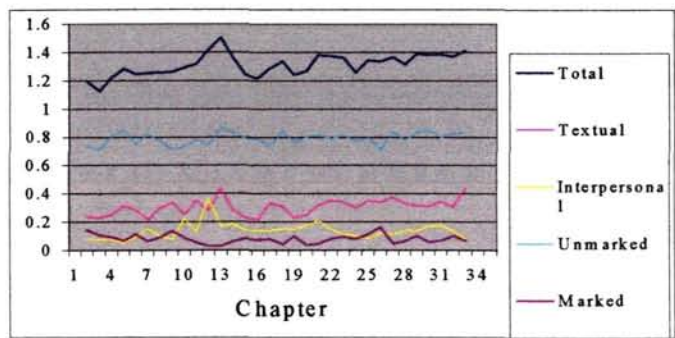


Fig. 6: Number of textual Themes per clause in each chapter deviating from the mean

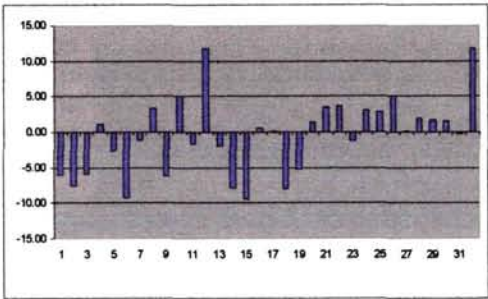


Fig. 7: Number of textual Themes per clause in each part deviating from the mean

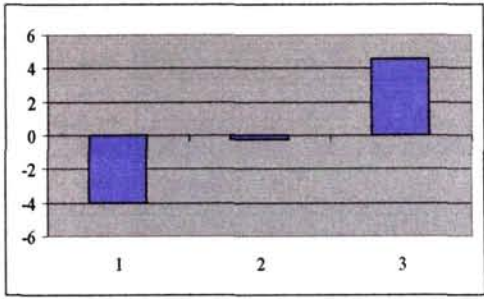


Fig. 8: Proportion of different subtypes of textual Theme in each chapter

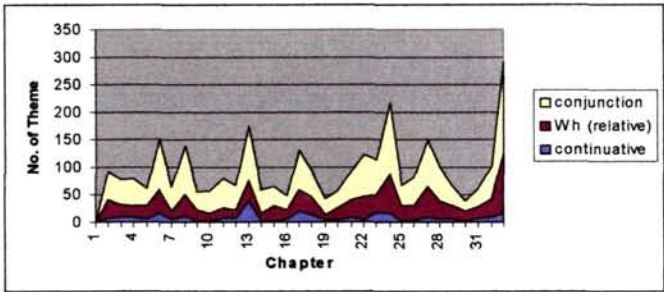


Fig. 9: Number of continuative Themes per clause in each chapter deviating from the mean

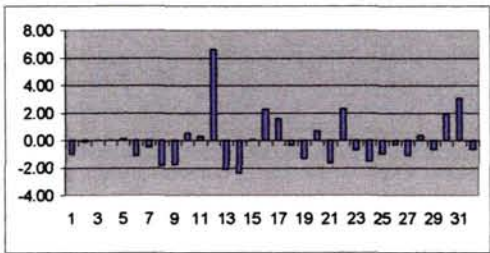


Fig. 10: Number of conjunctive Themes per clause in each chapter deviating from the mean

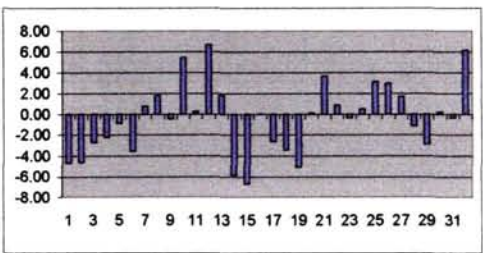


Fig. 11: Trends of different subtypes of textual Themes

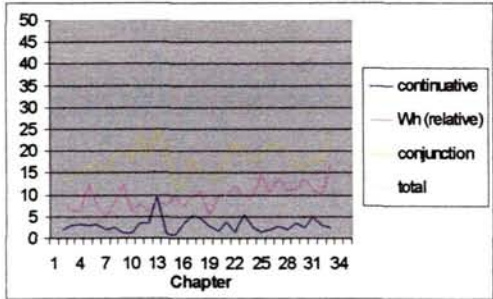


Fig. 12: Trends of textual and interpersonal Themes

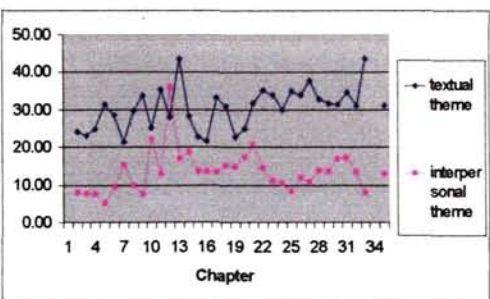


Fig. 13: Number of interpersonal Themes per clause in each chapter deviating from the mean

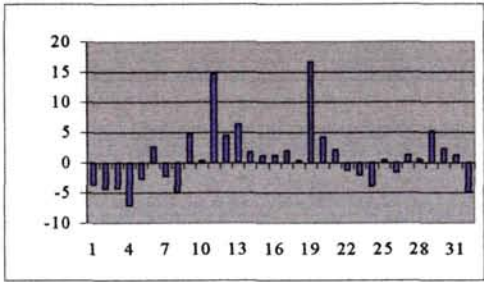


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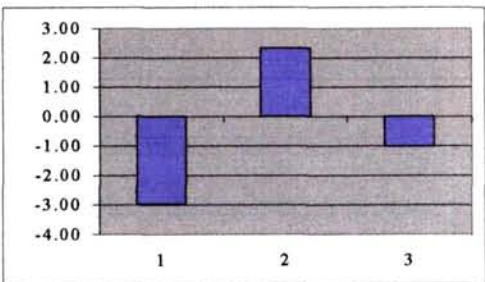


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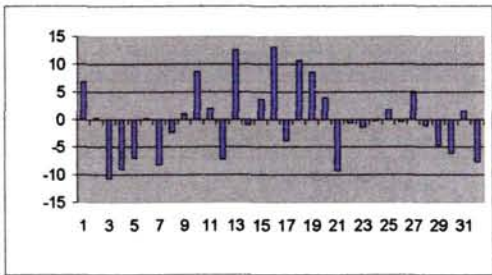


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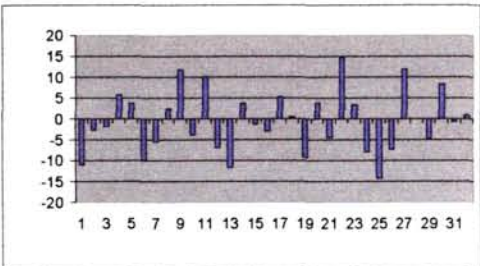


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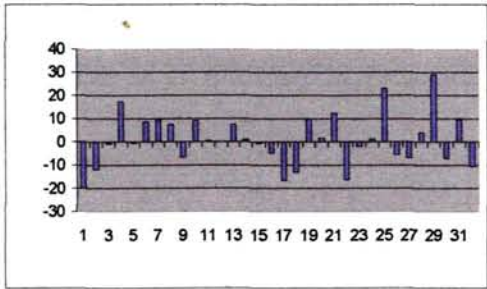


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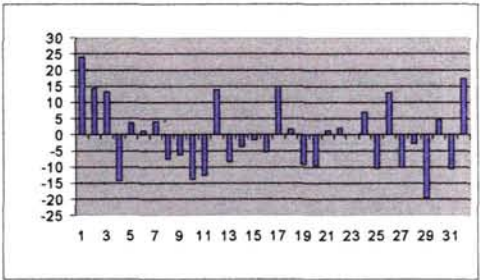


Fig. 19: Trends of different subtypes of interpersonal Themes

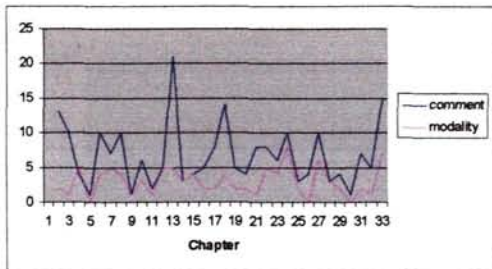


Fig. 20: Trends of marked and unmarked topical Themes

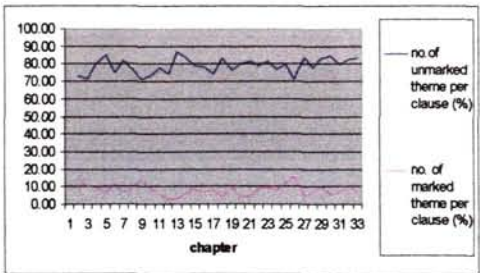


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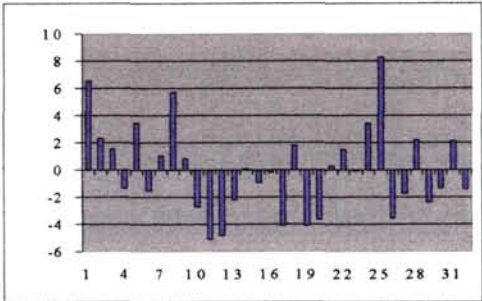


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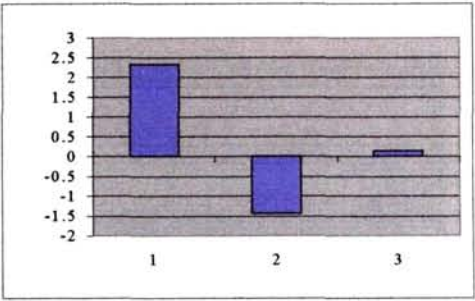


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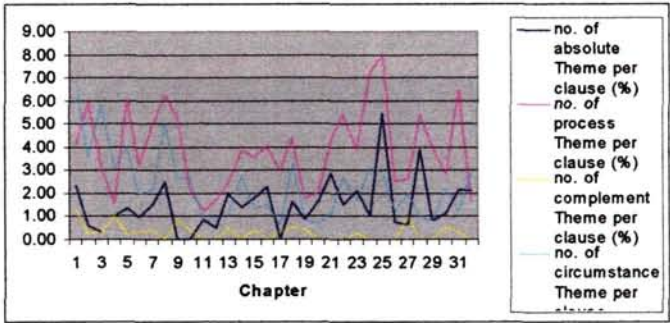


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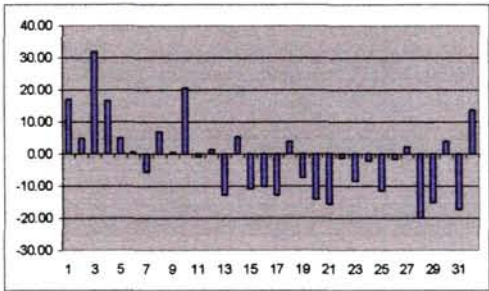


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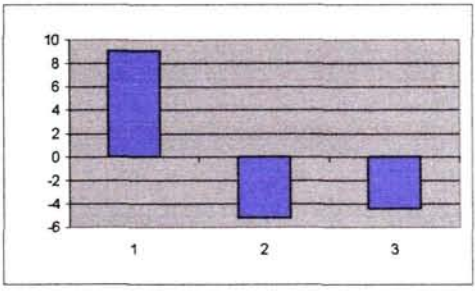


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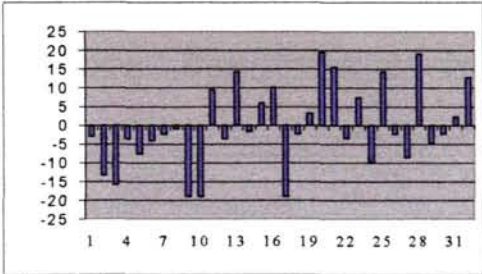


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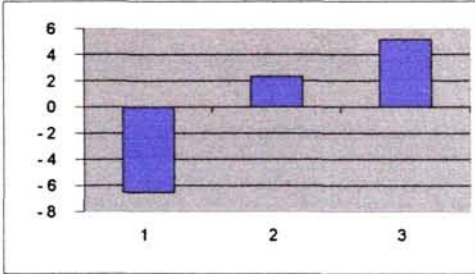


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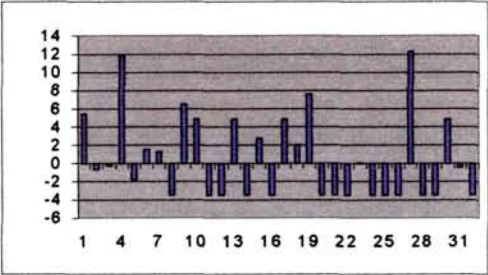


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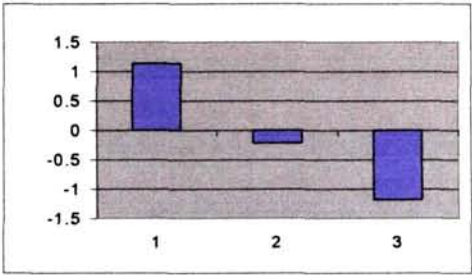


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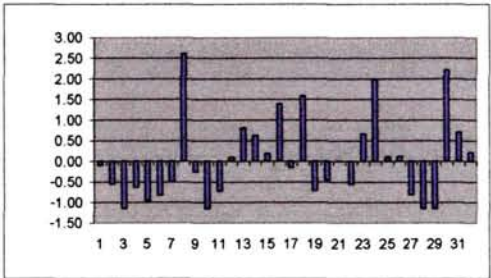


Fig. 31: Number of predicated Themes per clause in each part deviating from the mean

