

Collaborative Commentary -- Child Language

This task focuses on interactions in the CHILDES database with a young British girl. Use the Browsable Database CC (Collaborative Commentary) feature to tag behaviors listed at the end of this page and enter any detailed comments. This assignment assumes that you have gone through the screencast tutorials for CC at <https://talkbank.org/screencasts>

Tag & Comment assignment

Using the CHILDES/Eng-UK/Forrester corpus, please address these questions using these tags to mark your comments. (The tags will be available to select in the CC program.) There are lots of video files over a year, but you only need to locate a few instances of each of these phenomena to give a sense of how they are developing.

1. Across development, how do Ella's gestures change? (Tag -- \$GES)
2. What are some of Ella's earliest two-word combinations? (Tag -- \$TWO)
3. Looking at the passage in 010923.cha around lines 101-158, how are the older speakers helping Ella participate in the interaction? (Tag -- \$HELP)
4. Can you locate and cite ways in which Ella picks up forms of expression from her father? \$IMIT
5. How does Ella express and develop her self-concept in "biggirl.cha"? (Tag -- \$SELF)
6. In 030508.cha, how does she develop argumentation, around line 140-166? (Tag -- \$ARG)
7. How does she develop teasing later in the same sample? (Tag -- \$TEAS)