

Language Development Examples for Baby Book Project

Overextension- Children in their second and third years sometimes use words as overextensions; “doggie,” for instance, may refer to a variety of four-legged animals as well as to dogs, and the word “daddy” may be used in reference to all men.

Telegraphic Speech: At approximately age 2, children enter the Two-Word Stage of language development. During this stage they exhibit telegraphic speech, which is speech that sounds very much like a telegram, has words arranged in an order that makes sense, and contains almost all nouns and verbs. For example, a child at this stage of development who wants to get milk may say "get milk", as opposed to saying just "milk". As you can see, there are only two words, they are in an order that makes sense, there is one verb and one noun, and it sounds like a telegram.

Overgeneralization: the process of extending the application of a rule to items that are excluded from it in the language norm, as when a child uses the regular past tense verb ending *-ed* of forms like *I walked* to produce forms like **I goed* or **I rided*.