

THE ANALYSIS OF INFANTS' COMMUNICATIVE INTENTS AND TOPIC PERFORMANCES DEPENDING ON THEIR LEXICAL STYLES. Sung, M. Y. Department of Child Development and Family Studies, Seoul National University, Seoul 151-742, Korea.

The purpose of this study was to investigate infants' communicative intents and topic performances depending on their lexical styles in verbal interactions with mothers.

The subjects were twenty infant (from 32 months to 42 months) -mother dyads. Infants' playing with blocks was videotaped for 30 minutes, but only last 20 minutes of the videotaped data were transcribed on the observational checklist. The transcripts were analysed to classify infants' lexical styles, and to examine infants' communicative intents and topic performances depending on their lexical styles.

The results of this study were as follows: There were significant differences in infants' communicative intents depending on their lexical styles. Infants with object-oriented lexical style uttered more information-provision intents than infants with person-oriented lexical style, and infants with person-oriented lexical style uttered more action-request intents than infants with object-oriented lexical style. But there were no significant differences in expression and response intents depending on lexical styles. There were no significant differences in infants' topic performances depending on their lexical styles.