

# Kids' Philosophy of Language

## Language as a System of Functional Resources

Early conceptions regarding the power of language.

### **Oriana**

- 19 mo.  
Hello cat. I'm fine. I'm fine. You're fine.
- 26 mo.  
No! Don't say that! Don't say it, Papa!
- 32 mo.  
Don't blow! Wind! Don't blow!

### **Galen**

- 27 mo.  
Don't be noisy, wind! I'm talking, wind! Don't be noisy! That's rude!  
Don't be rude, wind!
- 28 mo.  
I'm pretending you didn't tell me that. You pretend too, Papa!

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Galen  
(27 mo): I want some salt, please, Mommie.

M: Just a minute, Darlo.

Galen: Some salt please, Mommie.

M: ... no response ...

Galen: Some of that white stuff there.



Galen: Randy Harris