

EXCERSISE TO HELP YOU RECOGNIZE THE 14 GRAMMATICAL MORPHEMES,
NEGATIVE SENTENCES AND QUESTION SENTENCES AND CALCULATE MLU.
(optional assignment)

The material printed below is selected from a conversation between a 2 year and 9 month old male child and his mother. The child's utterances are numbered and appear on the left. If you follow the utterance numbers, you can tell where parts of the conversation have been skipped. I recommend that you do the following:

1. Keep track of productive sentences and imitated sentences.
2. Calculate the MLU. The child will have an abnormally large MLU because a lot of his short sentences have been eliminated.
3. Look for all the grammatical morphemes, mark the ones that are correct and those that are missing or incorrect.
4. Look for Negative and Question sentences, even complex sentences.
5. Throughout, check the child's use of the Aux system.

Child	Mother
	M: What else?
3 C: A chalkboard	
	M: A chalkboard?
4 C: Where Daddy going?	
	M: Down to the basement to work on a paper.
5 C: I too	
	M: You're working on a paper? M: What were you doing this morning?
10 C: I swim	
	M: What did we do yesterday?
11 C: Go swimming	
	M: Who's birthday is it gonna be?
15 C: mine's	
	M: Matthew can? (younger brother)
19 C: Matthew can't, Matthew can't	
	M: He can't? Why can't he?
20 C: He too little talk.	
	M: He's too little to talk?
21 C: I gonna beat you	
22 C: I see cartoons	
	M: What did he bring you?
26 C: Bringed me some eggs.	
	M: Where did he leave them?

27 C: Big dolly have one.

M: Where was it?

36 C: Holding it hand like that.

M: Did she keep it?

37 C: Yeah.

M: Who made the eggs?

38 C: I did

M: And who else?

39 C: My Mommy did.

M: And who else?

40 C: I gonna show you.

M: You're gonna show me? Did your Nana help you make some?

C: (no answer)

M: What did you get in your Easter basket?

41 C: Some cookies.

M: What are you doing now?

49 C: I knocking your house

M: You did?

61 C: I eating it all.

62 C: It's all gone

M: Oh, what did you do to make it?

63 C: Make icing on it.

M: He had a nice shampoo?

74 C: He's have a shampoo.

M: You have one too.

82 C: I wanna play with it.

M: And it talked?

86 C: It's not talking.

M: It doesn't have a tape in it.

87 C: It comes out.

M: Yeah, it comes out. It doesn't have any batteries in it.

88 C: There's no battery in there.

M: What are we going to have to do?

M: What kind of shoes do you have?

110 C: Tiger shoes.

M: You do?

111 C: Those aren't tiger shoes.

M: What do you want to make?

112 C: A crib.

M: You show me how to do it.

113 C: He wants to get in there.

M: He does?

114 C: He wants to sleep in here.