- Web-CDI: A system for online administration of the MacArthur-Bates Communicative
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Abstract

Understanding the mechanisms that drive variation in children's language acquisition 12 requires large, population-representative datasets of children's word learning across 13 development. Parent report measures such as the MacArthur-Bates Communicative 14 Development Inventories (CDI) are commonly used to collect such data, but the traditional 15 paper-based forms make the curation of large datasets logistically challenging. Many CDI 16 datasets are thus gathered using convenience samples, often recruited from communities in 17 proximity to major research institutions. Here, we introduce Web-CDI, a web-based tool 18 which allows researchers to collect CDI data online. Web-CDI contains functionality to collect and manage longitudinal data, share links, and download standardized vocabulary scores. To date, over 3,500 valid Web-CDI administrations have been completed. General trends found in past norming studies of the CDI are present in data collected from Web-CDI: scores of children's productive vocabulary grow with age, female children show a slightly faster rate of vocabulary growth, and participants with higher levels of educational 24 attainment report slightly higher vocabulary production scores than those with lower levels 25 of education attainment. We also report results from an effort to oversample non-white, 26 lower-education participants via online recruitment (N = 241). These data showed similar 27 demographic trends to the full sample but this effort resulted in a high exclusion rate. We conclude by discussing implications and challenges for the collection of large, 29 population-representative datasets. 30

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Children vary tremendously in their vocabulary development (Fenson et al., 1994;
Frank, Braginsky, Yurovsky, & Marchman, 2021). Characterizing this variability is central
to understanding the mechanisms that drive early language acquisition, yet capturing this
variation in broad, diverse samples of children has been a significant challenge for cognitive
scientists for decades. The MacArthur-Bates Communicative Development Inventories
(MB-CDI, or CDI for short) are a set of commonly-used parent report instruments for
assessing vocabulary development in early childhood (Fenson et al., 2007) that was
introduced in part to create a cost-effective method for measuring variability across
individuals.

In this paper, we introduce a web-based tool, Web-CDI, which was developed to
address the need for collecting CDI data in an online format. Web-CDI allows researchers
to increase the convenience of CDI administration, further decrease costs associated with
data collection and entry, and access participant samples that have traditionally been
difficult to reach in language development research. Our purpose in this paper is twofold:
first, we describe Web-CDI as a platform which streamlines the process of collecting CDI
data and collates the data in a way that facilitates the creation of large-scale, multisite
collaborative datasets. Second, we profile usage of Web-CDI thus far, with a particular
focus on broadening the reach of traditional paper-based methods of collecting vocabulary
development data.

The Importance of Parent Report Data

Gaining empirical traction on variation in children's early language requires reliable and valid methods for measuring language abilities, especially in early childhood (8 to 30 months). Parent report is a mainstay in this domain. Parent reports are based on their

daily experiences with the child, which are much more extensive than a researcher or clinician can generally obtain. Moreover, they are less likely to be influenced by factors that may mask a child's true ability in the laboratory or clinic (e.g., shyness). One widely 60 used set of parent-report instruments is the MacArthur-Bates Communicative Development 61 Inventories, originally designed for children learning American English (Fenson et al., 2007). The American English CDIs come in two versions, Words & Gestures (WG) for 63 children 8 to 18 months, focusing on word comprehension and production, as well as gesture use, and Words & Sentences (WS) for children 16 to 30 months, focusing on word production and sentence structure. Together, these instruments allow for a comprehensive picture of milestones that characterize language development in early childhood. A substantial body of evidence suggests that these instruments are both reliable and valid (e.g., Fenson et al., 1994, 2007) leading to their widespread use in thousands of research studies over the last few decades.

Initial large-scale work to establish the normative datasets for the American English 71 CDI not only provided key benchmarks for determining children's progress, but also 72 documented the extensive individual differences that characterize early language learning 73 during this critical period of development (Bates et al., 1994; Fenson et al., 1994). Understanding the origins and consequences of this variability remains an important empirical and theoretical endeavor (e.g., Bates & Goodman, 2001; Bornstein & Putnick, 76 2012; see also, Frank et al., 2021). The popularity of CDI instruments has remained strong over the years, leading to extensions of the methodology to alternative formats and cross-language adaptations (Fenson et al., 2000). Many teams around the world have adapted the CDI format to the particular language and community (Dale, 2015). Importantly, these adaptations are not simply translations of the original form but rather incorporate the specific features of different languages and cultures, since linguistic variability exists even among cultures that share a native language. As an example of this phenomenon, the word "Cheerios" is more common in the United States than it is in the

United Kingdom; as a result, it might be expected that caregivers would report children's knowledge of this word in the U.S. and not the U.K., even though English is the most common language in both countries. To date there are now more than 100 adaptations for languages around the globe.

While the reliability and validity of these instruments is well-established for the
American English versions of the forms, existing norming samples are skewed toward
families with more years of formal education and away from non-white groups (Fenson et
al., 2007). Representation in these norming samples is generally restricted to families living
on the U.S. east and west coasts. Further, although paper survey administration is a
time-tested method, increasingly researchers and participants would prefer to use an
electronic method to administer and fill CDI forms, obviating the need to track (and
sometimes mail) paper forms, and the need to key in hundreds of item-wise responses for
each child.

Here, we report on our recent efforts to create and distribute a web-based version of 98 the CDIs in order to address some of the limitations of the standard paper versions. Online 99 administration of the CDI is not a novel innovation – a variety of research groups have 100 created purpose-build platforms for administering the CDI in particular languages. For 101 example, Kristoffersen et al. (2013) collected a large normative sample of Norwegian CDIs 102 using a custom online platform. Similarly, the Slovak adaptation of the CDI uses an online 103 administration format. And many groups have used general purpose survey software such 104 as Qualtrics and Survey Monkey to administer CDIs and variants online (e.g., Caselli, 105 Lieberman, & Pyers, 2020). The innovation of Web-CDI is to provide a comprehensive researcher management interface for the administration of a wide range of CDI forms, allowing researchers to manage longitudinal administrations, download scores, and share links easily, all while satisfying strong guarantees regarding privacy and anonymity. 109 Moreover, a key benefit of a unified data collection and storage system such as Web-CDI is 110 that data from disparate sources are combined into a single repository. This substantially 111

reduces the overhead efforts associated with bringing together data collected by researchers across the world and allows for the analysis of large comparative datasets with the power to detect general trends in vocabulary development that may emerge across languages.

Introducing Web-CDI

Web-CDI is a web-based platform for CDI administration and management. 116 Web-CDI allows researchers to communicate with families by sharing URLs (web links that 117 contain individual users' own administration of the Web-CDI) via email or social media, 118 facilitating access to families in areas distant from an academic institution and eliminating 119 costly mailings and laboratory visits. Web-CDI also standardizes electronic administration 120 and scoring of CDI forms across labs and institutions, making possible the aggregation of 121 CDI data for later reuse and comparison across administrations by different labs. Indeed, 122 users of Web-CDI grant the CDI Advisory Board to access and analyze the resulting data 123 on an opt-out basis, providing a path towards continual improvement of CDI instruments. Since 2018, more than 3,500 CDIs have been collected by 15 research groups throughout the U.S. who are using Web-CDI, demonstrating the potential for large-scale data collection and aggregation.

Below, we outline how Web-CDI is used. We begin by detailing the consent obtention process and participant experience. Second, we describe the interface that researchers use to collect data using Web-CDI, specifying a number of common use cases for the platform.

131 Participant interface

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Participants can complete the Web-CDI on a variety of devices, including personal computers and tablets. Web-CDI can be administered on a smartphone, although the experience is not as ideal for the user due to the length of the survey. As Web-CDI moves in the future to incorporate more short forms and adaptive forms, smartphone-responsive

design will become a priority.

When a participant clicks a URL shared by a researcher, they are directed to a
website displaying their own personal administration of the Web-CDI. In some cases, they
may be asked to read and accept a waiver of consent documentation, depending on
whether the researcher has chosen to use that feature (see also Researcher Interface below).

Demographics. On the first page of the form, the participant is asked to provide 141 demographic information about their family and any health conditions that might impact 142 their child's vocabulary development. The top of the page includes general instructions 143 that inform participants that they should expect the study to take at least 30 minutes and 144 that they should try to complete it in a quiet setting (e.g., while their child is sleeping); the 145 demographic questions are presented below the instructions. Researchers can customize the 146 presentation of these demographic questions in three ways. First, they can elect to show all 147 of the demographics items on the landing page or to present the majority of these questions 148 at the end of the instrument. This choice is provided because some pilot work in the 149 United Kingdom indicated that participants may be deterred from completing the 150 instrument if they are asked to answer questions regarding personal health information 151 early on in the study. Second, certain demographic questions can be asked at both the 152 beginning and the end of the form to serve as validity checks, such that participants' 153 answers to redundant questions can be compared in order to screen for hasty or illegitimate completions. Third, researchers can tailor the questions to the societal and cultural context 155 of their participants (e.g., country-specific education level descriptors, income categories, 156 ethnicity definitions, etc.). 157

Instructions. After completing the first demographics page, participants are provided with detailed instructions that are appropriate for either the Words & Gestures or Words & Sentences version (see Figure 1). In addition, there are more detailed instructions for completing the vocabulary checklist. Unlike the traditional paper versions, instructions on

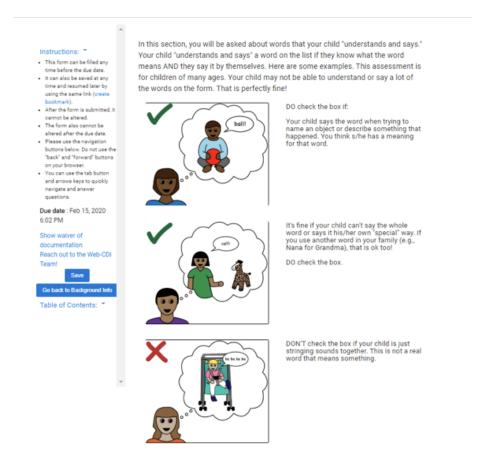


Figure 1. Pictorial instructions in the Web-CDI Words and Sentences instrument.

how to properly choose responses are provided both in written and pictorial form. The 162 pictorial instructions (Figure 1) aim to further increase caregivers' understanding of how to complete the checklist. For example, these instructions clarify that the child's 164 understanding of a word requires them to have some understanding of the object that the 165 word refers to or some aspect of the word's meaning. In addition, caregivers are reassured 166 that "child-like" forms (e.g., "raff" for "giraffe") or family- or dialect-specific forms (e.g., "nana" for "grandma") are acceptable. Lastly, caregivers are reminded that the child should be able to produce the words "on their own" and that imitations are not acceptable. 169 These general "rules of thumb" for completing the form should be familiar to researchers who are distributing the forms to caregivers so they can field any questions that may arise. 171 While this is not possible for certain use-cases (e.g., social media recruitment), these

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PART 1: Early Words Vocabulary checklist The following is a list of typical words in young children's vocabularies. For words your child UNDERSTANDS but does not yet say, place a mark in the first column ("understands"). For words that your child both understands and also SAYS, place a mark in the second column ("understands and says"). You only need to mark one column. If your child uses a different pronunciation of a word (for example, "raffe" for "giraffe" or "sketti" for "spagetti") or knows a different word that has a similar meaning as the word listed here (e.g., "nana" for "grandma"), go ahead and mark it. Remember, this is a "catalogue" of words that are used by many different children. Don't worry if your child knows only a few right now. Hide/Show Instructions: ^ 1. Sound Effects And Animal Sounds		PART 1: Words Children Use A: Vocabulary Checklist Children understand many more words than they say. We are particularly interested in the words your child both understands and SAYS. Please go through the list and mark the words you have heard your child SAY on their own. If your child uses a different pronunciation of a word (for example, "raffe" instead of "giraffe" or "sketti" for "spaghetti") or says a different word that has a similar meaning as the word listed here (e.g., "nana" for "grandma"), go ahead and mark it. Remember that this is a "catalogue" of all the words that are used by many different children. Do worry if your child only says a few of these right now. Hide/Show Instructions: * 1. Sound Effects And Animal Sounds				
baa baa	understands understands and says	cockadoodledoo	grrr			
choo choo	understands understands and says	□ meow	☐ moo ☐ quack quack			
cockadoodledoo	understands understands and says	uh oh	vroom			

Figure 2. (A) Sample items from the American English Words and Gestures form. (B) Sample items from the American English Words and Sentences form.

instructions should ideally also be reviewed either in writing (e.g., via email) or verbally (e.g., over the phone), so that these pictured instructions serve merely as a reminder to caregivers when completing the form.

Completing the instrument. The majority of the participant's time is spent completing the main sections of the instruments. As shown in Figure 2, on the American English Words and Gestures form, the vocabulary checklist portion (396 items) asks caregivers to indicate whether their child can "understand" or "understand and say" each word; they can also indicate that their child neither understands nor says the word by checking neither box. Additionally, gesture communication and other early milestones are assessed. In the American English Words and Sentences form, the vocabulary checklist

183 (680 items) only asks caregivers to indicate which words their child "says". Additional
184 items assess children's production of their three longest sentences, as well as morphological
185 and syntactic development more broadly. All of these items are broken up across multiple
186 screens for easier navigation through the form.

At the completion of the form, a graph is displayed illustrating the proportion of 187 words from each semantic category that the child currently produces or understands. 188 Participants can select to download their own responses. In addition, data from the 189 norming studies are used to estimate the "hardest" (i.e., most advanced based on previous 190 work on age of acquisition of individual words, Frank et al. (2021)) word that the child 191 currently understands or produces. This feedback to caregivers is intended to provide 192 caregivers with a fun "thank you" and is intentionally not designed to provide specific 193 feedback about their child's progress relative to other children or any normative standard. 194 The closing page also reminds caregivers that their participation does not constitute a 195 clinical evaluation and that they should contact their pediatrician or primary care 196 physician if they have any concerns about their child's development. 197

198 Researcher interface

One of the main goals of Web-CDI is to provide a unified CDI platform to the child 199 language research community. To that end, researchers request an account by contacting a 200 member of the CDI Advisory Board. Once they have registered an account they can create 201 studies to distribute to participants. One rationale for this personalized registration 202 process is that we ask that researchers allow fully anonymized data from their participants to be shared with the CDI Advisory Board, so that it can be added to Wordbank (http://wordbank.stanford.edu/; Frank et al., 2017) and shared with broader research 205 community. However, if particular participants indicate in the consent process that they do 206 not want their data to be shared more broadly, then researchers can indicate this in the 207 Web-CDI dashboard to prevent data from specific administrations being contributed to any 208

209 analyses conducted by the CDI Advisory Board and/or Wordbank.

A study in the context of the Web-CDI system is a set of individual administrations 210 created by a researcher that share certain specifications. Table A1 in the Appendix gives 211 an overview of the customizable features that are available at the study level in Web-CDI. 212 These features are set when creating a study using the "Create Study" tool, and most of 213 the features can be updated continuously during data collection using the "Update Study" 214 tool. While some of these features are only particularly relevant to specific use cases (e.g., 215 longitudinal research and social media data collection, described below), others are relevant 216 to all researchers using Web-CDI. 217

There are currently several CDI forms available for distribution on Web-CDI,
including multiple versions of the English WG and WS forms and forms in other languages
(see Cross-linguistic Research below). When creating a study, researchers choose one of the
forms that they would like to distribute to participants; only one can be used in a given
study. Researchers who wish to send multiple forms to participants simultaneously (e.g.,
those conducting multilingual research) should create multiple studies, each with a single
instrument associated with it.

Researchers can download participant data in two formats. Both formatting options output a comma-separated values file with one row per participant; the full data option includes participant-by-item responses, and allows researchers to explore item-level trends, while the summary data option omits item-level data and only provides summary scores and normative information (e.g., total number of words understood/produced, percentile scores by age and gender).

Below, we outline several possible use cases of Web-CDI, as well the features which may facilitate them from a researcher's perspective.

Individual recruitment. One possible workflow using Web-CDI is to send unique study URLs to individual participants. Researchers do so by entering numerical participant

IDs or by auto-generating a specified quantity of participant IDs, each with its own unique study URL, using the "Add Participants" tool in the researcher dashboard. New 236 participants can be added on a continual basis so that researchers can adjust the sample 237 size of their study during data collection. Unique links generated for individual participants 238 expire, by default, 14 days after creation, though the number of days before link expiration 230 is adjustable, which may be an important consideration for some researchers depending on 240 their participant populations and specific project timelines. Workflows that involve 241 generating unique links are most suitable for studies which pair the CDI with other measures, or when researchers contact specific participants from an existing database. 243

Longitudinal studies. Web-CDI also facilitates longitudinal study designs in which 244 each participant completes multiple administrations. Researchers wishing to design 245 longitudinal studies can do so by entering a list of meaningful participant IDs using the 246 "Add Participants" tool in the researcher dashboard. If a certain participant ID is added multiple times, Web-CDI will create multiple unique study URLs in the study dashboard 248 that have the same specified ID. In addition, when creating studies, researchers can select 249 whether they would like the demographics information, vocabulary checklist, or no sections 250 at all to be pre-filled when a participant fills out a repeat administration of the instrument. Unless researchers are interested in cumulative vocabulary counts, it is strongly 252 recommended that they do not use the option to pre-fill the vocabulary checklist portion of 253 the instrument in longitudinal administrations as caregivers should complete the instrument at each time point independently. 255

Social media and survey vendors. Web-CDI contains several features designed to
facilitate data collection from social media recruitment or through third-party
crowd-sourcing applications and vendors (e.g., Amazon Mechanical Turk, Prolific). First,
rather than creating unique survey links for each participant, researchers can also use a
single, anonymous link. When a participant clicks the anonymous link, a new
administration with a unique subject ID is created in the study dashboard. Additionally,

Web-CDI studies have several customizable features that are geared towards anonymous 262 online data collection. For example, researchers can adjust the minimum amount of time a 263 participant must take to fill out the survey before they are able to submit; with a longer 264 minimum time to completion, researchers can encourage a more thorough completion of 265 the survey. Researchers can also ask participants to verify that their information is 266 accurate by checking a box at the end of the survey, and can opt to include certain 267 demographic questions at both the beginning and end of the survey, using response 268 consistency on these redundant items as a check of data quality. 269

Paid participation. If researchers choose to compensate participants directly through
the Web-CDI interface, Web-CDI has built-in functionality to distribute redeemable gift
codes when a participant reaches the end of the survey. Web-CDI contains several features
to facilitate integration with third-party crowdsourcing applications and survey vendors
should they choose to handle participant compensation through another platform. For
example, when creating studies, researchers can enter a URL to redirect participants to
when they reach the end of the survey. Researchers using the behavioral research platform
Prolific can configure their study to collect participants' unique Prolific IDs and pre-fill
them in the survey.

Cross-linguistic research. Web-CDI forms are currently available in English (U.S.
American and Canadian), Spanish, French (Quebecois), Hebrew, Dutch and Korean. We
are looking to add more language forms to the tool as the paper version of the forms has
been adapted into more than 100 different languages and further ongoing adaptations have
been approved by the MB-CDI board (http://mb-cdi.stanford.edu/adaptations).

$_{284}$ System Design

Web-CDI is constructed using open-source software. All of the vocabulary data collected in Web-CDI are stored in a standard MySQL relational database, managed using

Django and Python and hosted either by Amazon Web Services or by a European Union (GDPR) compliant server (see below). Individual researchers can download data from their studies through the researcher interface, and Web-CDI administrators have access to the entire aggregate set of data from all studies run with Web-CDI. Website code is available in a GitHub repository https://github.com/langcog/web-cdi, where interested users can browse, make contributions, and request technical fixes.

Data Privacy and GDPR Compliance

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Web-CDI is designed to be compliant with stringent human subjects privacy 294 protections across the world. First, for U.S. users, we have designed Web-CDI based on the 295 United States Department of Health and Human Services "Safe Harbor" Standard for 296 collecting protected health information as defined by the Health Insurance Portability and 297 Accountability Act (HIPAA). In particular, participant names are never collected, birth 298 dates are used to calculate age in months (with no decimal information) but never stored, 299 and geographic zip codes are trimmed to the first 3 digits. Because of the architecture of the site, even though participants enter zip codes and dates of birth, these are never 301 transmitted in full to the Web-CDI server. Since no identifying information is being 302 collected by the Web-CDI system, this feature ensures that Web-CDI can be used by 303 United States labs without a separate Institutional Review Board agreement between users 304 labs and Web-CDI (though of course researchers using the site will need Institutional 305 Review Board approval of their own research projects).¹ 306

In the European Union (EU), research data collection and storage is governed by the Generalized Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and its local instantiation in the legal

¹ Issues of de-identification and re-identifiability are complex and ever changing. In particular, compliance with DHHS "safe harbor" standards does not in fact fully guarantee the impossibility of statistical re-identification in some cases and if potential users have questions, we encourage them to consult with an Institutional Review Board.

system of the member states. Some of the questions on the demographic form contain 309 information that may be considered sensitive (e.g., information about children's 310 developmental disorders), and in some cases, the possibility of linking this sensitive 311 information to participant IDs exists, particularly when researchers draw on local databases 312 that contain full names and addresses for recruitment and contacting. As a result, issues 313 regarding GDPR compliance arise when transferring data outside the EU, namely to 314 Amazon Web Services servers housed in the United States. Following GDPR regulations, 315 these issues would make a data sharing agreement between data collectors and Amazon 316 Web Services necessary. In addition, all administrators who can access the collected data 317 would have to enter such an agreement, which needs updating whenever personnel changes 318 occur. To overcome these hurdles, and in consultation with data protection officers, we 319 opted to leverage the local technical expertise and infrastructure to set up a sister site housed on GDPR-compliant servers, currently available at http://webcdi.mpi.nl. This site 321 is updated synchronously with the main Web-CDI website to ensure a consistent user experience and access to the latest features and improvements. This site has been used in 323 135 successful administrations so far and is the main data collection tool for an ongoing 324 norming study in the Netherlands. We are further actively advertising the option to use the European site to other labs who are following GDPR guidelines and are planning 326 adaptations to multiple European languages, where copyright allows. 327

We now turn to an overview of the data collected thus far using Web-CDI. First, we
examine the full sample of all of the Web-CDI administrations collected as of autumn 2020
(Dataset 1); we then focus in on a specific subset of Dataset 1 which is comprised of data
from recent efforts to oversample non-white, less highly-educated U.S. participants
(Dataset 2). Across both datasets, we show that general trends from prior research on
vocabulary development are replicated using Web-CDI, and we discuss the potential for
using Web-CDI to collect vocabulary development data from diverse communities online.

Dataset 1: Full Current Web-CDI Usage

Table 1

Exclusions from Dataset 1: full Web-CDI sample

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Exclusion	WG	% of full	WS	% of full
	exclusions	WG sample exclusions		WS sample
		excluded		excluded
Not first administration	163	5.68%	444	12.35%
Premature or low birthweight	37	1.29%	67	1.86%
Multilingual exposure	449	15.66%	492	13.69%
Illnesses/Vision/Hearing	191	6.66%	203	5.65%
Out of age range	88	3.07%	200	5.56%
Completed survey too quickly	363	12.66%	236	6.57%
System error in word tabulation	1	0.03%	4	0.11%
Total exclusions	1292	45%	1646	46%

In this section, we provide some preliminary analyses of Dataset 1 which consists of 336 the full sample of American English Web-CDI administrations collected before autumn 337 2020. At time of writing, researchers from 15 universities in the United States have 338 collected over 5,000 administrations of the American English CDI using Web-CDI since it 339 was launched in late 2017, with 2,868 administrations of the WG form before exclusions and 2,868 administrations of the WS form before exclusions. We excluded participants from the subsequent analyses based on a set of stringent criteria intended for the creation of future normative datasets. We excluded participants if it was not their first administration of the survey; if they were born prematurely or had a birthweight under 5.5 lbs (< 2.5 kg); reported more than 16 hours of exposure to a language other than English 345 per week on average (amounting to > 10% exposure to English); had serious vision

impairments, hearing deficits or other developmental disorders or medical issues²; completed the survey unrealistically quickly (defined here as in fewer than 8.5 minutes)³; or 348 were outside of the correct age range for the survey. The exclusion criteria we used were 349 designed to be generally comparable with those used in Fenson et al. (2007), who adopted 350 stringent criteria to establish vocabulary norms that reflect typically developing children's 351 vocabulary trajectories. A complete breakdown of the number of participants excluded on 352 each criterion is in Table 1. Of the completed WG forms, 1,292 were excluded, leading to a 353 final WG sample size of 1,576 administrations, and 920 WS administrations were excluded, 354 leading to a final WS sample size of 1,948. 355

356 Demographic distribution and exclusions

Figure 3 shows the distribution of participant ethnicities in Dataset 1 as compared 357 with previously reported numbers in a large scale norming study of the paper-based CDI 358 form by Fenson et al. (2007). White participants still comprised nearly three quarters of 359 the Web-CDI sample, while a higher proportion of participants report mixed ethnic identification as compared to the 2007 norms. Few participants identified as 361 Hispanic/Latinx: 6.5% of WG participants and 5.1% of WS participants reported Hispanic 362 or Latinx heritage. The low percentage of Hispanic/Latinx participants was due in part to 363 our exclusion of children with substantial exposure to languages other than English: before 364 exclusions, 8.4% of WG participants were Hispanic/Latinx, and 8.1% of WS participants 365 were Hispanic/Latinx.

² Exclusions on the basis of child health were decided on a case-by-case basis by author V.M. in consultation with Philip Dale, Donna Thal, and Larry Fenson.

³ This timing criterion was chosen by authors B.D. and V.M. during recent online data collection as a lenient cutoff, i.e., one that errs on the side of including, rather than excluding, participants; on paper-based forms, caregivers are told the test generally takes 20-40 minutes. We noted that in early rounds of recent data collection, most participants who completed the survey in less than 8.5 minutes reported floor-level vocabulary scores regardless of age.

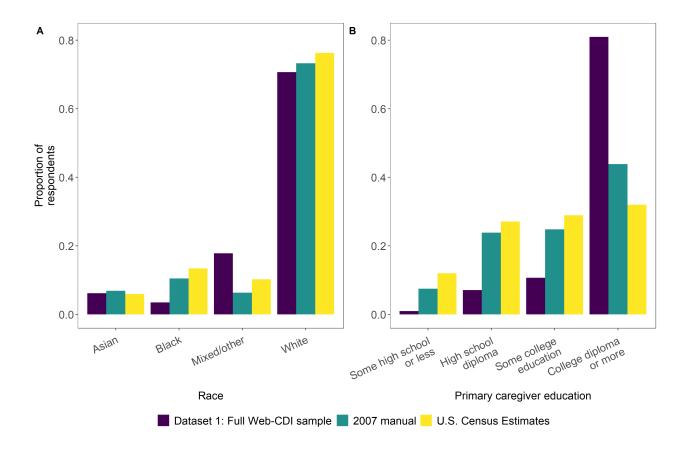


Figure 3. Proportion of respondents plotted by child race (A) and educational level of primary caregiver (B) from full Web-CDI sample (Dataset 1) to date (N = 3,524), compared with norming sample demographics from Fenson (2007). Latinx participants can be of any race and are thus not represented as a separate category here.

Participants' educational attainment level was similarly skewed. Over 80% of children in Dataset 1 came from families with college-educated mothers compared to 43% from the same group in the 2007 norms (Figure 3). Furthermore, less than 1% of participants report a primary caregiver education level less than a high school degree, compared to 7% from the same group in the 2007 norms. The overrepresentation of white Americans with high levels of education attainment in this sample points to a general challenge encountered in vocabulary development research, which we return to when we detail our efforts to recruit more diverse participants.

Results

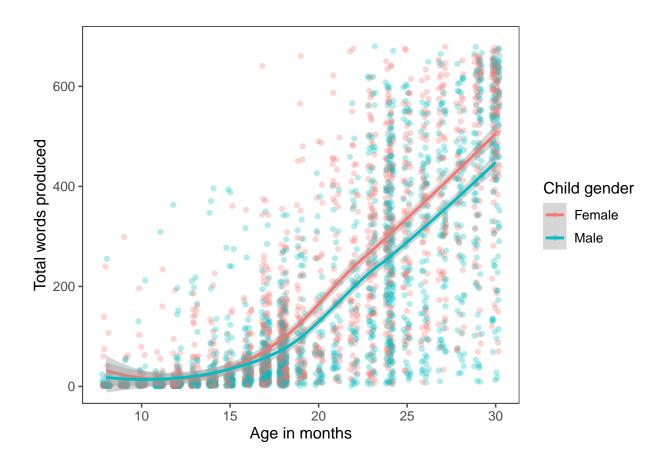


Figure 4. Individual children's vocabulary production scores from Dataset 1 (entire Web-CDI sample) plotted by children's age and gender (both WG and WS, N=3,513, with 1,674 girls). Lines are locally weighted regressions (LOESS) with associated 95% confidence interval. Children with a different or no reported gender (N=11) are omitted here.

Although the CDI instruments include survey items intended to measure constructs
other than vocabulary size, such as gesture, sentence production and grammar, we focus
exclusively on the vocabulary measures here. Across both the WG and WS measures,
Dataset 1 shows greater reported vocabulary comprehension and production for older
children. Moreover, data from both the WG and WS measures in Dataset 1 replicate a
subtle but reliable pattern such that female children tend to have slightly larger vocabulary
scores than male children across the period of childhood assessed in the CDI forms (Frank

et al., 2021), though in these data this difference does not appear until around 18 months
(Figure 4).

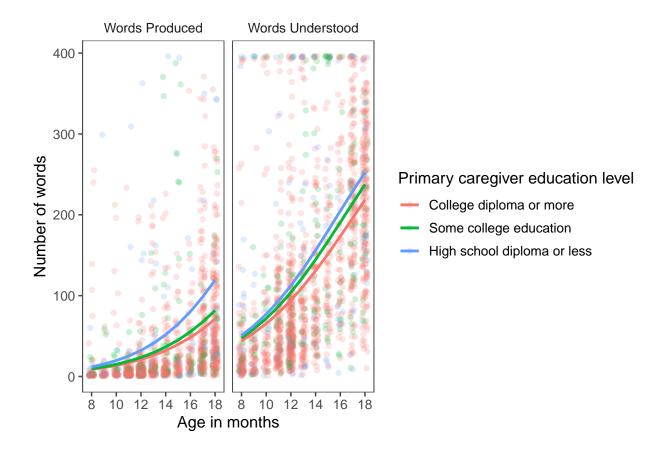


Figure 5. Individual children's word production (left panel) and comprehension (right panel) scores from Dataset 1 (full Web-CDI sample) plotted by age and primary caregiver's level of education (binned into "High school diploma or less", "Some college education", and "College diploma or more") as reported in the sample of Words and Gestures Web-CDI administrations collected as of November 2020 (N = 1,576). Curves show generalized linear models fits.

On the WG form, respondents' reports of children's vocabulary comprehension and production both increased with children's age (Figure 5). We replicate overall patterns found by Feldman et al. (2000) in that, on both the "Words Understood" and "Words Produced" measures, vocabulary scores were slightly negatively correlated with primary

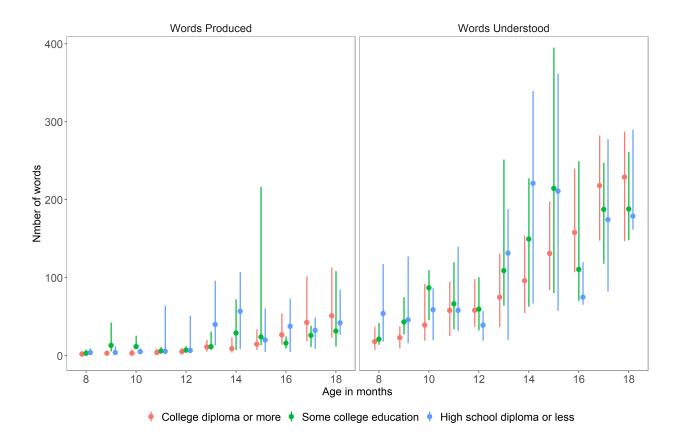


Figure 6. Median vocabulary production (left) and comprehension (right) scores from Dataset 1 (full Web-CDI sample) by age and primary caregiver's level of education attainment on the WG form. Lines indicate span between first and third quartiles for each age.

caregivers' education level, such that those caregivers without any college education reported higher vocabulary scores on both scales. A linear regression model with robust standard errors predicting comprehension scores with children's age and primary caregivers' education level (binned into categories of "High school diploma or less", "Some college education" and "College diploma or more⁴") as predictors shows main effects of both age ($\beta = 19.89$, p < 0.001) and caregiver primary education ($\beta_{highschool} = 29.59$, p =

⁴ "High school diploma or less" corresponds to 12 or fewer years of education; "Some college" corresponds to 13 - 15 years of education; "College diploma or more" refers to 16 or more years of education.

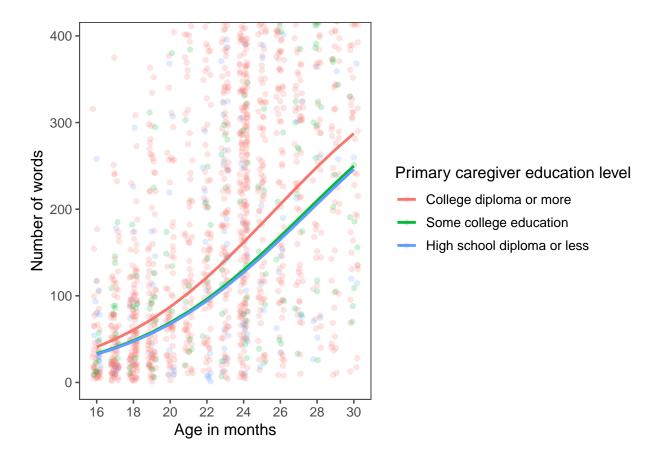


Figure 7. Individual children's vocabulary production scores from Dataset 1 (full Web-CDI sample) plotted by children's age and primary caregiver education level of primary caregiver education as reported in the sample of Words and Sentences Web-CDI administrations collected as of November 2020 (N = 1,948). Curves show generalized linear models fits.

production scores by children's age and primary caregivers' education level shows main effects of age ($\beta = 7.82$, p < 0.001) and caregiver primary education ($\beta_{highschool} = 28.86$, p = 0.002). These analyses were not preregistered, but generally follow the analytic strategy in Frank et al. (2021); additionally, we fit linear models with robust standard errors to account for heteroskedasticity in the data (Astivia & Zumbo, 2019).

The pattern of results seen in the WG subsample of Dataset 1 is consistent with prior findings indicating that respondents with lower levels of education attainment report higher vocabulary comprehension and production on the CDI-WG form (Feldman et al.,

2000; Fenson et al., 1994). Although caregivers with lower levels of education attainment 404 report higher mean levels of vocabulary production and comprehension, median vocabulary 405 scores (which are more robust to outliers) show no clear pattern of difference across 406 primary caregiver education levels (Figure 6). This discrepancy between the regression 407 effects and a group-median analysis suggests that the regression effects described 408 previously are driven in part by differential interpretation of the survey items, such that a 400 few caregivers with lower levels of education attainment are more liberal in reporting their 410 children's productive and comprehensive vocabularies, especially for the youngest children, 411 driving up the mean scores for this demographic group. 412

Vocabulary production scores on the WS form show the expected pattern of increase 413 with children's age in months; in addition, scores replicate the trend reported in Feldman 414 et al. (2000) and Frank et al. (2021) such that primary caregiver education is positively 415 associated with children's reported vocabulary size (Figure 7). Because representation of 416 caregivers without a high school diploma is scarce (N = 18 out of a sample of 1,948), 417 interpretation of the data from this group is constrained. Nevertheless, as shown in Figure 418 7, a small but clear positive association between primary caregiver education and 419 vocabulary score exists such that college-educated caregivers report higher vocabulary 420 scores than those of any other education level. The implications from these data converge 421 with previous findings which indicate that parental education levels, often used as a metric 422 of a family's socioeconomic status, are related to children's vocabulary size through early 423 childhood. 424

Discussion: Dataset 1

In general, the full sample of Web-CDI data after exclusions (Dataset 1) replicates
previous norming datasets used with the standard paper-and-pencil form of the MB-CDI.
We find that vocabulary scores grow with age and that females hold a slight advantage
over males in early vocabulary development. Moreover, Dataset 1 replicates a previously

documented relationship between primary caregiver education level and vocabulary scores:
on the WG form, primary caregiver education shows a slight negative association with
vocabulary scores, whereas the trend is reversed in the WS form. Taken together, these
data illustrate that Web-CDI and the standard paper-and-pencil form of the CDI give
similar results, and thus that Web-CDI can be used as a valid alternative to the paper
format.

The data discussed above have stemmed from efforts by many researchers across the
United States whose motivations for using the Web-CDI vary. As a result, they reproduce
many of the biases of standard U.S. convenience samples. In the next section, we describe
in more detail our recent efforts to use the Web-CDI to collect vocabulary development
data from traditionally underrepresented participant populations in the United States,
attempting to counteract these trends.

Dataset 2: Using Web-CDI to Collect Data from Diverse U.S.-based Communities

Despite the large sample sizes we collected in the previous section, Dataset 1 is, if 444 anything, even more biased towards highly-educated white families than previous datasets 445 collected using the paper-and-pencil form. How can we recruit more diverse samples to 446 remedy this issue? Here, we discuss and analyze Dataset 2, which consists of those 447 administrations from Dataset 1 which were part of recent data-collection efforts (within the past year and a half) that were specifically aimed towards exploring the use of online 449 recruitment as a potential way to collect more diverse participant samples than are typical in the literature. In other words, the following data from Dataset 2 were included in the previous discussion and analysis of Dataset 1, but we examine them separately here to give special attention to the issue of collecting diverse samples online. 453

While understanding that the performance of standard measurement tools like the

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CDI among multilinguals is of immense import to the field of vocabulary development 455 research (Gonzalez et al., in prep; Floccia et al., 2018; De Houwer, 2019), we focused in 456 Dataset 2 only on vocabulary development in monolingual children, because collecting data 457 from multilingual populations introduces additional methodological considerations (e.g., 458 how to measure exposures in each language) that are not the focus of our work here. 459 However, it will be imperative in future to collect large-scale datasets of vocabulary data in 460 bilingual children, both to better calibrate standard tools such as the CDI, as well as to 461 reduce the bias towards monolingual families in the existing literature on measuring 462 vocabulary development. 463

464 Online data collection

Online recruitment methods, such as finding participants on platforms such as 465 Amazon Mechanical Turk, Facebook and Prolific, represent one possible route towards 466 assembling a large, diverse sample to take the Web-CDI. These methods allow researchers 467 to depart from their typical geographical recruitment area much more easily than with 468 paper-and-pencil administration. Online recruitment strategies for vocabulary development 469 data collection have been used in the United Kingdom (Alcock, Meints, & Rowland, 2020), 470 but their usage in the U.S. context remains, to our knowledge, rare. In a series of data 471 collection efforts, we used Web-CDI as a tool to explore these different channels of 472 recruitment. 473

Dataset 2 consists of data that were collected in two phases. In the first phase, we
ran advertisements on Facebook which were aimed at non-white families based on users'
geographic locations (e.g., targeting users living in majority-Black cities) or other profile
features (e.g., ethnic identification, interest in parenthood-related topics). Advertisements
consisted of an image of a child and a caption informing Facebook users of an opportunity
to fill out a survey on their child's language development and receive an Amazon gift card
(Figure 8). Upon clicking the advertisement, participants were redirected to a unique

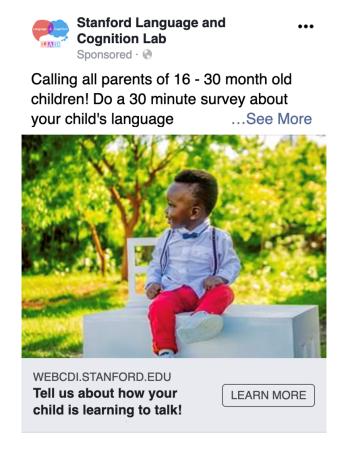


Figure 8. Example Facebook advertisement in Phase 1 of recent data collection.

administration of the Web-CDI, and they received \$5 upon completing the survey. This
open-ended approach to recruitment offered several advantages, namely that a wide variety
of potential participants from specific demographic backgrounds can be reached on
Facebook. However, we also received many incomplete or otherwise unusable survey
administrations, either from Facebook users who clicked the link and decide not to
participate, or those who completed the survey in an extremely short period of time (over
half of all completed administrations, Table 2).

In the second phase, we used the crowdsourcing survey vendor Prolific

(http://prolific.co) in the hopes that some of the challenges encountered with Facebook

recruitment would be addressed. Prolific allows researchers to create studies and post them

to individuals who are in the platform's participant database, each of whom is assigned a

Table 2

Exclusions from Dataset 2: recent data collection using Facebook and Prolific.

Exclusion	WG	% of full	WS	% of full
	exclusions	WG sample	exclusions	WS sample
		excluded		excluded
Not first administration	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Premature or low birthweight	7	2.53%	1	0.33%
Multilingual exposure	18	6.50%	23	7.62%
Illnesses/Vision/Hearing	4	1.44%	4	1.32%
Out of age range	1	0.36%	26	8.61%
Completed survey too quickly	132	47.65%	122	40.40%
System error in word tabulation	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Total exclusions	162	58%	176	58%

unique alphanumeric "Prolific ID". Importantly, Prolific maintains detailed demographic information about participants, allowing researchers to specify whom they would like to complete their studies. Prolific further has a built-in compensation infrastructure that handles monetary payments to participants, eliminating the need to disburse gift cards through Web-CDI.

In the particular case of Web-CDI, the demographic information needed to determine
whether an individual was eligible to complete our survey (e.g., has a child in the correct
age range, lives in a monolingual household, etc.) was more specific than the information
that Prolific collects about their participant base. We therefore used a brief pre-screening
questionnaire to generate a list of participants who were eligible to participate, and
subsequently advertised the Web-CDI survey to those participants. Given that we were
interested only in reaching participants in the United States who were not white or who
did not have a college diploma, our data collection efforts only yielded a sample that was
small (N = 71) but much more thoroughly screened than that which we could obtain on

506 Facebook.

Across both phases (Facebook and Prolific recruitment), we used the same exclusion 507 criteria as in the full Web-CDI sample to screen participants. A complete tally of all 508 excluded participants is shown in Table 2. In both the WG and WS surveys, exclusion 509 rates in Dataset 2 were high, amounting to 58% of participants who completed the survey. 510 The high exclusions rates were notably driven by an accumulation of survey 511 administrations which participants completed very quickly (in these analyses, defined as a 512 completion taking less than 8.5 minutes). Many of the survey administrations excluded for 513 fast completion had missing demographic information reported: Among WG participants 514 excluded for too-fast completions, 93% did not report ethnicity, and among WS 515 participants excluded for the same reason, 97% did not report ethnicity. Absence of these 516 data prevents us from making conclusions about the origin or demographic profile of 517 administrations that were excluded. After exclusions, full sample size in Dataset 2 was N = 518 115 WG completions and N = 126 WS completions. 519

The results from Dataset 2 show overall similar patterns to the full Web-CDI sample 520 in several regards. Word production scores from both the WG and WS administrations 521 reflect growing productive vocabulary across the second and third years, with a very small 522 gender effect such that female children's vocabularies are higher across age than males' 523 (Figure 9). The relationship between caregivers' reported levels of education and child's vocabulary score is not as clear as it is in the full Web-CDI sample (Figure 10); however, children of college-educated caregivers reported generally higher vocabulary scores across 526 age than did children of caregivers without any college degree. These patterns suggest that 527 our data show similar general patterns to other CDI datasets with other populations 528 (Frank et al., 2021). 529

Importantly, Dataset 2 showed a substantial improvement in reaching non-white or less highly-educated participants. After exclusions, Dataset 2 has a higher proportion of

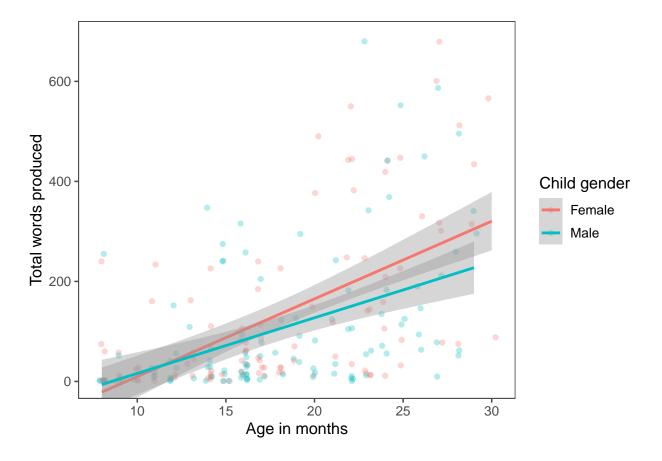


Figure 9. Individual children's vocabulary production scores from Dataset 2 (recent data collection efforts) plotted by children's age and gender (both WG and WS, N=238, with 116 girls). Lines are best linear fits with associated 95% confidence intervals. Children with a different or no reported gender (N=3) are omitted here.

non-white participants than Dataset 1 (the overall Web-CDI sample) and the norms
established by Fenson et al. (2007) (Figure 11). Black participants in particular showed a
marked increase in representation, from 10.5% in the 2007 norms to 30.9% in Dataset 2,
while the proportion of white participants decreased from 73.3% in the 2007 norms to
50.2% in Dataset 2. Representation on the basis of families' reported primary caregiver
education also improved (Figure 11). Participants with only a high school diploma
accounted for 31.5% of Dataset 2 as compared to 23.8% in the 2007 norms, and
representation of those with a college diploma or more education decreased from 43.8% in

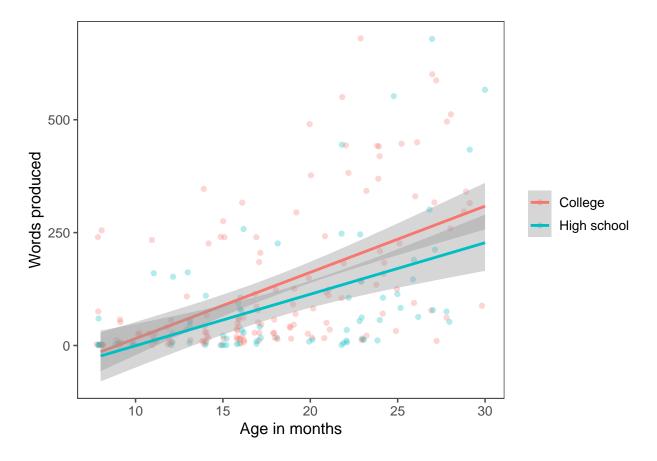


Figure 10. Individual children's vocabulary production scores from Dataset 2 (recent data collection efforts) plotted by age and level of primary caregiver education, binned into those with a high school diploma or less education and those with some college education or a college diploma (N=241). Lines show best linear fits and associated 95% confidence intervals.

the 2007 norms to 36.5% in Dataset 2.

Discussion: Dataset 2

The results from Dataset 2 indicate that Web-CDI could be a promising platform to collect vocabulary development data in non-white and communities with lower levels of education attainment when paired with online recruitment methods that yield legitimate, representative participant samples. These data do, however, convey clear limitations of our

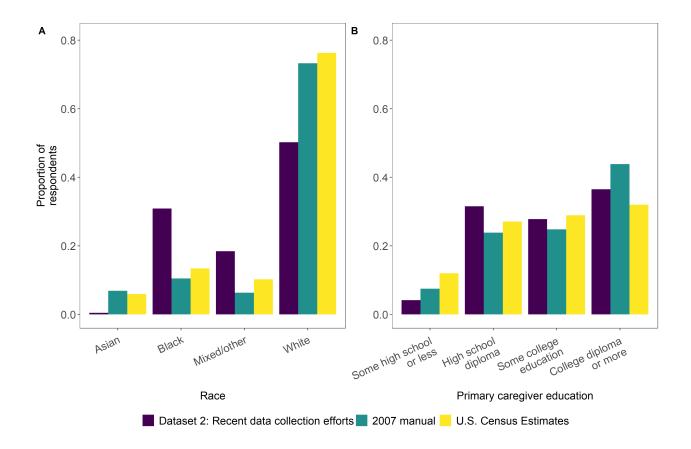


Figure 11. Proportion of respondents plotted by child race (A) and educational level of primary caregiver (B) from Dataset 2, recent data collection efforts aimed towards oversampling non-white, less highly-educated families (N=241), compared with norming sample demographics from Fenson (2007). Latinx participants can be of any race and are thus not represented as a separate category here.

approach. Perhaps most conspicuously, more than half of completed administrations in this
sample had to be excluded, in many cases because the information provided by participants
appeared rushed or incomplete: over 40% of administrations were completed in fewer than
8.5 minutes, and of these quick completions, well over 90% were missing demographic
information that is rarely missing in other administrations of the form. Determining the
precise reasons for the high exclusion rate, and how (if at all) this (self-)selection may bias
data reflecting demographic trends in vocabulary development, requires a more thorough

assessment of who is submitting hastily-completed forms. Such an assessment is beyond
the scope of the current study. However, all respondents who got to the end of the form
were compensated regardless of how thoroughly they completed it, creating the possibility
that some participants who clicked the anonymous link may not have been members of the
population of interest, but rather were other individuals motivated by compensation.

Additionally, the exclusion rates described previously only provide information on 558 those participants who did, at some point, submit a completed form, but many individuals 559 clicked the advertisement link and did not subsequently continue on to complete the form. Without an in-depth exploration of who is clicking the link and why they might choose not to continue, we cannot draw conclusions about the representativeness of the sample in Dataset 2 with regards to the communities we would like to include in our research. As 563 such, a more thorough understanding of how users from different communities respond to 564 various recruitment and sampling methods is needed in future work in order to draw 565 conclusions about demographic trends above and beyond those already established in the 566 literature. 567

Similarly, participants in Dataset 2 were recruited through a targeted post on social 568 media, a technique that is considerably more anonymous than recruitment strategies which 569 entail face-to-face or extended contact between researchers and community members. 570 Online recruitment methods may not be suitable for all communities, especially when 571 researchers ask participants to report potentially sensitive information about the health, 572 developmental progress, ethnicity and geographic location of their children (even when such information is stored anonymously). Our goal here was to assess whether general 574 trends in past literature could be recovered using such an online strategy, but future research should take into account that other more personal methods of recruitment, such as 576 more direct community outreach or liaison contacts, may improve participants' experiences 577 and their willingness to engage with the study. 578

Finally, a significant limitation of the data collection process in Dataset 2 is that 579 many people in the population of interest - particularly lower-income families - do not have 580 reliable internet access. Having participants complete the Web-CDI on a mobile device 581 may alleviate some of the issues caused by differential access to Wi-Fi, since the vast 582 majority of American adults own a smartphone (Center, n.d.). Accordingly, improving 583 Web-CDI's user experience on mobile platforms will be an important step towards ensuring 584 that caregivers across the socioeconomic spectrum can easily complete the survey. For 585 smartphone users on pay-as-you-go plans, who may be reluctant to use phone data to 586 complete a study, a possible solution could be compensating participants for the amount of 587 "internet time" they incurred completing the form. 588

General Discussion and Conclusions

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In this paper, we presented Web-CDI, a comprehensive online interface for researchers 590 to measure children's vocabulary by administering the MacArthur-Bates Communicative 591 Development Inventories family of parent-report instruments. Web-CDI provides a 592 convenient researcher management interface, built-in data privacy protections, and a 593 variety of features designed to make both longitudinal and social-media sampling easy. To 594 date, over 3,500 valid administrations of the WG and WS forms have been collected on 595 Web-CDI from more than a dozen researchers in the United States after applying strict 596 exclusion criteria derived from previous norming studies (Fenson et al., 2007, 1994). Our 597 analysis of Dataset 1 shows that demographic trends from previous work using the 598 paper-and-pencil CDI form are replicated in data gleaned from Web-CDI, suggesting that 599 the Web-CDI is a valid alternative to the paper form and captures similar results. 600

Many research laboratories, not only in the United States but around the world,
collect vocabulary development data using the MacArthur-Bates CDI. With traditional
paper-based forms, combining insights from various research groups can prove challenging,
as each group may have slightly different ways of formatting and managing data from CDI

forms. By contrast, if all of these groups' data come to be stored in a single repository with
a consistent database structure, data from disparate sources can easily be collated and
analyzed in a uniform fashion. As such, a centralized repository such as Web-CDI provides
a streamlined data-aggregation pipeline that facilitates cross-lab collaborations, multisite
research projects and the curation of large datasets that provide more power to
characterize the vast individual differences present in children's vocabulary development.

Beyond the goal of simply getting more data, we hope that Web-CDI can advance 611 efforts to expand the reach of vocabulary research past convenience samples into diverse 612 communities. A key question in the field of vocabulary development concerns the 613 mechanisms through which sociodemographic variables, such as race, ethnicity, income and 614 education are linked to group differences in vocabulary outcomes. Large, 615 population-representative samples of vocabulary development data are needed to 616 understand these mechanisms, but most research to date (including the full sample of 617 Web-CDI administrations) oversamples white participants and those with advanced levels 618 of education.

We explored the use of Web-CDI as part of a potential strategy to collect data from
non-white and less highly-educated communities in two phases (Dataset 2). Several overall
patterns emerged which we expected: vocabulary scores grew with age, providing a basic
validity check of the Web-CDI measure; females held a slight advantage in word learning
over males; and children of caregivers with a college education showed slightly higher
vocabulary scores. Nonetheless, the insights from these data, while aligned with past
norming studies, are necessarily constrained by several features of our method.

Web-based data collection can capture useful information about vocabulary
development from diverse communities, but future research will need to examine which
sampling methods can yield accurate, population-representative data that can advance our
understanding of the link between sociodemographic variation and variation in language

outcomes.

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Ethics statement

Data collected in the United States for this project are anonymized according to
guidelines set forth by the United States Department of Health and Human Services. Data
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Appendix

Table A1 $Settings\ customizable\ by\ researchers\ when\ creating\ new\ studies\ to\ be\ run\ on\ the\ Web-CDI$ platform.

Study setting	Default value	Notes
Study name	none	_
Instrument	none	_
Age range for study	none	Defaults based on instrument
		selected.
Number of days before study	14	Must be between 1 and 28
expiration		days.
Measurement units for birth	Pounds and	Weight can also be measured
weight	ounces	in kilograms (kg).
Minimum time (minutes) a	6	_
parent must take to complete		
the study		
Waiver of documentation	blank	Can be filled in by researchers
		to include a Waiver of
		Documentation for the
		participant to approve before
		proceeding to the experiment.
Pre-fill data for longitudinal	No, do not	Researchers can choose to
participants?	populate any	pre-fill the background
	part of the form	information and the
		vocabulary checklist.

Table A1

Settings customizable by researchers when creating new studies to be run on the Web-CDI platform. (continued)

Study setting	Default value	Notes
Would you like to pay subjects	No	If checked, researchers can
in the form of Amazon gift		enter gift codes to distribute
cards?		to participants once they have
		completed the survey.
Do you plan on collecting only	No	If checked, researchers can set
anonymous data in this study?		a limit for the maximum
(e.g., posting ads on social		number of participants, as well
media, mass emails, etc)		as select an option that asks
		participants to verify that the
		information entered is
		accurate.
Would you like to show	Yes	_
participants graphs of their		
data after completion?		
Would you like participants to	No	_
be able to share their		
Web-CDI results via		
Facebook?		
Would you like participants to	No	Asks redundant demographic
answer the confirmation		questions to serve as attention
questions?		checks.

Table A1

Settings customizable by researchers when creating new studies to be run on the Web-CDI platform. (continued)

Study setting	Default value	Notes
Provide redirect button at	No	Used to redirect users to
completion of study?		external site after form
		completion.
Capture the Prolific Id for the	No	For integration with Prolific.
participant?		
Allow participant to print	No	_
their responses at end of		
Study?		
End message	Standard	Can be changed to customize
	end-of-study	end-of-study message.
	message	

Table A2 $Regression\ output\ for\ WG\ comprehension\ measure.$

term	estimate	std.error	statistic	p.value	conf.low	conf.high	df
Intercept	124.810162	2.4775536	50.376372	0.0000000	119.9504831	129.669841	1563
Age	19.886304	0.7948915	25.017632	0.0000000	18.3271375	21.445470	1563
Caregiver education: Some college	15.211941	8.2460195	1.844762	0.0652613	-0.9624853	31.386367	1563
Caregiver education: High school or less	29.590528	11.6323333	2.543817	0.0110604	6.7739047	52.407151	1563
Age * Caregiver education: Some college	-2.634036	2.3380237	-1.126608	0.2600812	-7.2200296	1.951958	1563
Age * Caregiver education: High school or less	-8.265199	3.2612259	-2.534384	0.0113614	-14.6620378	-1.868360	1563

Table A3 $Regression\ output\ for\ WG\ production\ measure.$

term	estimate	std.error	statistic	p.value	conf.low	conf.high	df
Intercept	32.215191	1.4982257	21.5022284	0.0000000	29.276003	35.154379	1308
Age	7.818305	0.6165779	12.6801578	0.0000000	6.608715	9.027895	1308
Caregiver education: Some college	6.877730	5.3868563	1.2767613	0.2019131	-3.690093	17.445553	1308
Caregiver education: High school or less	28.861313	9.3338396	3.0921158	0.0020294	10.550380	47.172246	1308
Age * Caregiver education: Some college	-1.694890	1.5007018	-1.1293984	0.2589369	-4.638936	1.249156	1308
Age * Caregiver education: High school or less	-1.816008	2.4989324	-0.7267134	0.4675316	-6.718362	3.086346	1308