

STUDY ON RECEPTIVE SKILLS AMONG PRESCHOOL MALAY CHILDREN BASED ON MDLAK TEST

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This is a pioneer study to investigate the development of receptive language skills among preschool Malay children. The study was done based on a common language screening test known as the Malaysian Developmental Language Assessment Kit (MDLAK) by Faust et al. (1992). This is a non-standardized formal test designed to assess local children's language development. The test was conducted on 32 Malay preschool children aged between 1;6 years old to 5;5 years old. The results showed that receptive language skills development among Malay children did follow a sequence, in which the skills increase with age. There were similarities and differences between subjects' achievement based on age, when compared to those suggested by MDLAK. Males and females showed equal performance. These results and the relevance of this study for local speech-language pathologists' practices are discussed.

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