

Anthropology 4. Winter 2021. Assignment # 6 (20 points)

Submit your completed assignment to your TA's site **by Monday March 15 at 9am PST.**

Make sure to include your **NAME**, your **TA's NAME** and the **LETTER** of your **SECTION**.

Question # 1. (8 points)

Ochs and Schieffelin identified the following four features of the model they called "Adapt situation to child":

- 1) Simplified Register (= "baby talk")
- 2) Cooperative building of utterances between caregiver and child
- 3) Caregiver follows child's topic
- 4) Two-party (dyadic) interactions (as opposed to multi-party)

Examine the transcript below and identify which utterances exemplify which of the first 4 features (one of them is obvious and applies to the interaction as a whole). In the case of feature 1 (simplified register understood here as "Baby Talk"), specify at least four of the features of Baby Talk mentioned in lecture 14 (e.g., repetition, expansion of child's utterances, etc.). In your answer, make sure to identify the line number, the actual utterance, and the specific strategy that it is adopted by the speaker, for example, you might formulate your answer by writing "3rd feature) Caregiver follows child's topic in line X by saying XXX."

Transcript

line	CHILD	ADULT
1	push: tit/ push tit	
2		
3	/mo Ay↑kəl/	
4		what? Michael?
5	mo:. mo. /a:ykəl/	
6		wha:t?
7	mo	
8		motor//cycle?
9	-ycle	
10		did you see a motor//cycle?
11	((loud)) RIDE IT↑	
12		oh you wanna <u>ride</u> the motorcycle
13		oh we rode the motorcycle at
14		Chuck E. Chee::ze,
15	one, one,	
16		one,
17	big -hh O::NE, [wä::n]	
18		you rode a- <u>big</u> motorcycle?
19	wow!	
20		w:(h)ow!

Question # 2. (12 points) (maximum 450 words)

Using the concept of “coding scheme” introduced by Charles Goodwin in “Professional Vision,” (a) identifies the “coding scheme” used by Ochs and Taylor in their analysis of Dinnertime narratives, (b) explain the ways in which the coding scheme was specifically designated to identify gender roles and power asymmetries among family members; and (c) discuss any similarities between the notion of “coding scheme” and Whorf’s “principle of relativity”.