**Appendix 1. Mean frequency of clause type usage at each age band**

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| **Age****band** | **Mean clause frequency (mean clause proportions, %)** |
| **x** | **m** | **m+** | **n** | **r** | **a** | **cf** | **cn** | **cr** | **d** |
| **4A** | 2.5 | 15.2 | 0.4 | 0.8 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0 | 0.1 |
| **4B** | 13.8 | 76.8 | 1.7 | 3.5 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0.6 |  |
| **4C** | 3.5 | 19.9 | 0.7 | 0.8 | 0.1 | 0.4 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.1 |  |
| **4D** | 15 | 77.2 | 2.6 | 2.3 | 0.1 | 1.1 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.4 |  |
| **5A** | 1.7 | 23.3 | 1.3 | 1.6 | 0.2 | 0.9 | 0.3 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0 |  |
| **5B** | 7.8 | 79 | 2.9 | 3.6 | 0.7 | 2.3 | 0.7 | 1.7 | 1.1 | 0 |  |
| **6** | 0.7 | 25.3 | 1.7 | 1.7 | 0.1 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.8 | 0.1 |  |
| **7** | 2.4 | 81.6 | 5.6 | 4 | 0.2 | 1.2 | 1.3 | 1.7 | 1.5 | 0.3 |  |
| **8** | 4 | 24.9 | 0.9 | 1 | 0.3 | 0.5 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.1 |  |
| **9** | 9.7 | 79.4 | 3 | 2.4 | 0.6 | 1.5 | 0.5 | 1.2 | 1.3 | 0.3 |  |
| **10** | 1.4 | 27.9 | 1.6 | 1.4 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 1 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.2 |  |
| **12** | 3.3 | 81.4 | 4.1 | 3.6 | 1.5 | 1.8 | 2.2 | 0.7 | 0.9 | 0.4 |
| **14** | 0.8 | 37 | 3.7 | 3.1 | 1.4 | 2.2 | 1.3 | 0.8 | 1.2 | 0.6 |  |
| **17+** | 1.3 | 75.4 | 6 | 5.1 | 1.9 | 3.1 | 1.6 | 1.6 | 1.8 | 1.5 |

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| **Clause type** | **Explanation** |
| x | Utterance with no verb |
| m | Main clause |
| m+ | Main clause with elided subject |
| n | Non-finite (non-complement) clause |
| r | Relative clause |
| a | Adverbial clause |
| cn | Non finite complement clause |
| cf | Finite complement clause |
| cr | Reported speech |
| cc | Comment clause |