Children Learning Words through Categorization
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This study tests infants who are 18-24 months of age to see if they can develop vocabulary more easily when words have more specific meanings. Categories of objects will be given a nonce word and the visual stimuli presented will be exemplary of each category displayed on a screen. They will be conditioned with an audio clip that introduces the nonce word during the training phase. They will then be given a test trial that will present an example from the category that they have not seen. Before presenting the visual stimuli (objects in the categories), the stimuli have to be verified so that the objects in the category are in an order that a majority of adults would agree to.