

**Normal Language Acquisition  
Directed Observations Reports  
331/Beverly**

**GRADING GUIDELINES**

<b>Grade / Rated as:</b>	<b>Characterized by:</b>
A Exceptional	This paper was well written and well organized. Outstanding paper that makes a perceptive and thoughtful response to the assignment. Exceptionally clear and concise coverage of the content represented by strong examples. No errors in spelling, punctuation, grammar, etc. Clear writing style.
B Strong	This paper was generally well written and well organized and covered the topic adequately. Fulfills the assignment, but goes beyond a routine response and shows evidence of thought and planning. Paper reflects good knowledge of content and observation examples. Few errors in spelling, punctuation, grammar, etc were noted. Writing is clear and free of jargon.
C Average	A paper that carries out the assignment in a routine way; a minimal effort. Contains comparatively few errors in spelling, punctuation, grammar, etc. The reader can follow and understand without difficulty, but the writing is not vigorous nor the ideas fresh. All style requirements and requirements listed in instructions were included in paper. Minimum effort for content or observation examples, may not be accurate or relevant.
D Poor	Weak paper that relates to the assignment but does not show a commitment to the topic. Marred by enough grammar, syntax, style and other mechanical errors to seriously distract the reader. Vague or ambiguous diction and phrasing make it difficult for reader to understand content. Due to type and number of errors reader has difficulty determining if writer has clear understanding of the content or the observed child's behavior. Writer apparently did not understand material.
F Inadequate	Errors overwhelm the assignment. Failure to communicate an understanding of the assignment. Shows no thought. So poorly constructed and carelessly written that the reader cannot follow the ideas. Marred by so many errors in mechanics and usage that the message is difficult to decipher. A plagiarized paper will fit into this category because it shows no thought.