The acquisition of reference: a cross-linguistic study

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List of abbreviations

**Data**

D  Dutch  
E  English  
F  French  
CHILDES  Child Language Data Exchange System  
CHAT  Codes for the Human Analysis of Transcripts  
CLAN  Computerized Language Analysis  
MLUW  Mean length of utterance in words as calculated in CHILDES

**Morphosyntactic forms**

Nbare  Grammatical bare noun  
Ndef  Definite determiner and noun  
Ndem  Demonstrative determiner and noun  
Ndefd  Definite/demonstrative determiner and noun  
Ndet  Noun with any type of determiner, i.e. not a bare noun  
Nfr  Noun preceded by filler  
Ngnt  Genitive construction  
Nind-pl  Indefinite plural noun  
Nind-sg  Indefinite singular determiner and noun  
Nmsart  Ungrammatical bare noun (missing article noun)  
Nnum  Numeral determiner and noun  
Npos  Possessive determiner and noun
Nprt  Partitive determiner and noun
Pprs  Personal pronoun
Pdem  Demonstrative pronoun
Pnum  Numeral
Ppos  Possessive pronoun
Prlt  Relative pronoun
Prfl  Reflexive pronoun
ProperN  Proper name
wh-question  Question that starts with who, what, where etc.

Pragmatic functions
END  Endophoric reference – referent is physically absent
EXP  Exophoric reference – referent is physically present
MK  Mutual knowledge
NMRK  No mutual knowledge
ToM  Theory of Mind

Statistics
ASR  Adjusted standardized residual
C  Contingency coefficient
Df  Degrees of freedom
χ²  Pearson’s chi-square
>  Adjusted standardized residual greater than 2
<  Adjusted standardized residual lower than 2

Examples
CHI  Child
INV  Investigator
MOT  Mother
FAT  Father
GRM  Grandmother
GRF  Grandfather
BRO  Brother
%sit:  Situation
%act:  Action
%com:  Comments by transcriber/investigator
[...] Part of the original transcript deleted, since not relevant to the example

∂ Schwa

xxx Unintelligible speech, not treated as a word

xx Unintelligible speech, treated as a word

[?] Best guess

[: text] Replacement with conventional form

# Pause between words

[!!] Pronounced with emphasis or stress

[/] Retracting without correction

[//] Retracting with correction

[>] Overlap follows

[<] Overlap precedes

<text> Overlap follows and precedes

(text) Non-completion of a word, the part between brackets is omitted

otext Omission of word

text +... Trailing off

^text Ungrammatical

?text Pragmatically infelicitous or not optimal form

**Idiomatic glosses**

ø Missing element

(= text) Clarification of context or referent

**Morphemic glosses**

3 Third person

comm Common gender

fem Feminine gender

masc Masculine gender

neut Neuter gender

pl Plural

rfl Reflexive

sg Singular