

**Mean Length of Utterance (MLU) Chart**

Brown's Stage	Age in months	Mean MLUm	MLUm range	Morphological Structure	Examples
Stage I	15-30	1.75	1.5-2.0	Stage I sentence types	<b>Nomination</b> (that doggie) <b>•Negation</b> (no juice) <b>•Recurrence</b> (more cookie) <b>•Possession</b> (my baby) <b>•Attribution</b> (big ball) <b>•Locative</b> (cup table) <b>•Agent-action</b> (mommy sit) <b>•Action-object</b> (hit ball) <b>•Agent-object</b> (daddy truck)
Stage II	28-36	2.25	2.0-2.5	1) Present progressive (-ing endings on verbs)	it going, falling off
				2) in	in box, pussy in
				3) on	on tree, birdie on head
				4) -s plurals (regular plurals)	my cars, two ties
Stage III	36-42	2.75	2.5-3.0	5) Irregular past tense	me fell down
				6) -s possessives	doggie's bone, mummy's hat
				7) Uncontractible copula (the full form of the verb 'to be' when it is the only verb in a sentence)	Are they there? Is it Alison?
Stage IV	40-46	3.50	3.0-3.7	8) Articles	a book, the book
				9) Regular past tense (-ed endings on verbs)	she jumped, he laughed
				10) Third person regular present tense	he swims, man brings
Stage V	42-52+	4.00	3.7-4.5	11) Third person irregular	she has, he does
				12) Uncontractible auxiliary (the full form of the verb 'to be' when it is an auxiliary verb in a sentence)	Are they swimming?
				13) Contractible copula (the shortened form of the verb 'to be' when it is the only verb in a sentence)	She's ready. They're here.
				14) Contractible auxiliary (the shortened form of the verb 'to be' when it is an auxiliary verb in a sentence)	They're coming. He's going.

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