

Effects of Maternal Prompts on Child Language Ability

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Maternal prompting has been an area of controversy with studies showing that prompting helps children's language skills and other studies showing the opposite. Five mom/child pairs from the Fragile X study were chosen based on similar parent and child language abilities. Their prerecorded video data from two different visits was reanalyzed using a new maternal prompt definition. The video data was coded each time a prompt occurred and if a child response occurred to the maternal prompt, it was coded as well. The data was analyzed from two different visits to the families so that we could determine if the prompting was beneficial to their children or not.