

**Supplemental Material S1.** Frequency (most to least) of children's response variation.

Stimulus Item	Target transcription	Production of “expected” target	Production of “other” variations	“Other” variations		Error %
				%	%	
Knife	[naɪf]	96.5	3.5	[neɪf]	0.9	2.6
Five	[faɪv]	93	7	[faɪvə]	2.6	4.4
Boy	[bɔɪ]	89.7	10.3	[bʷɔɪ] [bwai] [boi]	5.1 1.7 0.9	2.6
Fish	[fɪʃ]	88	12	[fitʃ] [fiʃ]	4.2 3.6	4.2
Moon	[mun]	86.3	13.7	[mu:nə]	0.9	12.8
Sheep	[ʃɪp]	74.6	25.4	[ʃiəp] [ʃip] [ʃipə]	7 5.3 0.8	12.3
Foot	[fot]	72.4	27.6	[fut] [fit] [fits]	16.4 4.3 0.9	6
Pig	[pig]	61.9	37.6	[pɪgə] [pigi] [pigə] [pig]	33.3 1.7 0.86 0.86	1.7
This	[ðɪs]	52.2	47.8	[dis] [dat] [dis] [ðis]	42.6 0.86 0.86 0.86	2.6
House	[haʊs]	49.2	50.8	[həʊs] [aus] [əʊs] [haʊsəz]	17.8 16.9 9.3 0.9	5.9
Legs	[legz]	40.9	59.1	[leg] [fot] [lɛgə] [legzə] [fots] [legs] [fut] [fit]	17.4 9.6 8.7 4.3 2.6 1.7 1.7 2.6	9.6

				[fits]	0.9	
Door	[dɔɪ̯r]	39.3	60.7	[dʊər]	53	1.7
				[dɔ:]	1.7	
				[dʊɔ̯]	1.7	
				[dʊɔ̯r]	1.7	
				[dɔ̯r]	0.9	
Teeth	[tiθ̩]	17.1	82.9	[tit̩]	55.6	6.8
				[tiət̩]	6.8	
				[tits̩]	11	
				[tiθə̯]	0.9	
				[tiəts̩]	0.9	
				[tiθs̩]	0.9	
Ball	[bɔ̯l̩]	16.2	83.8	[bal̩]	47	2.6
				[bal̩]	31.6	
				[ba:lə̯]	1.3	
				[ba:lə̯]	1.3	
Watch	[watʃ̩]	4.3	95.7	[watʃ̩]	84.6	5.9
				[klak̩]	2.6	
				[watʃə̯]	1.7	
				[wətʃ̩]	0.9	
Bird	[bɜ̯d̩]	0.9	99.1	[bɜ̯rd̩]	83.6	2.5
				[bɜ̯rdə̯]	7.8	
				[bɜ̯d̩]	2.6	
				[parat̩]	1.7	
				[bəd̩]	0.9	
Jam	[dʒæm̩]	0.9	99.1	[dʒam̩]	64.7	9.5
				[dʒem̩]	7.8	
				[dʒeəm̩]	6	
				[dʒama̯]	4.3	
				[dʒəm̩]	3.3	
				[dʒəli̯]	2.6	
				[dʒeəms̩]	0.9	
Television	[teləvɪz̩ən̩]	0	100	[tivi̯]	72.9	3.4
				[telivɪz̩ən̩]	7.6	
				[telivɪdʒən̩]	5.1	
				[telivɪdʒən̩]	3.4	
				[telivɪz̩ən̩]	3.4	
				[telavɪdʒən̩]	1.7	
				[telavɪdʒən̩]	0.83	
				[telivɪz̩ən̩]	0.83	
				[telivɪz̩ən̩]	0.83	

Sock	[sak]	0	100	[saks] [səks] [sɔk] [sak]	38.5 35.9 14.5 6	5.1
Thumb	[θʌm]	0	100	[təm] [θəm] [fɪŋgə] [fɪŋga] [təms] [bɪg fɪŋga] [təmə] [fɪŋgəs] [θəmə]	29.5 24 17.9 5.4 3.6 1.8 1.8 1.8 0.9	13.3
Van	[væn]	0	100	[van] [vanə] [bəs] [vəən] [bəsə] [vəənə]	71 14 4 1.7 0.85 0.85	7.6
Girl	[gɜ:l]	0	100	[gɜ:l] [gɜl]	88 4.3	7.7
Car	[kaɪ]	0	100	[kaɪ] [ka:] [kaɪs] [kja] [kja:i]	93 0.9 0.9 0.9 0.9	3.4