

Abstract

The purpose of this research is to study the ability of children aged 3 to 4 years to comprehend and express four kinds of nouns namely : animals, objects, plant and food, and colours.

The instrument used in this study was a picture test constructed by the researcher. The test included 86 nouns, each in colour picture. The test was administered to 151 children (71 female and 80 male), selected randomly from kindergarten schools in Khonkean. The data were statistically analyzed to show then ability in comprehension and production of these nouns.

The results of this study indicated that the subjects exhibited the ability to comprehend those nouns more than the ability to express them in all types of nouns tested. The subjects were able to understand and use the name of animals the most and the name of colours the least. Moreover, it was shown that there was no significant difference between sexes in the ability to comprehend and express nouns in this study.