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Table 1. Total Frequencies and Distribution of Directness Level

Directness Level	Number	Strategies	Total
Direct Strategy	1	Mood Derivable (MD)	20 (36.3%)
	2	Explicit Performatives (EP)	-
	3	Hedge Performatives (HP)	3 (5.45%)
	4	Locution derivable (LD)	1 (1.8%)
	5	Scope stating (SS)	2 (3.6%)
Conventional Indirect Strategy	6	Language specific suggestory formulae (SF)	7 (12.72%)
	7	Reference to preparatory condition (PC)	10 (18.1%)
Nonconventional Indirect Strategy	8	Strong hint (SH)	10 (18.1%)
	9	Mild hint (MH)	2 (3.6%)
Total			55 (100%)

**Table 2. Frequencies and Distribution of Directness Level by Gender**

Directness Level	Number	Strategies	Male	Female
Direct Strategy	1	Mood Derivable (MD)	9 (30%)	11 (44%)
	2	Explicit Performatives (EP)	-	-
	3	Hedge Performatives (HP)	1 (3.34%)	2 (8%)
	4	Locution derivable (LD)	1 (3.34%)	-
	5	Scope stating (SS)	1 (3.34%)	1 (4%)
Conventional Indirect Strategy	6	Language specific suggestory formulae (SF)	5 (16.67%)	2 (8%)
	7	Reference to preparatory condition (PC)	7 (23.34%)	3 (12%)
Nonconventional Indirect Strategy	8	Strong hint (SH)	4 (13.34%)	6 (24%)
	9	Mild hint (MH)	2	-
Total			30	25



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I. Strategies

- MD** : Mood Derivable
- EP** : Explicit Performatives
- HP** : Hedge Performatives
- LD** : Locution Derivable
- SS** : Scope Stating
- SF** : Language Specific Suggestory Formulae
- PC** : Reference to Preparatory Conditions
- SH** : Strong Hints
- MH** : Mild Hints