Language Acquisition Exercise

1. Ayesha and her grandfather are looking at a new animal book she has just gotten. Ayesha looks at a picture of bunny, and laughs and claps her hands. Her grandfather says, “Does Ayesha like the bunny? You like the bunny? It’s a cute bunny. What a cute bunny for Ayesha!” The grandfather then turns the page, points at a cat, and says, “Look at the cat!” Ayesha turns the page back to the bunny and says, “Bunny!”

2. Owen is lying against his mom’s legs. Owen’s mom says “hello there” and Owen smiles and says “oooh.” Owen’s mom says, “Oh, you want to have a conversation” and Owen says, “oooh” again.

3. Ari and his dad are talking about Ari’s day at school. Ari says “And then, then we, we goed to the library”. Ari’s dad says “You went to the library and what did you do there?”. Ari says “We goed to the library to get books”.

4. Ramona’s mom has taken Ramona to the Sea World for the first time. Ramona sees a starfish and gets very excited, pointing at the starfish and tugging on it. Her mother says “that’s a starfish” and Ramona says “sarfiss”. Ramona’s mom says “Good, honey, starfish”. That night, Ramona’s mom tells her dad that Ramona learned the word “starfish” on her first try.

5. Torrey is holding a toy telephone, watching her dad talk on a real telephone. Dad is upset with the car dealership, and screams “Do you really think you can get away with that?!”. Torrey yells into her phone “Da doo dee-ee da doo da dat?!”

6. Whitney’s older brother has an iguana named Harold. One day, Whitney’s teacher at daycare decides to read a book about dinosaurs. She holds up a picture of an apatosaurus, and says “look at this dinosaur”. Whitney says “it’s Harold”. The teacher turns to a picture of Tyrannosaurus Rex, and Whitney says “it’s another Harold”.

7. Adam and Jason are brothers. They are sitting in a shopping cart as their grandmother pushes them around the store. Jason, who is older, says “I want some cereal”, and Adam says “cereal”. Their grandmother says “no”. Jason then says “I want yogurt” and Adam says “yogurt!”. Their grandmother says “no”. Jason screams “I want something” and Adam says “SOMETHING!”

8. Fernando comes to the table where his dad and uncle are talking and yells “appu”. His uncle says “what”, and Fernando says “Appu!” in a very distressed tone. His dad says “he wants an apple.” The uncle gives Fernando an apple, and Fernando smiles and says “appu” in a happy tone.

9. LeShawn is sitting in his baby seat, facing his mother. She says “hey there baby” and he moves in reaction to her words. She says “I love you baby” and he moves again, but then his eyes move away. LeShawn’s mom looks where he is looking, and says “oh, you see the mobile.”