

Appendix 4C. Monthly numbers of omissions by child

In chapter 3 I describe the methodology for pooling data into stages. I use three criteria to establish the four stages: MLU, V ratio, and the proportion of Proto-syntactic place holders. Based on this division of the data, I divide the following data into stages. The reason for this is so that a unified view of the data can be obtained. The complexity of having four children at different stages in development and of different ages makes this a difficult task. In the text I claim that the conclusions that I come to based on staged data are still valid when the data are arranged on a monthly basis. Thus below I provide the data arranged month-by-month.

Each table is for one child, with the ages in the left column and the clause types in each subsequent column. Importantly, there are very few cells in which nothing appears. In other words, all four of these children produced all four clause types at all times in their data recording. Therefore the omission of prefixes in child Swahili is not something limited to particular children, but rather is something that all children do – even the relative mature children.

Table 4C.1. Monthly data for Hawa

| | Full Clauses | [-SA] Clauses | [-T] Clauses | Bare Stems | Total |
|-------|--------------|---------------|--------------|------------|-------|
| 2;2 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 8 |
| 2;3 | 2 | 6 | 2 | 12 | 22 |
| 2;4 | 1 | 5 | 5 | 19 | 30 |
| 2;5 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 8 | 19 |
| 2;6 | 2 | 5 | 6 | 19 | 32 |
| Total | 13 | 20 | 18 | 60 | 111 |

Table 4C.2. Monthly data for Mustafa

| | Full Clauses | [-SA] Clauses | [-T] Clauses | Bare Stems | Total |
|-------|--------------|---------------|--------------|------------|-------|
| 2;0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 4 |
| 2;1 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| 2;2 | 5 | 23 | 14 | 16 | 58 |
| 2;3 | 18 | 14 | 9 | 2 | 43 |
| 2;4 | 33 | 71 | 16 | 18 | 138 |
| 2;5 | 14 | 43 | 4 | 10 | 71 |
| 2;6 | 1 | 6 | 0 | 4 | 11 |
| 2;7 | 5 | 17 | 4 | 13 | 39 |
| 2;8 | 5 | 17 | 1 | 10 | 33 |
| 2;9 | 9 | 16 | 3 | 9 | 37 |
| 2;10 | 43 | 15 | 1 | 8 | 67 |
| Total | 136 | 225 | 53 | 92 | 506 |

Table 4C.3. Monthly data for Fauzia

| | Full Clauses | [-SA] Clauses | [-T] Clauses | Bare Stems | Total |
|-------|--------------|---------------|--------------|------------|-------|
| 1;8 | 6 | 12 | 1 | 4 | 23 |
| 1;9 | 34 | 44 | 3 | 4 | 85 |
| 1;10 | 4 | 20 | 2 | 1 | 27 |
| 1;11 | 33 | 21 | 8 | 6 | 68 |
| 2;0 | 64 | 12 | 1 | 1 | 78 |
| 2;1 | 42 | 26 | 2 | 1 | 71 |
| Total | 183 | 135 | 17 | 17 | 352 |

Table 4C.4. Monthly data for Hassan

| | Full Clauses | [-SA] Clauses | [-T] Clauses | Bare Stems | Total |
|-------|--------------|---------------|--------------|------------|-------|
| 1;10 | 125 | 53 | 19 | 8 | 205 |
| 1;11 | 100 | 51 | 7 | 7 | 165 |
| Total | 225 | 104 | 26 | 15 | 370 |