

Linguistics 101
Assignment # 8 (last one!)
Due 5/1/07

All assignments today will be based on data (a video) from a real child who is in the process of acquiring her native language, English.

First, watch the video found at this link:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9vbOFdZsdOA>

Then answer the questions below. You may need to watch the video several time for each question.

- A. Read over File 9.6 in your book, which charts stages of linguistic development for children acquiring their native language. Then answer the following questions:
1. Based on your data, how old do you think the child is?
 2. What stage of language acquisition is she in.? Cite at least two child utterances to support your answer.
 3. What grammatical categories does she use? Cite an example of each type of grammatical category that you hear.
 4. Write down an example of a question answer exchange (Mom asks the question, child answers). In the example you cited, is the girl's response pragmatically and syntactically appropriate? Say why or why not.
- B. Read over the phonological rules that may apply to child speech as listed on this website.
<http://www.personal.psu.edu/mam1034/csd300.phonologicalprocesses.html> Then find 3 words where the child's phonology is different than a typical English speaking adult's phonology. For each word:
1. Write both the word the child uttered and the intended word in IPA.
 2. Say what phonological process(es) is/are applying.
- C. Is there anything the mother is doing that may help the child to acquire English? Cite data from the video in support of your argument. (hint: you may find it useful to read over File 9.7 when answering this question.)