

Vocabulary production of young children from diverse socioeconomic groups

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Why vocabulary?







Development

Literacy acquisition

Academic performance

(Hoff, 2013; Snow & Matthews, 2016; Biemiller, 2006; Goswami, 2001; Joshi, 2005; Perfetti, 2007; Protopapas et al., 2007; Sénéchal et al., 2006; Snow et al., 1995).

FRAMEWORK

Tomasello (2003)

Word learning emerges from the establishment of joint attentional frames, the understanding of communicative intentions and the role reversal imitation.



Nelson (2009)

Child concepts are redefined by linguistic experience, and their structures must tune in to the rules of use defined by the community.



LITERATURE REVIEW

- Lexical frequency and pattern of use in input impacts on child vocabulary composition.
- Significant variation in quantity and quality of linguistic input in different socioeconomic groups; significant variation in groups.
- Input as a mediator between SES and early lexical development
- Input as predictor of later academic achievements
- Significant variation by SES in lexical representations, processing speed and vocabulary production



THIS STUDY



Aim

Examine child expressive vocabulary in natural contexts in relation with linguistic input



Method

Naturalistic study Corpus (Rosemberg, Arrue & Alam, 2004-2012)



Sample

612 hours Four-year-old children in their daily activities (12 hours from each child)



Analysis

CLAN software (MacWhinney, 2000) Quantitative and qualitative analysis

Thank you!

