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Child Sentence	Adult Counterpart	Child Sentence	Adult Counterpart
1. What doing?	What are you doing?	11. What me having?	What am I having?
2. Want bye-byes	I want to go to sleep	12. No me have fish	I'm not going to have fish
3. Daddy play with me	Daddy played with me	13. Want bickies	She wants some biscuits
4. Mummy go shops	Mummy went to the shops	14. What Teddy have?	What can Teddy have?
5. Where Daddy gone?	Where's Daddy gone?	15. Where going?	Where are you going?
6. Gone office	He's gone to the office	16. What Nana eating?	What is Grandma eating?
7. Me have yoghurt?	Can I have a yoghurt?	17. Dolly gone?	Where's Dolly gone?
8. Daddy doing?	What's Daddy doing?	18. Watch te'vision	I'm going to watch tv
9. Cry	I cry	19. Me have more	I want to have some more
10. I play	I play	20. Open door	Open the door!

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Head Position Parameter

V + Complement

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| 2. Want bye-byes | I want to go to sleep |
| 3. Daddy play with me | Daddy played with me |
| 4. Mummy go shops | Mummy went to the shops |
| 6. Gone office | He's gone to the office |
| 7. Me have yoghurt? | Can I have a yoghurt? |
| 12. No me have fish | I'm not going to have fish |
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television |
| 19. Me have more | I want to have some more |
| 20. Open door | Open the door! |

Complement + V

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| 1. What doing? | What are you doing? |
| 5. Where Daddy gone? | Where's Daddy gone? |
| 11. What me having? | What am I having? |
| 14. What Teddy have? | What can Teddy have? |
| 15. Where going? | Where are you going? |
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***Wh*- Parameter**

***Wh*- Question with Overt *Wh*- Expression**

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| 1. What doing? | What are you doing? |
| 5. Where Daddy gone? | Where's Daddy gone? |
| 11. What me having? | What am I having? |
| 14. What Teddy have? | What can Teddy have? |
| 15. Where going? | Where are you going? |
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***Wh*- Question without Overt *Wh*- Expression**

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| 8. Daddy doing? | What's Daddy doing? |
| 17. Dolly gone? | Where's Dolly gone? |

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Null Subject Parameter

Statements and Questions without Overt Subjects		Statements and Questions with Overt Subjects	
1. What doing?	What are you doing?	10. I play	I play
2. Want bye-byes	I want to go to sleep		
6. Gone office	He's gone to the office	3. Daddy play with me	Daddy played with me
9. Cry	I cry	4. Mummy go shops	Mummy went to the shops
13. Want bickies	She wants some biscuits	5. Where Daddy gone?	Where's Daddy gone?
15. Where going?	Where are you going?	8. Daddy doing?	What's Daddy doing?
18. Watch te'vision	I'm going to watch television	14. What Teddy have?	What can Teddy have?
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Statements and Questions with Overt Subjects (Object Case)

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| 7. Me have yoghurt? | Can I have a yoghurt? |
| 11. What me having? | What am I having? |
| 12. No me have fish | I'm not going to have fish |
| 19. Me have more | I want to have some more |