The Gamified Eye: Refraction tests as a conversational professional practice

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The subjective refraction test

Objective refraction test (autorefractor)





Subjective refraction test (phoropther)







Theoretical framework

Multimodal Conversation analysis

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The Refraction tests as a game

Language-games

Characterized by "ordinary" talk-in-interaction



Gamification

Characterized by game elements in a non-game context



Games

Characterized by explicit rules in defined games



Excerpt 1



Adjacency pairs and third-turn assessments

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- 1 OP good (.) >you know what let's get going <
- 2 CU [okay]
- 3 OP [so you] will get (.) 1this letter chart
- =so without exerting yourself (.) what can you re:ad
- 5 CU h >i can read the bottom line< (0.6) r z uh:m c l
- \rightarrow 6 OP oh my (.) that was very fine indeed





Customer looks at chart



Points towars chart



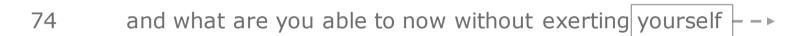




Are you violating the rules?

Excerpt 2

73 OP and then i close for one of your § eyes § (0.7)



75 CU .hhh r z u:hm c l

→ 76 OP o:h do you ↑↑remember it or du you ↓see it?=

77 CU >i see them<

78 OP >oh that's good<

CVan

Changes letters



Sits down on chair



Looks at customer



Excerpt 3



Changing strategy

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275 OP and can you se the 1 bottom line without difficulties

277 OP yes and you just carry [on if you can]

278 CU
$$[\underline{r} \underline{d} \underline{z} \underline{t}]$$
 (0.3)

279 OP >yes< (0.6) you have tried it so many times now

so i'll pull out a trump here okay?

281 CU well [↓<ok<u>ay</u>>] f->↑may i read the upper line?<

282 OP [1ye:s]

on(h)ly [the upper one that's fine]

[he he he he he he he]



Changes letters



Looks at computer



Changes letters



The interactional architecture: Some of the features that constitute the conversational professional practice as a gamified activity:

- **Multimodal resources**: Customers use different verbal and embodied semiotic resources for showing how good they are at "playing the game", cf. excerpt 3.
- Interactional nudges (cf. Stokoe, 2014)
 - **Third turn actions**: Assessments as interactional nudges encouraging the customer do to well, cf. excerpt 1.
 - First pair part actions: For instance questions:
 - 1. OP can you see 1the upper line? (.) that is what i t- expect you to
- **Moral accountability:** Rules (*allowable contributions*) for "proper" refraction test are made visible through accounts, thus displaying how the rules can be violated, cf. excerpt 2.
- The "board game": The letter chart as a board for playing, with the letter lines as "levels"