

**The Acquisition of Pronouns in Jakarta Indonesian**

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TABLE 1  
PRONOUN INCIDENCE AMONG SPEAKERS OF JAKARTA INDONESIAN (TOTAL)

PERSON	NUMBER			CHILDREN	ADULTS	TOTAL		
First	Singular		aku	402	69	471		
			ku-	9	6	15		
			-ku	29	10	39		
			saya	32	65	97		
			gua, gue	19	4	23		
			tak	0	12	12		
	Plural	unmarked	kita	62	91	153		
		exclusive	kami	9	1	10		
Second	Singular		engkau	3	1	4		
			kau	2	0	2		
	Unmarked		kamu	21	103	124		
			anda	1	0	1		
			lu, lo, elu	56	8	64		
Third	Unmarked		dia	74	84	158		
TOTAL PRONOUNS				719	454	1,173		
TOTAL UTTERANCES				24,422	21,160	45,582		

TABLE 2  
PRONOUN INCIDENCE AMONG SPEAKERS OF JAKARTA INDONESIAN (BY PERSON)

PERSON	CHILDREN	ADULTS	TOTAL
First	562	258	820
Second	83	112	195
Third	74	84	158
TOTAL	719	454	1,173

TABLE 3  
PRONOUN INCIDENCE AMONG CHILD SPEAKERS OF JAKARTA INDONESIAN  
(BY DESCENDING ORDER OF FREQUENCY)

PRONOUN	OCCURRENCES
aku	402
dia	74
kita	62
lu, lo, elu	56
saya	32
-ku	29
kamu	21
gua, gue	19
ku-	9
kami	9
engkau	3
kau	2
anda	1
TOTAL	719

TAB LE 4  
PRONOUN INCIDENCE AMONG ADULT SPEAKERS OF JAKARTA INDONESIAN  
(BY DESCENDING ORDER OF FREQUENCY)

PRONOUN	OCCURRENCES
kamu	103
kita	91
dia	84
aku	69
saya	65
tak	12
-ku	10
lu, elu, lo	8
ku-	6
gua, gue	4
engkau	1
kami	1
TOTAL	454

TABLE 5  
EARLIEST OCCURRENCE OF PRONOUNS IN JAKARTA INDONESIAN  
(SPONTANEOUS COMMUNICATIVE USE)\*

CHILD	SEX	EARLIEST RECORDING	LATEST RECORDING	EARLIEST OCCURRENCE						
				1 <sup>ST</sup> PER.		2 <sup>ND</sup> PER.		3 <sup>RD</sup> PER.		
				AKU	SAYA	GUA/ GUE	KITA	KAMU	LU/ LO	DIA
Timothy	M	18	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michael	M	24	25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hizkiah	M	19	28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Riska	F	20	29	24	24	(24)	28	29	(21)	-
Priska	F	31	31	31	-	-	31	31	-	31
Larissa	F	34	34	34	-	-	-	34	-	34
Ido	M	40	48	40	-	40	40	44	40	40
Opi	M	49	53	50	49	-	51	50	50	53
Praba	M	55	60	56	57	60	56	56	56	59
Pipit	F	52	62	53	61	57	56	56	56	53

\*Figures represent ages in months

TABLE 6  
ACQUISITION OF PRONOUNS IN JAKARTA INDONESIAN  
(ARRANGED CHRONOLOGICALLY)\*

PRONOUN	EARLIEST OCCURRENCE
aku	24
saya	24
kita	28
kamu	29
dia	31
gua/gue	40
lu/lo	40

\*Figures represent ages in months

## Riska: AKU

24 months	26 months
<p>*MOT oh, sama ayah.      %pho ?o sama ?aya      %glo EXCL with father      %eng oh, go to Daddy.      %com</p> <p>*MOT ayo.      %pho ?ayo?      %glo AYO      %eng go on.      %com urging CHI to go to her father.</p> <p>*CHI aku mau nenen aja.      %pho ?acu mau nejen aja      %glo 1SG want suck just      %eng but I want to breastfeed.      %com</p> <p>*MOT ih, malu tuh.      %pho ?ih malu tu      %glo EXCL shy that      %eng eew, it's embarrassing.      %com</p> <p>*EDI ih, malu, ada Mas Kiki.      %pho ?i malu ?ada mas kiki      %glo EXCL shy exist older.brother Kiki      %eng eew, it's embarrassing, Kiki's here.      %com</p>	<p>*CHI naik ojek deh.      %pho naek ?ojek deh      %glo go.up motorcycle.taxi DEH      %eng let's take a motorcycle.      %com</p> <p>*MOT ke mana naik ojek?      %pho kə mana naek ?ojek      %glo to.which go.up motorcycle.taxi      %eng where will we go?      %com</p> <p>*CHI pa... aku pake jaket, ya?      %pho pa ku pake jaket ya      %glo use 1SG use jacket yes      %eng wear... I want to wear a jacket, okay?      %com</p> <p>*MOT pake jaket?      %pho pake jaket      %glo use jacket      %eng you want to wear a jacket?      %com</p> <p>*CHI yo!      %pho yəh      %glo AYO      %eng let's go!      %com</p>

## Riska: KAMU

29 months	29 months
*CHI Saila telepon. %pho sa?ila t̪epoŋ %glo Saila telephone %eng Saila is calling. %com pretending to call s.o.	*CHI assalamualaikum. %pho ?asam ekom %glo %eng peace be with you. %com Arabic greeting.
*CHI halo! %pho halo %glo hello %eng hello! %com	*CHI kom salam. %pho kom sam %glo %eng and with you. %com Arabic response to greeting.
*CHI yaillah kamu. %pho ya?iya kamu %glo EXCL 2 %eng oh, you! %com pretending to talk to s.o on the phone.	*CHI daa. %pho da %glo bye %eng bye. com
*CHI kamu. %pho kamu %glo 2 %eng you. %com	*CHI ah, kamu keenakan. %pho ?a kamu kenakan %glo AH 2 KE/AN-pleasant %eng oh, you just do what you like. %com
	*CHI kan aku jadi... ada temennya. %pho kan aku jadi ?ada temena %glo KAN 1SG become exist friend-NYA %eng I am... I have a friend over now. %com
	*CHI yok. %pho yo %glo AYO %eng bye. %com
	*CHI asalamualaikum. %pho ?asam ekom %glo %eng peace be with you. %com
	*CHI kum salam. %pho kom salam %glo %eng and with you. %com

## Riska: GUA

24 months

\*EDI pake apa namanya?  
%pho pake ?apa namaja  
%glo use what name-N YA  
%eng what's that you're wearing?  
%com

\*CHI 0  
%pho  
%glo  
%eng  
%com falling down.

\*CHI gua gila, gua gila, gua gila.  
%pho juwa jila? guwa jila? juwa jila?  
%glo 1SG crazy 1SG crazy 1SG crazy  
%eng I'm crazy, I'm crazy, I'm crazy.  
%com

\*MOT "gua gila, gua gila", nggak boleh gitu.  
%pho guwa gila? guwa gila? n̩ga bole gitu  
%glo 1SG crazy 1SG crazy NEG may like.that  
%eng "I'm crazy, I'm crazy", don't say that.  
%com

\*CHI gua gila.  
%pho juwa jila?  
%glo 1SG crazy  
%eng I'm crazy.  
%com

\*MOT astaghfirullah!  
%pho ?astaghfirullah  
%glo OATH  
%eng heavens!  
%com Arabic.

**Riska: LU**

21 months

\*CHI apa, lu!  
%pho ?apa lu  
%glo what 2  
%eng what's the matter?  
%com CHI was angry at her friends who were staring at her.

\*MOT eh, nggak boleh ngomong gitu!  
%pho ?e ɳga bələ ɳoməŋ gitu  
%glo EXCL NEG may N-speak like.that  
%eng don't say that!  
%com

29 months

\*CHI lu telepon aja.  
%pho lu təpon ajah  
%glo 2 telephone just  
%eng just call me.  
%com no connection with the preceding utterances.

### Riska: SAYA

<p>24 months</p> <p>*MOT siapa yang tahu ini gambar apa?      %pho syapa yan tau wini gambar apa      %glo who REL know this picture what      %eng who knows what's in this picture?      %com</p> <p>*CHI saya.      %pho caya      %glo 1SG      %eng me.      %com</p> <p>25 months</p> <p>*MOT dua...      %pho duwa      %glo two      %eng two...      %com singing.</p> <p>*CHI dua mata saya.      %pho uwa mata saya      %glo two eye 1SG      %eng my two eyes.      %com singing.</p>	<p>25 months</p> <p>*MOT siapa yang bisa baca dua kalimat syahadat?      %pho syapa yan bisa baca duwa kalimat jahadat      %glo who REL can read two sentence confession      %eng who can say the two confessions of the faith?      %com</p> <p>*CHI saya.      %pho saya      %glo 1SG      %eng me.      %com</p> <p>25 months</p> <p>*MOT siapa yang hapal doa kebaikan dunia akhirat?      %pho syapa yan hapal do'a kebaikan dunya ?ahirat      %glo who REL memorize prayer KE/AN-good world      afterworld      %eng who can say the afterworld prayer by heart?      %com</p> <p>*CHI saya.      %pho saya      %glo 1SG      %eng me.      %com</p>
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<p>25 months</p> <p>%MOT siapa yang nulisnya udah selesai?      %pho syapa yaŋ nulisna uda sələseɪ      %glo who REL N-write-NYA PFCT finish      %eng who has finished writing?      %com</p> <p>*CHI saya.      %pho saya      %glo 1SG      %eng me.      %com</p> <p>25 months</p> <p>*MOT siapa yang hafal rukun Islam?      %pho syapa yaŋ hafal rukun ?islam      %glo who REL memorize pillar Islam      %eng who can say the pillars of Islam by heart?      %com</p> <p>*CHI saya.      %pho saya      %glo 1SG      %eng me.      %com</p>	<p>25 months</p> <p>*MOT siapa yang pernah ke Ragunan?      %pho syapa yaŋ pərna kə ragunan      %glo who REL ever to Ragunan      %eng who h's been to Ragunan?      %com</p> <p>*CHI saya.      %pho sayah      %glo 1SG      %eng me.      %com</p> <p>25 months</p> <p>*JNB siapa yang bisa bernyanyi?      %pho syapa yaŋ bisa bərŋəŋŋi?      %glo who REL can BER-sing      %eng who can sing?      %com</p> <p>*CHI saya.      %pho saya      %glo 1SG      %eng me.      %com</p>
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### Riska: KITA

26 months	28 months
*EXP kita main yok! %pho kita maen yo? %glo 1PL play AYO %eng let's play! %com	*CHI Tante, Tante! %pho tantəh tantəh %glo aunt aunt %eng Auntie, Auntie! %com
*MOT kalo Pipit, nggak ini, ya? %pho kalɔ̄ pipit ɻ̄ga ?ini ya %glo TOP Pipit NEG this yes %eng Pipit is not like this, right? %com admonishing CHI for playing with her microphone.	*EXP ya? %pho ya %glo yes %eng yes? %com
*MOT ngerti dia. %pho ɻ̄erti diya %glo N-understand 3 %eng she understands. %com Pipit is supposedly good about leaving her microphone on.	*CHI sini! %pho sini %glo here %eng come here! %com
*CHI kita main ini yok! %pho kita maen ?ini yo? %glo 1PL play this AYO %eng let's play with this! %com	*CHI kita lompatan! %pho kita ləmpatan %glo 1PL jump-AN %eng let's jump! %com