

# **THE EFFECT OF PARTNERS INTERACTION STYLE ON AN ADULT'S DYSFLUENCY: A SINGLE CASE STUDY**

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## **ABSTRACT**

Studies pertaining dysfluency amongst the Malaysian population was found to be limited. In this pilot study, the stuttering behaviours of a Malay adult were scrutinized under naturalistic conditions with three interaction partners. Frequency, types, duration and associated motor behaviours of stuttering were analyzed to gain the level of severity for each interaction. Statistical analysis was performed to investigate the significant differences in frequencies. Results indicated disparity in severity level with significant difference in stuttering frequency for all interactions [  $F(2,6) = 30.285, p < 0.001$ ]. Subject was found to be most fluent with child and least fluent with researcher. Hazards of viewing stuttering primarily in terms of fluency breaks and traditional symptomological treatment of stuttering were discussed. This study reiterated the importance of assessing stuttering in a variety of speaking situations.

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