

## Brown's Stages and Sentence Development

- Table 9.9, pp. 284-285
- Four main areas to cover:
  - Noun Phrase Development
  - Verb Phrase Development
  - Question Development
  - Negative Development

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

## Stage II Noun Phrase Development

- Stand alone nouns occur first
- Next, objective position is elaborated (but not subjective position)
- elaboration is usually only one element + Noun
  - demonstrative + Noun (“want that baby”)
  - article + Noun [“gimme a car”]
  - modifier + Noun [“get big ball”]
  - possessive pronoun + Noun [“push my truck”]

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

## Stage II Verb Phrase Development

- Verbs are often unmarked or uninflected
- If inflected, usually -ing
- Modals and semi-auxiliaries may be used
  - gonna, can't, can

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

### Stage II Negation

- “No” + verb/verb phrase [“no byebye”]
- “No” + noun/noun phrase [“no milk”]
- “No” + sentence [“no mommy go”]
- Noun + “no” + verb [“mommy no go”]
- can’t, don’t

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

### Stage II Questions

- Yes/no Questions formed with rising intonation
  - go nighttime?
- Early forms of Wh-Questions
  - “What this?”
  - “Where Mommy?”
- end of this stage, “Why?”

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

### Brown’s Stage III

- Age = 31-34 months
- MLU = 2.5 - 3.0 morphemes
- Stage III characterized by:
  - increased use of morphemes
  - elaboration of noun phrases and verb phrases, so more “adult-like” utterances

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

### Stage III Noun Phrase Development

- Additional elaboration of noun phrases in the subjective position
  - “my mommy going”
  - “that ball not big”
  - “a car on the hill”

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

### Stage III Verb Phrase Development

- Modals used increasingly
  - can, do, will
- Verb “be” copula and auxiliary forms emerging
  - copula [“that’s my ball”] before auxiliary
  - both still inconsistent usage this stage

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

### Stage III Negation

- Noun/noun phrase + [“no” or “not”] + verb/verb phrase
  - “car no go fast”
  - “ball not in box”
- Noun/noun phrase + [negative auxiliary] + verb/verb phrase
  - negative auxiliaries are can’t, don’t, won’t
  - “me can’t play”

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

### Stage III Question Development

- Yes/no questions may show some inversion
  - “Can I go byebye?”
  - Still often marked by intonation only
- Wh-Questions still no inversion and auxiliary often omitted
  - “Where daddy go? “
- Adds “Who” questions
- May use “How” questions

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---