

How do children produce negation?

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Introduction

Claim: Children start producing all types of English negation by age 18 months and by 36 months, they produce them at the rate parents do. types of negation in English: no, sentential (not, nt), lexical (nothing, nobody, nowhere, none, un-in-de-dis-). For no: higher frequency in imperatives For sentential negation: ... For lexical negation: ...

- How frequent are different negative forms in children's input?
- What is the developmental trajectory of different negative forms?
- How prevalent are different negative forms in different sentence types (imperative, declarative, interrogative)?
- Do lexical negatives develop first or sentential negatives? Could one help the other?
- What percentage of children at each age produce negation? different forms?

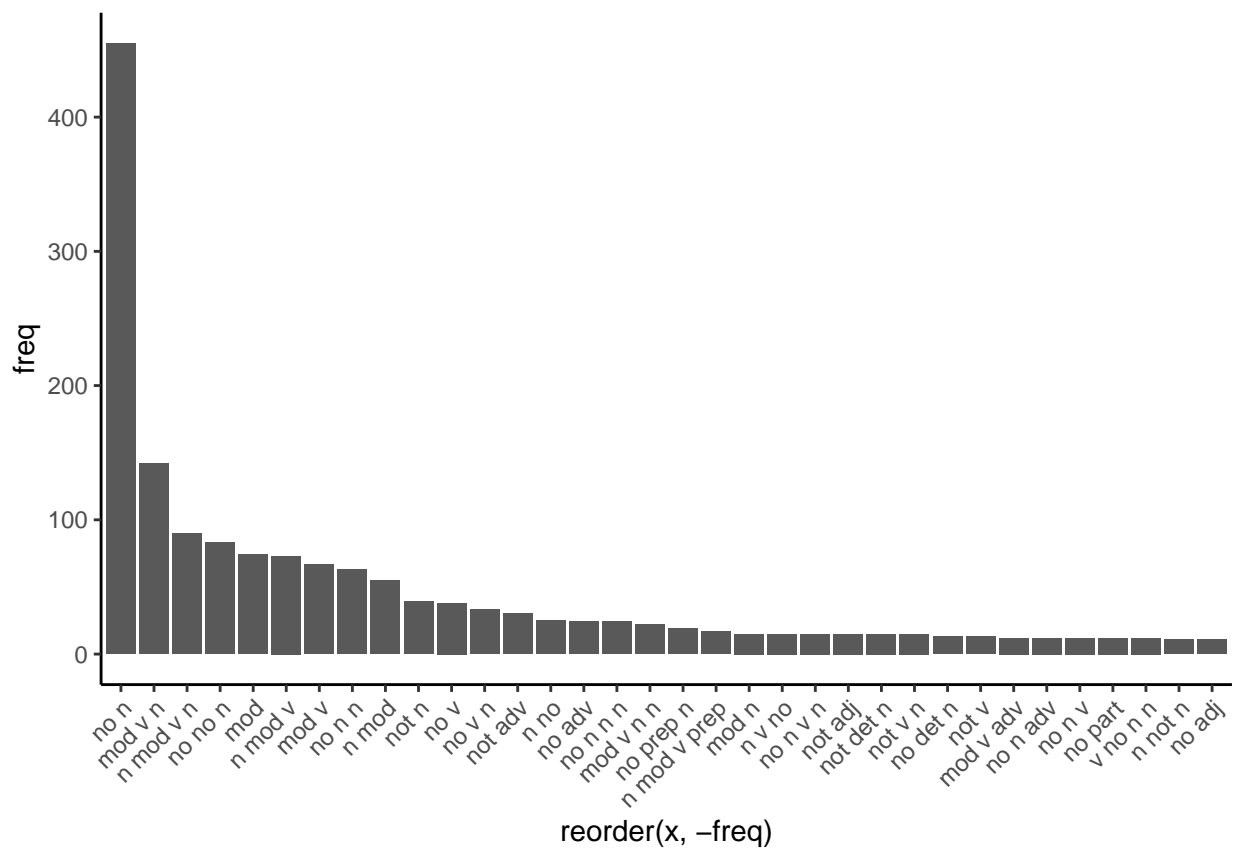
Study 2: * What syntactic constructions host negative forms? * How productive are negative morphemes?

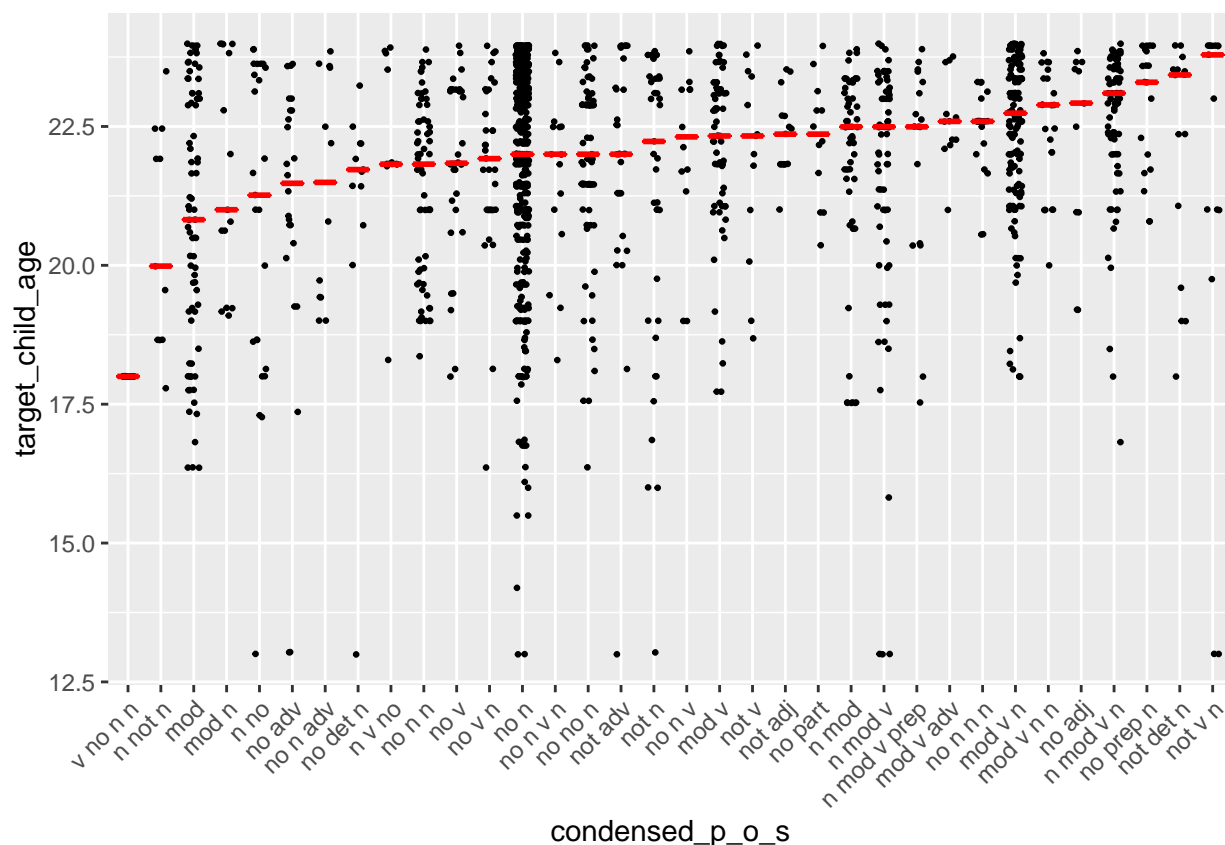
Literature Review

Formal and functional development of negation

Methods

33 Participant information: 1. what is the distribution of words per participant? 2. what
 34 proportion of children in each monthly age bin produce negative morphemes?





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37	##	[1]	no baby	no mama	no door	no car
38	##	[5]	no pillow	no straws	no game	no pages
39	##	[9]	no bath	no celery	no house	no milk
40	##	[13]	no box	no boot	no baseball	no caca swing
41	##	[17]	no supper	no cuppie	no thank_you	no car carpark
42	##	[21]	no color	no cat	no back	no water
43	##	[25]	no bubble	no juice	no milk	no nose
44	##	[29]	no way	no goggie	no letter	no pen
45	##	[33]	no puppy	no orange	no cookie	no glove
46	##	[37]	no horsie	no play	no pentagon	no moon
47	##	[41]	no boats	no book	no cars	no bricks
48	##	[45]	no park	no tickle	no toys	no touch
49	##	[49]	no man	no tape	no bite	no nana

50	##	[53]	no baby's	no bits	no egg	no machine
51	##	[57]	no mail	no tractor	no Ma	no tanker tanker
52	##	[61]	no right	no lady	no bug	no wood
53	##	[65]	no babies	no pocket	no move	no push
54	##	[69]	no teddy	no walk	no bed	no dolls
55	##	[73]	no no monkeys	no couch	no mom	no shoe shoe
56	##	[77]	no mummy	no hold	no kisses	no blue
57	##	[81]	no no no powder	no powder	no clock	no valentines
58	##	[85]	no cream	no bottle	no train	no bus
59	##	[89]	no doll	no soup	no tigers	no pigs
60	##	[93]	no cheese	no girl	no window	no paper
61	##	[97]	no face	no mummy's	no boy	no mommy
62	##	[101]	no pictures	no picture	no hands	no fall
63	##	[105]	no soda	no lady	no food	no rice
64	##	[109]	no truck	no bucket	no noise	no eggs
65	##	[113]	no knee	no shoes	no socks	no baba
66	##	[117]	no tea	no bee	no sir	no balloons
67	##	[121]	no balloon	no motorcycle	no fork	no dance
68	##	[125]	no work	no nappie	no glue	no cookies
69	##	[129]	no works	no daddy's	no squirrel	no pink
70	##	[133]	no cakes	no wheels	no yellow	
71	##	1807	Levels: a don't turn a ice no ice+cream a no ... Zoe not Zoe			
72	##	[1]	no more stuff	no more people	no more people	
73	##	[4]	no more ball	no no car	no no paint	
74	##	[7]	no more bath	no more toy	no more juice	
75	##	[10]	no more machine	no more noise	no more light	
76	##	[13]	no more fire	no no mouse	no no pram	

77 ## [16] no more pegs no more car no more apple
 78 ## [19] no more blocks no more monkey no more squirrels
 79 ## [22] no more whale no more wheels no other pennys
 80 ## [25] no more horse no more meat
 81 ## 1807 Levels: a don't turn a ice no ice+cream a no ... Zoe not Zoe

 82 ## [1] no push no hat no dada no mommy no fish
 83 ## [6] no pig no bottle no juice no mommy no picture
 84 ## [11] no sweeties no uncle no hug no boat no match
 85 ## [16] no neck un no pink no monkey no boy
 86 ## 1807 Levels: a don't turn a ice no ice+cream a no ... Zoe not Zoe

 87 ## [1] no Mummy no Mommy
 88 ## [3] no Mum no Baura
 89 ## [5] no Joshua no Papa
 90 ## [7] no Jen no Mom
 91 ## [9] no Brittany no Naima
 92 ## [11] no Nana no Fraser
 93 ## [13] no Davy no Fraser no Fraser
 94 ## [15] no Ma no No
 95 ## [17] no Mumm no Zita
 96 ## [19] no Daddy no Percy
 97 ## [21] no Toby no Nana's
 98 ## [23] no Mummy's no Abi
 99 ## [25] no Pooh no Mommy
 100 ## [27] no Papa no Eve
 101 ## [29] no Ernie no Pat
 102 ## [31] no Emily no Mama

103 ## [33] no Laura_Lastname no Mummy
 104 ## [35] no Carl no Thomas
 105 ## [37] no Thomas_the_Tank_engine
 106 ## 1807 Levels: a don't turn a ice no ice+cream a no ... Zoe not Zoe

 107 ## [1] can't catch it don't want it can't do it
 108 ## [4] can't get it don't touch it don't do it
 109 ## [7] can't have it tan't blow it don't throw it
 110 ## [10] don't like it can't reach it don't touch you
 111 ## [13] didn't eat it can't open it don't hear you
 112 ## [16] don't pour it don't eat it don't don't pour it
 113 ## [19] can't fix it don't lose it can't find it
 114 ## [22] don't push it
 115 ## 1807 Levels: a don't turn a ice no ice+cream a no ... Zoe not Zoe

 116 ## [1] no more no noone no one no more no everybody
 117 ## 1807 Levels: a don't turn a ice no ice+cream a no ... Zoe not Zoe

 118 ## [1] don't can't can't can't can't
 119 ## [5] don't don't don't doo+doos can't
 120 ## 1807 Levels: a don't turn a ice no ice+cream a no ... Zoe not Zoe

 121 ## [1] I don't I didn't I can't I couldn't I can't I won't
 122 ## [7] she don't I won't
 123 ## 1807 Levels: a don't turn a ice no ice+cream a no ... Zoe not Zoe

 124 ## [1] don't go don't talk can't catch
 125 ## [4] don't know can't come don't touch
 126 ## [7] don't kick can't put doesn't work
 127 ## [10] don't fit don't want don't cry

128 ## [13] don't worry leeb's don't know can't push
 129 ## [16] don't jump don't wiggle can't reach
 130 ## [19] don't push can't move don't nurse
 131 ## [22] can't open willn't fit won't open
 132 ## [25] willn't willn't go can't eat don't put
 133 ## [28] willn't work don't throw don't stop
 134 ## [31] won't go can't talk
 135 ## 1807 Levels: a don't turn a ice no ice+cream a no ... Zoe not Zoe

 136 ## [1] don't touch that don't do that don't want that
 137 ## [4] don't want these don't say that didn't put this
 138 ## [7] didn't took this don't put that don't do this
 139 ## [10] don't want this don't spoil that don't like that
 140 ## 1807 Levels: a don't turn a ice no ice+cream a no ... Zoe not Zoe

 141 ## [1] I don't know I don't play I can't open
 142 ## [4] I don't remember they don't fit I can't tie
 143 ## [7] I don't come I can't sing hh I can't sing with
 144 ## [10] my can't eat I don't want I didn't cry
 145 ## [13] I couldn't predict I can't go living+room I don't blanket
 146 ## [16] I can't see
 147 ## 1807 Levels: a don't turn a ice no ice+cream a no ... Zoe not Zoe

 148 ## [1] no read no write no pooped no go
 149 ## [5] no want no zipper no want din+dins no draw
 150 ## [9] no bumble no draw no sit no go bathroom
 151 ## [13] no eat no fit no finish no f finish
 152 ## [17] no think no left
 153 ## 1807 Levels: a don't turn a ice no ice+cream a no ... Zoe not Zoe

154 ## [1] I don't want it I don't see it I can't do it
 155 ## [4] I can't find it I don't need it I can't see you
 156 ## [7] I don't like it I can't hear you I didn't like it
 157 ## [10] I can't see it I can't can't do it
 158 ## 1807 Levels: a don't turn a ice no ice+cream a no ... Zoe not Zoe

 159 ## [1] not there not again not yet not quite not here
 160 ## [6] not off not not there not on not now not asleep
 161 ## 1807 Levels: a don't turn a ice no ice+cream a no ... Zoe not Zoe

 162 ## [1] no have black no sit chair no eat lunch no have cracker
 163 ## [5] no want truck no want paint no want food no spill milk
 164 ## [9] no eat milk no want bottle
 165 ## 1807 Levels: a don't turn a ice no ice+cream a no ... Zoe not Zoe

 166 ## # A tibble: 924 x 2
 167 ## part_of_speech utterances
 168 ## <fct> <chr>
 169 ## 1 adj co hot no,wet no
 170 ## 2 adj cop pro:per naughty isn't it,cold isn't it
 171 ## 3 adj mod v mum don't know
 172 ## 4 adj n co conj mod v little bun birthday ho but can't ~
 173 ## 5 adj n co n:prop coord n:prop coord n~ big kids like Emmy and Carl and L~
 174 ## 6 adj n neg pro:dem just crayon not these
 175 ## 7 adj prep n:prop n cop pro:per close to Rachel's feet wasn't it
 176 ## 8 adv aux there aren't
 177 ## 9 adv cop there isn't ,there isn't
 178 ## 10 adv cop qn n there is no moon
 179 ## # ... with 914 more rows

180 **##** [1] 0.6919721

181 Susan's Questions: Are you sure it is a quantifier or a marker of non-existence? Check
182 the difference between no+N and no-more+N how about single "no"s?

183 To do: 1. cluster the most frequent categories 2. look at the age distribution for the
184 cluster (what about the distribution of age in communicative function: nonexistence,
185 nondesire, imperative)

186 **Participants**

187 **Material**

188 **Procedure**

189 **Data analysis**

190 **Results**

191 **Discussion**

References

Abbreviation	Meaning
n	noun (includes pronouns and proper nouns)
v	verb
adj	adjective
adv	adverb
prep	preposition
det	determiner
part	participle
mod	modal

Construction	Examples	Negation Categories
no n	no baby, no horsie, no juice	Existence, Desire, Metalinguistic?
no no n OOPS	PROBLEM HERE no more stuff, *no car, no no pram, #no like doggy	
no det n	no my turn, no a cow, no the hammer	
no adj	no happy, no pretend, no brown	
no adv	no there, no up, no behind	
no n adv	no jacket on, no monkey there, *no lie down	
no n n	no baby bubble, no this one, *no brush hair	
no n n n	no night night moon, no mummy this side, *no hold daddy hand	
no n v	no mail came, no mummy go, no I wanted	
no n v n	no car go car, no comb want brush, no mummy do it	
no part	no bouncing, no eating, no hurting	
no prep n	no in tree, no with this, *no like bubbles	
no v	no read, no pooped, *no zipper	
no v n	no sit chair, no have cracker, no eat milk	
not n	not noodle, not home, not right	
not det n	not my car, not a cat, not a white	

Construction	Examples	Negation Categories
not adj	not good, not dirty, not real	
not adv	not today, not there, *not asleep	
not v	not shush, not work, not blanket	
not v n	not eat rocks, not have coffee, not green one	
n no	mammy no, apple no, train no	
n not n	pizza not pizza, pizza not apples, that not knees	
n v no	doll sit no, I take no, Joana say no	
mod	don't, can't	
mod n	can't tea, don't Mommy, didn't I	
mod v	don't go, doesn't work, can't catch	
mod v adv	can't come in, don't fall down, doesn't fit here	
mod v n	don't touch that, don't fit car, can't open it	
mod v n n	don't eat skin part, (?) don't touch that book, *can't find bunny rabbit	
n mod	I can't, Jane doesn't, mine didn't	
n mod v	I don't know, they don't fit, I can't open	
n mod v n	I don't want juice, I can't find duck, cow won't go Mama	
n mod v prep	I don't want to, Laura don't want to	

Construction	Examples	Negation Categories
v no n n	man no taste it (???)	