THE ACQUISITION OF WORDS
BY 22 - MONTH - OLD CHILDREN

A Thesis

by

Hartini Br Hutabarat
NIM : 035010112
(S.Pd. Universitas Negeri Medan)

Submitted to the English Applied Study Program in partial fulfillment of the requirements for the degree of Magister Humaniora.

English Applied Linguistics Study Program
Postgraduate School
State University of Medan
2007
Advisers' Statements

I certify that I have read this thesis and that, in my opinion it is fully adequate in scope and quality as a thesis for the Degree of Magister Humaniora.

Prof. D.P. Tampubolon, Ph.D
First Adviser

I certify that I have read this thesis and that, in my opinion it is fully adequate in scope and quality as a thesis for the Degree of Magister Humaniora.

Prof. Tina Mariani Arifin, M.A, Ph.D
NIP: 08126016234
Second Adviser
APPROVAL

This thesis was examined on 19th September 2007 by the Board of Examiners.

Board of Examiners

Prof. D.P. Tampubolon, Ph.D.
Prof. Tina Marinya Arifin, M.A., Ph.D.
Prof. Amrin Saragih, M.A., Ph.D.
Dr. Berlin Sibarani, M.Pd.
Dr. Busmin Guming, M.Pd.

Approved by

The Director of the Postgraduate School
Prof. Dr. Bel município Manullang
NIP. 130 518 778

The Head Of English Applied Study Program
Prof. Tina Marinya Arifin, M.A., Ph.D.
NIP. 130 344 775
ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Praise be to God, the "Almighty", the Merciful, and the "Most Beneficial" for His Mercy and Beneficial, without which the writer would have never been able to complete her task in obtaining the degree of Magister Humaniora of the English Applied Linguistics Study Program State University of Medan.

This study, in its present form is not without the support and assistance of many people. To mention a few, the writer would like to express her deepest gratitude to:

First, Prof. D.P. Tampubolon, Ph.D. her first Adviser, for his ideas, criticism and corrections.

Second, her special appreciation goes to Prof. Tina Mariany Arifin, M.A, Ph.D. her second Adviser and Head of the English Applied Linguistics Study Program, for the most valuable time spent in giving the direct guidance, criticisms, corrections and endless support until this thesis appears in its present form.

The writer would like to extend her sincere thankfulness to Drs. William Saragih, Dipl., Appl, M.Pd as the Secretary of the English Applied Linguistics Study Program, for his assistance, and all the lecturers who have taught a lot of knowledge during the three semesters’ study.

Furthermore, the writer’s sincerest thanks goes to her beloved husband, Selamet Rianto and her son, Calvin Chaidar, for the care, support, prayers, and many other things that have been given to her.
Her special thanks is directed to her beloved father, Husin Hutabarar and mother, Almh. Hj. Syahniar, and sisters, Herawati, Ijah, Herlina and brothers, Arif Dermawan, Edi Muslim and Zakaria who have supported her during her study and in the process of writing her thesis.

Last but not least, her final thanks goes to all her best friends who have contributed very much to the improvement of her English. At this opportunity, she would like to note: Nita, Nana, Ibu Sabariah, Rini, Lena, Kak Melda and also classmates at LTBI, her friends from MAN, MTsN Kabanjahe and SD Berilingkat I Kabanjahe.

Finally, the writer realizes that this thesis is still far from being perfect. Therefore, any suggestions or criticisms for the improvement of this thesis are warmly appreciated.

May ALLAH Bless Us!

Medan, 19th September 2007

The writer,

Hartini Br Hutabarar
NIM. 035010112