

DEVELOPMENT OF SEMANTIC LANGUAGE AMONG MALAY CHILDREN AGED 6;0— 6;11

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ABSTRACT

This study aims to provide preliminary description regarding the development of semantic language among Malay children. Subjects consisted of 12 Malay children between ages of 6;0 to 6;11 and were divided into two groups of different gender. Vocabulary diversity and the usage of semantic roles in Malay language were analysed by using adapted semantic protocols. Findings revealed that there is no significant difference in vocabulary diversity across gender. Mean score of TTR (type-token ratio) in the research is lower than the result of the previous study in English. Besides, the findings revealed that there is no significant correlation between gender and the usage of semantic roles. The patterns of each semantic roles used across gender were also discussed.

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