Humorous pages

four clean nappies,

and ten sticky fingers!

One gorgeous baby!
Take one lovely smile,

two beautiful eyes,

six shiny buttons,
Appendix B

Examples of Sentences at Different Levels of Abstraction from the Transcripts

Level 1:
There’s a mammy.
Who’s that?
Oh that’s a mouse is it?

Level 2:
What’s the baby drinking?
Daddy’s peeling it for him
Is he is he sucking his finger?

Level 3:
Can you smile?
What does a duck do?
Oh we like strawberries don’t we?

Level 4:
Think he’ll hurt his bottom if he goes down?
Does baby wanna get down?
Look he needs to wipe his hands.
Appendix C

Non-humorous book

1. Baby wakes up one lovely day.

2. Baby loves mummy’s cuddle. Baby says, “I love mummy!”
3. Daddy peels a banana for his special baby. Baby says, “I love daddy!”

4. Baby loves his cuddly toys. Baby says, “I love rabbit!”

5. Baby feeds the cute ducks. Baby says, “I love duckies!”
6. Mummy feeds baby a strawberry. Baby says, “I love mummy!”

7. Baby had a lovely day. Baby says, “I love mummy!”
Appendix D

*Humorous Book*

1. Baby wakes up one funny day.

2. Mummy drinks baby’s bottle. Baby says, “Mum is funny!”
3. Daddy puts a banana on his silly baby. Baby says, “Dad is funny!”


5. The ducks say, “Moo!” Baby says, “Ducks are funny!”
6. Mummy feeds zebra a strawberry. Baby says, “Mum is funny!”

7. Baby had a funny day. Baby says, “You are funny!”
Appendix E

Examples of Non-Humor-Specific Disbelief Statements

Humorous Book

*M:* *Ah! Mummy drinks baby’s bottle.*

*M:* *Does mummy drink your milk?*

*M:* *No, I don’t drink your milk.*

*M:* *You drink your milk, don’t you?*

*M:* *Oh! The ducks say moo.*

*M:* *Ducks don’t say moo, do they?*

*M:* *What do ducks say?*

*M:* *Do they say quack quack quack quack?*

Non-Humorous Book

*B:* *Apples.*

*M:* *They’re strawberries.*

*B:* *Moo.*

*M:* *No, piggies don’t go moo.*

*M:* *That’s the moo cows.*

Note. Declaratives are written in Italics. Disbelief statements are written in Bold. *M* is the mother, and *B* is the toddler.