



## Expressive Communication in Children

Brown's Stage	Age (Months)	Mean MLU	MLU Range	Morphological Structure	Examples
Stage I	12-26	1.75	1.0-2.0	Stage I Sentence Types	see above
Stage II	27-30	2.25	2.00-2.5		
1				Present progressive (-ing)	it going
2				In	in box
3				On	on box
4				s-plurals (regular plurals)	my cars
Stage III	31-34	2.75	2.5-3.0		
5				Irregular past tense	me fell down
6				's possessive	man's book
7				Uncontractible copula (the full form of verb "to be" as verb in a sentence)	Is it Alison? Yes, it is. Was it Alison? Yes, it was.
Stage IV	35-40	3.5	3.0-3.75		
8				Articles	A ball on the book.
9				Regular past tense	She jumped.
10				Third person regular, present tense	The puppy chews it. Jason likes you.
Stage V	41-46+	4.0	3.75-4.5		
11				Third person irregular	She does. He has.
12				Uncontractible auxiliary (the full form of the verb 'to be' when it is an auxiliary verb in a sentence)	Were you hungry? I'm not laughing; she is. She was laughing; not me.
13				Contractible copula (the shortened form of verb "to be" as verb in a sentence)	They're here. Daddy's got tomatoes. My dog's lost his collar.
14				Contractible auxiliary (the shortened form of the verb 'to be' when it is an auxiliary verb in a sentence)	They're coming. I'm opening it up. We're hiding.