CHAPTER 1

First Language Acquisition

Week eight: Language acquisition — Chapter 12
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   History of English

Phonology

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Morphology

Three strategies:

1. The Whole Object Assumption
   A new word refers to a whole object.

2. The Type Assumption
   A new word refers to a type of thing, not just to a particular thing.

3. The Basic Level Assumption
   A new word refers to types of objects that are alike in basic ways.

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1. case-by-case
2. overuse of general pattern
3. mastery of exceptions to the general pattern
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<td>as father enters the room</td>
<td>agent of action = Actor</td>
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<td>down</td>
<td>as child sits down</td>
<td>action or state</td>
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<td>door</td>
<td>as father closes door</td>
<td>theme = Undergoer</td>
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<td>here</td>
<td>as child points</td>
<td>location</td>
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<td>Mama</td>
<td>as child gives mother something</td>
<td>recipient</td>
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<td>again</td>
<td>as child watches lighting of a match</td>
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**Vocabulary**

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