

MALAYALAM LANGUAGE ACQUISITION – A CASE STUDY

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Abstract

Language acquisition is a very complex process. Acquiring a new language is a very difficult task for an adult person. But a new born baby can easily acquire the native language from the environment without tutoring. Language competence is usually reflected in language performance. The study mainly concentrates on the native children of Kerala. The data are collected directly from the children belonging to the age group of 0 to 3. Thus this is a longitudinal case study.

Introduction

Psycholinguistics is an interdisciplinary field of specialization which developed in the early 1950s. Traugott