

A CASE STUDY ON CARE-GIVERS' LANGUAGE VARIATION

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The language used by the care-givers varies from one another and this variation affects on baby's response towards each care-giver. Hence caregivers' language variation directly effects on baby's language acquisition in early childhood. Child care-givers' interactions play a crucial role in child's first language acquisition and early childhood development. This case study focuses on a nine months old baby who is in her preverbal babbling stage. Observations on baby's interactions with the care-givers and collecting authentic speech samples of their interactions and baby's response toward each care-giver were studied for three months. Results of this study manifested that the language used by each care-giver varies from one another and this variation makes a huge impact on baby's responds as well. As this study only focuses on preverbal babbling stage, how this language variation influences on baby's each stage of development would be a promising area for future studies.

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