

Negation sequences

Discuss the developmental sequences for ESL negation in terms of the given data. Justify your answer by describing the various stages in terms of such considerations as: subject-verb agreement, preverbal negation, external or whole utterance negation, auxiliary or modal negation with subject-verb agreement, tense, number, and person.

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| a. | He don't talk to him.
Kim no like more. | c. | I don't care.
He doesn't care either. |
| b. | No this one.
No you playing her. | d. | He can't play the guitar.
He wasn't happy.
He don't care. |

Question sequences

Discuss the developmental sequences for ESL questions in terms of the given examples. Justify your answer by describing the various stages in terms of such considerations as those mention in your text.

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| a. | Jane is okay, isn't she?
Why aren't you happy?
Can you tell me what the answer is? | d. | Where is the dog?
Is there a dog in the garden?
Are you hungry? |
| b. | You want eat cookie?
Daddy go bye-bye? | e. | What does he want?
Why aren't you happy? |
| c. | Is Daddy want cookie?
Why you are not happy?
Do I can have a cookie? | f. | Milk? Baby toy?
What's that? |

Stage 1

Single words or fragments (with intonation)

- A spot on the dog?
- A ball or a shoe?

Stage 2

Subject-verb-object with rising intonation

- A body throw the ball?
- Two children ride a bicycle?

Stage 3

Fronting:

Do-fronting

- Do the boy is beside the bus?

Do you have three astronaut?
Does in this picture there is four astronauts?

Other fronting

Is the picture has two planets on top?

Wh- fronting

What the boy is throwing?
Where the children are standing?
Where the kids are playing?

Stage 4

Wh- with copula BE

Where is the ball?
Where is the dog?
Where is the shoe?
Where is the space ship?
Where is the sun?

Yes/no questions with AUX inversion

Is the boy beside the garbage can?
Is there a dog on the bus?
Is there a fish in the water?

Stage 5

Wh- with AUX second

What is the boy throwing?
What is the boy doing?
How do you say *lancer*?
How do you say *tâches* in English?
How do you say *extra-terrestre*?

Stage 6

So-called 'embedded' questions

Can you tell me what the date is?
I cannot tell you what the date is.
Does he know what the answer is?
He doesn't know what the answer is.

Figure 1. Developmental stages in English questions (adapted from Lightbown 1998:182 in Doughty and Williams (1998), which was in turn adapted from Pienmann, Johnson, and Brindley, 1988)).