CHAT format was used in all the transcripts, and CLAN programs were used to perform most of the analyses. Several analyses were checked by hand for verification. Each child's utterance was coded on a separate coding tier labeled %csc (child speech code), and the following list of codes was used. Additionally, the utterances of the adults were coded in the first few files from each child using the same list of codes.

Adj	Adjective
Adv	Adverb
Applic	Applicative suffix
Causative	Causative suffix
Comp	Complementizer, e.g., ya
Cond	Conditional tense, ki
Conj	conjunction
Cont	Continuative tense, ka
Cop	Copula
Dem	demonstrative
Desire	Desiderative reference
Echo	Echo question
Eng	English
Fr	Future reference
fut	Future tense, ta
Hab	Habitual reference
IMIT	Imitation
IMP	Imperative
Inc	Incorrect marking
IND	Indicative
INF	Infinitive
Intentional	Intentional reference, future
Kik	Kikuyu
Lcond	Lexical conditional, kama
Lets	Suggestion reference
LLL	Language other than Kiswahili, English
LNEG	Lexical negation (hapana…)
Loc	Locative

Locsuff	Locative Suffix -ni
NEG	Negative prefix
neg	Negative final vowel
Negative	Negative reference
Negexist	Negative existential, i.e., hakuna
Negpol-xx	Negative polarity item, e.g., yoyote
Num	Number (lexical)
N-xx	Noun-noun class
NA	Na, main verb have, possessive
Ø	Omitted element
OA	Object Agreement clitic
Og	On-going reference
Ogp	On-going reference with a past component (probably present perfect)
Opro	Object pronoun
p	Past tense, li
Past	Past reference
Passive	Passive suffix
Plsuff	Plural suffix e.g., asanteni, or mgonjeni
Poss	Possessive
Possibility	Possibility reference
pp	Past perfect tense, me
Ppneg	Past pefect negation, -ja-
Ppc	Past Perfect Completive, -sha-
pr	Present tense, na
Pref/prefix	Verbal prefix of some sort, MPH
Prep	Preposition
PT	Transcription of the preceding utterance was facilitated by the parent.
qqq	In the speaker tier, nonsensical speech.
Q	Question intonation
Quant	Quantifier, e.g., ngapi
Quote	Used after imperative form of sema
Recip	Reciprocal suffix –an-
Reflexive	Reflexive prefix –ji-
REPET	Repetition
Req	Request reference
SA	Subject Agreement clitic
Should	Permission, request, should I …? reference
Soc	Social word (e.g., ebu, tafadhali, etc.)
Spro	Subject pronoun

State	Stative present reference
Stative	Stative suffix
SUBJ	Subjunctive Final Vowel
Suff/suffix	Verbal suffix of some sort, ambiguous
T	Tense
Tag	Tag question, like 'eh?'
Top	Topicalization
Ur	Unclear reference
V	Verb
Wh-	Wh- element
xxx	An entire utterance was incomprehensible
Yyy	Part of an utterance was incomprehensible
Zzz	Jibberish, or non-linguistic sounds
^^^	Singing by the child, untranscribed
1, 2, 3syll	Mono-, bi- tri-syllabic word