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In what ways does the language production of young children differ from that of adults?

For this assignment, you are going to contribute one entry to Module 1 of our course database, in the folder named "Comparing children and adult language". You will be submitting a document containing the information required below. Make sure to use your course ID (the 4-character letter-number combination you agreed to use in order to make your entry anonymous yet recognizable by me for the purpose of grading) as the name of the file you will be submitting. We are going to use this database for a subsequent assignment asking you to identify the most prominent differences between the language production of young children and adults.

In your PDF document, you are to include the link to a video of a child between the ages of 1 and 3 y. o. and discuss four distinct differences between this child's language and that of an adult who is a native speaker of the same language. If you choose a language other than English, make sure you explain very clearly how your arguments are supported by the material in the video.

Here's an example of a video that would qualify for this assignment (NOTE: do **not** use this video as your example). While the little girl in the video is very advanced, there are still clear differences between her use of language and that of her mother.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MVs71CBX7J8>

In your submission, first introduce your video (NOTE: the link to the video **MUST** be included, or else the video itself must be included as an attachment if it is not available on the web).

Second, list and discuss each difference in a few sentences (100-200 words), providing specific examples from the video.

Each difference you are covering should be numbered.

You must specify **WHEN** in the video each example can be witnessed (provide the exact time where the behavior starts, i.e. the minute and second), and **HOW** exactly it differs from adult speech. You may compare the child to another adult speaking in the video, to your own speech production or, more generally, to what we know about that language as spoken by adults.

The overall word limit is **300 words** (minimum) - **450 words** (maximum).