

Child language processing

- Memory constraints
 - Subj vs obj gap asymmetry
- a. The reporter [that t attacked the senator] ...
- b. The reporter [that the senator attacked t] ...

Seidl, Hollich and Jusczyk (2003)

- Tested comprehension of subject, object and where questions in 13, 15 and 20 month olds using preferential looking
 - What hit the keys?
 - What did the keys hit?
 - Where are the keys?
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Seidl, Hollich and Jusczyk (2003)

	Where Q	Subject Q	Object Q
20 months	✓	✓	✓
15 months	✓	✓	x
13 months	x	x	x

Questions about Seidl et al

- Why did the 15mo fail?
 - Linguistic immaturity (lack of grammatical knowledge)?
 - Processing difficulty (subj. vs. obj. asymmetry)?
 - Task demand?
- How would you test these questions?

For Tuesday

- **Read and summarize Roeper & de Villiers**
- Start making appointments to discuss your presentation / final paper

Presentation time!

- Brian presents Thornton & Crain