

Appendix: CHILDES corpus information

<i>Corpus</i>	<i>Children (N)</i>	<i>Adults (N)</i>	<i>a/an tokens</i>	<i>THE tokens</i>
Bliss	3 (5;4, 4;6, 6;1)	1	7	-- ¹
Braunwald	2 (1;0-6;0, 4;0-7;0)	3	171	319
Brown	2 (2;3-4;10, 2;3-5;1)	10	794	--
Carterette	54 1 st graders, 48 3 rd graders, 48 5 th graders	24	75	--
Ervin-Tripp	12	9	80	53 ²
Evans	16 dyads of 1st- graders	0	13	--
Garvey	10 triads (2;10-5;7)	0	44	--
Gathercole	6 (3-6 yrs)	0	8	--
Gleason	24 (2;1-5;2)	48	128	--
Kuczaj	1 (2;4-5;0)	3	336	--
MacWhinney	2 (0;6-8;0, 0;7-5;6)	2	365	543
Nelson	1 (2 yrs)	2	18	6
Providence	5 (1-4 yrs)	~12	1860	898 ³
Sachs	1 (1;2-4;9)	3	76	--
Sawyer	24 (3-6 yrs)	6	44	243
Snow	1 (2;5-3;9)	2	241	351
Warren-Leubecker	6 (5-6 yrs)	8	24	--
Weist	4 (2-4 yrs)	16	344	--

For more information about the individual corpora, see Hubbard Jones & Carterette (1963), Brown (1973), Garvey & Hogan (1973), Carterette & Hubbard Jones (1974), Kuczaj (1977), Garvey (1979), Gathercole (1980), Warren-Leubecker (1982), Gleason, Berko & Greif (1983), Sachs (1983), Warren-Leubecker & Bohannon (1984), Bliss (1988), Nelson (1989), Braunwald (1993), Weist, Weist & Zevenbergen (2008), and Pawlak & Hoffman (2009).

¹Tokens of THE were retrieved only from corpora with audio recordings, since the /ði/~ /ðə/ distinction is not reflected in transcriptions.

²Adult tokens of THE in the Ervin Tripp corpus were not included in this study.

³Only a representative sample (every 12-13th token) of adult utterances of THE in the Providence corpus were included in this study.

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