Articulatory plurality as a universal iconic strategy

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“More of form is more of content”

This is a long word.

vs.

This is a looong word.

You’re working.

vs.

You’re working and working.

Part of the morphology

Pangasinan (Austronesian)

tóó  ‘man’

and

to-tóó  ‘people’

Sign languages have plural articulators:

two hands and ten fingers

Lexical plurals

Articulatory plurality:

universal, but modality matters

Form: singular  plural

Meaning: articulation articulators

Plurality Sign Speech

articulation +  +

articulators + -

References: