

LANGUAGE SAMPLING PROJECT REQUIREMENTS

SLP 532: Clinical Linguistics

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Fall 2010: Students can work in pairs. Your choice of partner and the sampling project plan must be approved by the course instructor before midterm. You are welcome to work independently.

General Description: The project will consist of collecting, transcribing, and analyzing a language sample for **EITHER a typically developing child between the ages of 30 and 60 months OR an adult who has a known communication impairment.** The sample will consist of 50 complete and intelligible participant utterances plus all clinician utterances and context information. In addition to the sample, a recording of the sample, the SALT printout, and a written report summarizing the procedures, results, and an interpretation will be required.

Specific Requirements:

- Recruit a participant for your project and submit your plan for the sample to the instructor for approval.
- Collect a sample. Consider factors from class regarding “representativeness;” however, the you (the student/clinician, not a parent, spouse, sibling or peer) will serve as the conversational partner for the sample. **Note that you will be required to turn in an audio or video recording of the sample in a useable format for the instructor.**
- Transcribe the sample using conventions of SALT.
- Cut the sample such that 50 complete and intelligible participant utterances, with all corresponding graduate student utterances and context notes, are included in the sample for analysis.
- To meet the minimum requirements of the project, use SALT software to analyze your participant’s syntactic/morphological, semantic, and pragmatic performance. If you are unable to get adequate information for interpretation in any of these areas using the computerized analysis, you can consider additional procedures for language sampling and analysis as relevant to your participant and sample.
- Write a typed report summarizing your collection procedures, results, and your interpretation of the results. The report must be a minimum of 3 double-spaced, typed pages, maximum 5 pages.

Project Grading:

Content:

Typed Transcript	=	/10
SALT printouts	=	/5
Report of Results of Analysis	=	/40
Summary/Interpretation of Analysis	=	/25

Form:

Project Requirements (tape, report length, etc.)	=	/10
Writing skills (sentence skills, spelling, proofing, etc.)	=	/10

TOTAL = /100