

SALT Practice Sample: KEY

Language Sample of 3-year-old male

Collection Procedure: Play

Comments: Only 25 child utterances collected, will finish collecting during next session

E What would you like for a snack?

C I want *a cookie. (**Omits obligatory article “a”**)

E Maybe later.

E How about some fruit?

C (Um) can I have it now? (**Filler “um”**)

E What did Mommy say earlier?

C Mommy say/*3s no. (**Omission of 3rd person singular, “say + s”**)

C But I *am hungry! (**Omits obligatory copula “am”**)

E Let’s find something healthy to eat. (**Contraction “Let + us”**)

C Look at my toy/s. (**Plural -s**)

E What toy/s do you have? (**Plural -s**)

C I have lot/s of car/s. (**Plural -s**)

C This one is red.

E That’s right! (**Contractible copula “That + is”**)

E What other color/s do you see? (**Plural -s**)

C (Um) that one is blue. (**Starts with filler**)

C I like/3s [EO:likes] the green one best. (**3rd person singular over generalization error, “like + s” but should be “like”, child overgeneralized 3rd person singular rule – not uncommon at this age**)

E What does it do?

C It go/3s fast. (**3rd person singular, “go + s”**)

C Vroom_vroom! (**Repeated sound effect**)

E What else do you want to play with?

C (Uh) where’s my teddy? (**Filler “um”; Contractible copula “where + is”**)

C I can’t find him. (**Contraction “Can + not”**)

E Let’s look around. (**Contraction “Let + us”**)

E Where did you last see him?

C There he is!

C He’s under the table. (**Contractible copula “He + is”**)

E Good job find/ing him! (**Present progressive -ing, “find + ing”**)

E What should we do now?

C (I)(um) I want to play outside. (**False start “I”; Filler “um”**)

C Can we go to the park?

E That sound/3s like a great idea. (**3rd person singular, “sound + s”**)

E What do you like to do at the park?

C I like/3s [EO:likes] the swing/s. (**3rd person singular over generalization error, “like + s” but should be “like”, child overgeneralized 3rd person singular rule. This is the second time in the sample – a pattern seems to be emerging. We are looking for patterns!; Plural – s, “swing +s”**)

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C Push me higher!

E Okay, but be careful.

E How does it feel?

C I/'m fly/ing like a bird. (**Contractible auxiliary**, “I + am”; **Present progressive -ing**, “fly + ing”)

E You/'re swing/ing so high! (**Contractible auxiliary**, “You + are”; **Present progressive -ing**, “swing + ing”)

C Look at that doggy!

C He/'s big and (um) fluffy. (**Contractible copula**, “He + is”; **Filler** “um”)

C Can I pet him?

E Let/'s ask the owner first. (**Contraction** “Let + us”)

E Remember to be gentle.

C He lick/ed my hand. (**Past tense -id**, “lick + ed”)

C That/'s funny! (**Contractible copular**, “This + is”)

E Dog/s often give kiss/s that way. (**Plural – s**, “dog + s”; **Plural – s**, “kiss + s”)

E Did you like pet/ing the dog? (**Present progressive -ing**, “pet + ing”)