



# A First Language: The Early Stages

By Roger Brown

[Download now](#)

[Read Online](#) 

## A First Language: The Early Stages By Roger Brown

For many years, Roger Brown and his colleagues have studied the developing language of pre-school children--the language that ultimately will permit them to understand themselves and the world around them. This longitudinal research project records the conversational performances of three children, studying both semantic and grammatical aspects of their language development.

These core findings are related to recent work in psychology and linguistics--and especially to studies of the acquisition of languages other than English, including Finnish, German, Korean, and Samoan. Roger Brown has written the most exhaustive and searching analysis yet undertaken of the early stages of grammatical constructions and the meanings they convey.

The five stages of linguistic development Brown establishes are measured not by chronological age--since children vary greatly in the speed at which their speech develops--but by mean length of utterance. This volume treats the first two stages.

Stage I is the threshold of syntax, when children begin to combine words to make sentences. These sentences, Brown shows, are always limited to the same small set of semantic relations: nomination, recurrence, disappearance, attribution, possession, agency, and a few others.

Stage II is concerned with the modulations of basic structural meanings--modulations for number, time, aspect, specificity--through the gradual acquisition of grammatical morphemes such as inflections, prepositions, articles, and case markers. Fourteen morphemes are studied in depth and it is shown that the order of their acquisition is almost identical across children and is predicted by their relative semantic and grammatical complexity.

It is, ultimately, the intent of this work to focus on the nature and development of knowledge: knowledge concerning grammar and the meanings coded by grammar; knowledge inferred from performance, from sentences and the settings in which they are spoken, and from signs of comprehension or incomprehension of sentences.

 [Download A First Language: The Early Stages ...pdf](#)

 [Read Online A First Language: The Early Stages ...pdf](#)

# **A First Language: The Early Stages**

*By Roger Brown*

## **A First Language: The Early Stages** By Roger Brown

For many years, Roger Brown and his colleagues have studied the developing language of pre-school children--the language that ultimately will permit them to understand themselves and the world around them. This longitudinal research project records the conversational performances of three children, studying both semantic and grammatical aspects of their language development.

These core findings are related to recent work in psychology and linguistics--and especially to studies of the acquisition of languages other than English, including Finnish, German, Korean, and Samoan. Roger Brown has written the most exhaustive and searching analysis yet undertaken of the early stages of grammatical constructions and the meanings they convey.

The five stages of linguistic development Brown establishes are measured not by chronological age--since children vary greatly in the speed at which their speech develops--but by mean length of utterance. This volume treats the first two stages.

Stage I is the threshold of syntax, when children begin to combine words to make sentences. These sentences, Brown shows, are always limited to the same small set of semantic relations: nomination, recurrence, disappearance, attribution, possession, agency, and a few others.

Stage II is concerned with the modulations of basic structural meanings--modulations for number, time, aspect, specificity--through the gradual acquisition of grammatical morphemes such as inflections, prepositions, articles, and case markers. Fourteen morphemes are studied in depth and it is shown that the order of their acquisition is almost identical across children and is predicted by their relative semantic and grammatical complexity.

It is, ultimately, the intent of this work to focus on the nature and development of knowledge: knowledge concerning grammar and the meanings coded by grammar; knowledge inferred from performance, from sentences and the settings in which they are spoken, and from signs of comprehension or incomprehension of sentences.

## **A First Language: The Early Stages** By Roger Brown Bibliography

- Sales Rank: #1521714 in Books
- Brand: Brand: Harvard University Press
- Published on: 1973-06
- Original language: English
- Number of items: 1
- Dimensions: 9.00" h x 7.00" w x 1.25" l,
- Binding: Paperback
- 449 pages

 [\*\*Download A First Language: The Early Stages ...pdf\*\*](#)

 [\*\*Read Online A First Language: The Early Stages ...pdf\*\*](#)

## Download and Read Free Online A First Language: The Early Stages By Roger Brown

---

### Editorial Review

#### Review

A unique and impressive book in terms of both content and style. It is a scholarly work, part history, part review, but more than just a chronological or even critical survey of the research and theories of a particular group of people during a particular period of time. Brown discusses the major issues in depth and presents new analyses of the available naturalistic data. He questions each interpretation but always remains close to the data when deciding the adequacies of any particular characterization. (*Language Learning*)

A fascinating record...Linguistic and behavioral description has never been accomplished so meaningfully. (*Journal of Communications*)

An important landmark that should serve as an exciting introduction to the field, as well as a model for students on how to do rewarding exploratory research...A splendid source book for future students and researchers. (*American Scientist*)

#### About the Author

##### About the author

Rouzbeh Yassini is the founder and CEO of YAS Broadband Ventures LLC of Andover, Massachusetts, a venture capital firm that provides capital financing, consulting services, and academic insight into the broadband industry. In 1990, he founded LANcity, which introduced the first high-speed residential communications modem that was designed to integrate with cable television networks. LANcity's successful introduction spawned a new consumer electronics technology category known as the cable modem, which is used today in millions of households worldwide. He has gained an international reputation as a broadband visionary and has established cable modem technical standards through his support of industry initiatives at Cable Television Laboratories, Inc. In 1998, CED Magazine named Rouzbeh Yassini its Man of the Year, recognizing his contributions to the industry. He has been quoted in numerous business and trade periodicals and newspapers and is a frequent speaker at international conferences devoted to digital services and the broadband infrastructure.

##### About the contributors

Stewart Schley is a writer and publishing executive with more than 21 years of experience. He has written and edited numerous business magazines and telecommunications industry reference books.

Roger Brown is the editorial director of Reed Business Information's Telecom Group and a 17-year-veteran journalist in business and technology.

Leslie Ellis is a writer and author who has covered cable television technology and industry economics since 1987.

### Users Review

#### From reader reviews:

##### Luther Roberts:

In this 21st hundred years, people become competitive in most way. By being competitive today, people have do something to make these individuals survives, being in the middle of the crowded place and notice

by surrounding. One thing that often many people have underestimated the item for a while is reading. That's why, by reading a book your ability to survive increase then having chance to stay than other is high. To suit your needs who want to start reading a new book, we give you that A First Language: The Early Stages book as nice and daily reading book. Why, because this book is usually more than just a book.

### **Caleb Jones:**

Information is provisions for people to get better life, information presently can get by anyone with everywhere. The information can be a information or any news even an issue. What people must be consider when those information which is inside the former life are challenging be find than now's taking seriously which one is suitable to believe or which one often the resource are convinced. If you receive the unstable resource then you obtain it as your main information you will see huge disadvantage for you. All those possibilities will not happen within you if you take A First Language: The Early Stages as your daily resource information.

### **Chad Jones:**

Your reading 6th sense will not betray a person, why because this A First Language: The Early Stages reserve written by well-known writer who really knows well how to make book which can be understand by anyone who have read the book. Written in good manner for you, still dripping wet every ideas and creating skill only for eliminate your personal hunger then you still uncertainty A First Language: The Early Stages as good book but not only by the cover but also with the content. This is one publication that can break don't ascertain book by its include, so do you still needing another sixth sense to pick this particular!? Oh come on your reading through sixth sense already said so why you have to listening to another sixth sense.

### **Margaret Hall:**

A lot of guide has printed but it is different. You can get it by net on social media. You can choose the best book for you, science, witty, novel, or whatever by searching from it. It is identified as of book A First Language: The Early Stages. Contain your knowledge by it. Without causing the printed book, it can add your knowledge and make you actually happier to read. It is most crucial that, you must aware about publication. It can bring you from one spot to other place.

## **Download and Read Online A First Language: The Early Stages By Roger Brown #V9TGOFYEBC1**

# **Read A First Language: The Early Stages By Roger Brown for online ebook**

A First Language: The Early Stages By Roger Brown Free PDF d0wnl0ad, audio books, books to read, good books to read, cheap books, good books, online books, books online, book reviews epub, read books online, books to read online, online library, greatbooks to read, PDF best books to read, top books to read A First Language: The Early Stages By Roger Brown books to read online.

## **Online A First Language: The Early Stages By Roger Brown ebook PDF download**

**A First Language: The Early Stages By Roger Brown Doc**

**A First Language: The Early Stages By Roger Brown MobiPocket**

**A First Language: The Early Stages By Roger Brown EPub**

**V9TGOFYEBC1: A First Language: The Early Stages By Roger Brown**