

# THE UTILITY OF THE SPANISH TRANSLATION OF THE PEABODY PICTURE VOCABULARY TEST WITH YOUNG SPANISH-AMERICAN BIIINGUAI CHIIDREN 

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## CHAPRER I

INTRODUCTION AND REVIEW OF TFE IITERATURE

## Introduction

The area of language development is one in which speech pathology researchers have demonstrated a continuing interest through the years. In the past research investigators and authors in this area have concerned themselves with various aspects of language development. Some (3, 27, 37) have attempted to divide the complex language phenomena into its various aspects and components. Others $(29,33)$ have endeavored to ascertain the developmental ages at which the numerous components of language can be anticipated to emerge and expand. Still others (3, 24, 27) have assessed and enumerated certain of those factors which have exhibited an influence on the rate of language development.

One of the factors cited as displaying an influence on the pace and sequence of lenguage development is that or biIingualism. McCarthy (23, p. 591) notes that those chilaren Who encounter two conflicting language systems in their preschool years are more likely to manifest a delay in their development of both languages than those childicen who must leam a single language. This same finding has been noted by numerous additional investigators, including Menyuik, Bangs, Van Riper, Myklebust, anc Wood (3, $26,27,35,37$ ).

One of the most difficult problems confronting researchers and speech diegnosticians is that of the assessment of the language capabilities of the bilingual child. All too frequently, these investigators are monolingual or have only Infited fluency in one of the languages spoken by the bilingual child. The child is usually presented with a series or language tests which is administered in Engiish, even though English may be the child's second language. The extent to which the child is penalized by this method of test administration can only be speculated at this time since few attempts to assess the influence of testing the bilingual child's second language have been made.

This investigation researched the problem of bilingualism In connection with one aspect of language, the auditory receptive component. Receptive language refers to the ability to understand or comprehend lancuage in its written or spoken form. Recently a commonly used test of single-word receptive language runctioning, the pesbody picture Vocabulary mest, Form A, has been translated into the Spanish language. This test constitutes one of the basic test materials of the current study. The test is designed as a measure of the singlewond receptive vocabulary of a Spanisn-speaking population. As such it constitutes one of the limited number on language tests and most recent attempts to overcome certan dipincuities encountered in the Ianguage evaluation of a guresgnspuaing cilent. Several questions, however, feakin to be corsidered with this test. First, its utility in the


#### Abstract

acsossment oi the Spanish-inclish bilingual individual has yet to be determined. Secondly, the norms provided with the English version of the feabody ploture Vocabulary rest are being used with its Spanish transiation. The validity of such a procedure, particularly with a bilingual population, has yet to be established. Finally, the question arises whether the Spanish translation, when it is administered in isolation, provides a better assessment of the bilingual child's level of lansuage development than the English version.


Furpose of the stuay
This study was designed to investigate the usefulness of the adainistration of a Spanish translation of the peabody Picture Vocabulary Test, Form A, in the language assessment of bilingual children.

## Statement of the Problem

The purpose of this study was to examine the utility of the Spanish translation of the Peabody Picture Vocabulary Test with young Spanish-Americen children. Specifically, it attempted to answer the three following questions:
(I) Is an estimate of the bilingual child's total receptive vocabulary achieved by comparing the items (test words) of both the Spanish version and the English version of the Peabody Ficture Vocabulary Test? Both the Spanish translation and the English version of the peabody Plcture Vocabulary Test were given to each child. The examiner studied
comparable items on both tests individually to determine which woris were in error and if the same test items were failed on both the Spenish and English test presentation. By examining error words in both languages, the examiner achieved an overview of the child's total receptive vocabulary.
(2) On which verstion of the peabody picture Vocabulary Test does the bilingual child show a better raw score? The examiner compared the child's raw scores recesved on both vocabulary tests. Since the raw score is equal to the number of test words correct, this comparison revealed the language in which the child evidenced better performance under the experimental conditions.
(3) Can the norms for raw score as reported in the English Peabody Picture Vocabulary pest manual be compared with the raw scores achieved by the bilineual group on the spanish Peabody Picture Vocabulary Test? Since standardization proceaures have not been completea at the University of Mexico, the examiner is advised to use the norms which were standardized for the English version of the peabody Ficture Vocabulary Test. The Eeabody Picture Vocabulary Test was standardized on 4,012 Enciish-speaking subjects. It seemed appropriate to question the use of English norms with a Spanish test.

Derinitions
The word "language" has been defined from numerous viewpoints which emphasize different aspects of this highiy
complicated phenomenon. McCarthy (23, pp. 492-493) reports that theorists in the early twentieth century--Wundt, Dewey, De Iasune, and Esper--expressed contrasting definitions of lancuage. She states thet Wundt considered language to be the expression of ideas and feelings, with communication as a secondary purpose. De Laguna and Esper disagreed with Wundt's definition by stressing the importance of the function of language as it relates to the total environment. Dewey derines language as follows:

Ianguage is not "expression" of something antecedent, much less expression of antecedent thought. It is communication; the establishment of cooperation in an activity in which thexe are partners and in which the activity of each is modified and regulated by partnership.

More recent definitions of language include those by Myklebust, Carroll, Johnson, Darley, and Spriestersbach, Wood, and Gray and Wise ( $6,14,16,27,37$ ). Mykiebust (27, p. 10) defines language as "a part of symbolic behavior" which incorporates receptive and expressive capabilities. Carroll (6, p. 744), a researcher in the area of linguistics and language leaming, defines language in an operational maner as "a structured system of arbitrary vocal sounds and sequences of sounds which is used in interpersonal communication and Which rather exhaustively catalogs the things, events, and processes of human experience." Johnson, Darley, and Spriesterbach (16, p. 160) refer to language as "the symbolization process and the symbolic systems that distinguish man
uniquely mon all other creatures." Wood (37. p. 2) explains language as the ability to use symbols for commaicative purposes. Ianguage is defined by Gray and Wise (14, p. 2) as "a systemized code of arbitrary symbols, basically vocal, but reinforced by visible body activity." They stated that "communication through language" has permitted people to adjust to society and their enviroment, and to leam the culture of their social and physical environment.
speech pathologists have described language in terms of its two major components, receptive abilities and expressive abilities. Receptive language: Myklebust (27, pp. 9-16) and Darley (10, p. 15) have employed the term "receptive language" to describe one's ability to understand verbal symbols spoken by others. Expressive language: This term has been described as the ability to formulate and use language symbols in order to express thoughts, ideas, emotions, and feelings to others (10, p. 15; 27, pp. 9-16).

Bilingualism has been derined by Berry and Eisenson (5. pp. 34-35) as subjecting the child to "the influence or two or more languages before he has arrived at a fair degree of proficiency in one." The child does not choose to learn two languages but is forced to learn them because of his environment. Eisenson, Auer, and Irwin (12, p. 222) feel that a difference should be made between leaming two languages because of the influence of the child's indtial environment and learning a second language as a student's academic efort.
only in the first instance wovid the individual be bilingual accorang to these authors. Van Riper (35, p. 144) brierly derines bilinguaism as the use or "two languages at the same time." Webster's Seventh New Collegiate Dictionary (36) states that bilingualism was the ability "to use two languages." The mean length of response, a measure of verbal output, was defined by MoCarthy (23, p. 550) as the average sentence leneth.

Webster's Seventh New Colleglate Dictionary (36) defines the word "vocabulary" as a "sum or stock of words employed by a language, group, individual, or work in a field of knowledge." Word groups used in daily conversation have been divided into recognition vocabularies and use vocabularies by Johnson, Darley, and Epriestersbach (16, p. 175). Recognition vocabulary was deseribed as word groups which an individual understands. Use vocabuiary was described as words which are used for speech.

Bangs (2, p. 8) defined the syntactic features of language as those that "deal with the order in which the words are put together to form phrase or sentence structures."

The rules which determine the social acceptability of the structure of the language are called "grammar" (2, p. 8).

Review of the Literature Effects of 3ilingualism on Language Skill
From earlier language stualies we can anticipate that the child who is confronted with the necessity of leaming
dual languase vocebularies and syntaxes frequently will be delayed in his language development. NoCarthy (23. p. 591) has stated that bilingualjsm is often a deterrent to a young child"s devejopment of language. She contimues by reporting that in a majority of caseo bilingualism becomes a handicap to the chind's school adjustment and achievement.

At the conclusion of his discussion of the topic of biInguainsm Thompson (34, $p .367$ ) concluaes:

There can be no doupt thet the child reared in a bilingual environmert is handicapped in his langusge growth. One con debate the issue as to whether speech racility in two languages is Worth the consequent retardation in the common Ianguace of the reaim. There is no research evidence that might help answer this important question.

Leopold (19), a Inguist, conducted several longitudinal studies to observe the speech development of his young biIngual daughter, Hildegard, who was raised in the presence or English and German from birth. Diary records, phonetic transcriptions, and vocabuiary lists of the child's utterances were obtained. An arteresting outcone of his observations was that at ilrst the child did not separate the two languages. this was most noticeable in her vocabulary, when occasionally she used both English and Gecman words in the same phrase. The division of the two languaces into two separate commication systems did not occur until the child was considerably older.

Ieopold (20) wrote about bilingualism's effect upon areas such as ilsace-Iorraine, Luxemburg, Belgium, Swivzerland,

Naies, South ifrice, India, and the united states, where this condition existed as an educational problem. Educators and teachers who encountered language barriers in the schools wrote on the subject of bilingualism. Leopold felt that Ronjat's case study of his son's development of a French-German lansuage system was a classic case history on bilingualism. The study is a systematic description of the linguistic development of a dual language system and the retarding inrluence of resultant bilingualism on the child's enlarging vocabulary, Bramas, and syntax. Another major work emphasized by Zeopold was Geisslex's book on Gemman bilingual chilaren. Geisslex analyzed the influence of bilingualism on the insuistic development of preschool children, of school children, and of adolescents in Germany. As had previously been observed by other investigators, these bilingual children evidenced difficulty in using either Ienguage system. Geissler further noted that this language difficulty frequently persisted into late childhood and early adolescence. Leopold concluded his review with recognition of the marked consequences of bilingualism on Language and vocabulary development, and of the need for careful investigation of the inPluence of early bilingualism upon Iinguistic development. Smith (32) described the effect of bilingualism on Chinese and Japanese populations in Hawai1. In 1935 she investigated the deveiopment of language in eight children from a famly speaking both Chsnese and English. Upon
pinisinine the study, she wade the rollowne conclusions: 1) thet it is Jess conrusing when a chind leams two Languages from two separate sources; 2) that change from a monolingual environment is detrimental to the child's language development; 3) that this type of chenge is more harmeul to a twelve-to-eighteen-months-old chiid than it is to an older child; and 4) that the detimmental erfects do not delay the young child"s acquisition of his first word but do seem to delay later developmont of language.

One thousand children in Hawail were used by Smith in a second study on the efrect of bilingualism on language development by smith"(31). The subjects varied in racial background and in the extent of the bilingualism. All the children in the study preferred to speak English and about eighty-esght per cent of their utterances were in English. Smith compared the "island" bilingual group to a Caucasian bilingual group, and discovered that the non-Caucasian bilinghal group were seriously handicapped in usage of the English Language. This retardation was so severe that the average chald from the bilingual "island" background was on the level or a three-year-ola child from a monolingual Caucasian environment.

A few years later (2949), smith (30) tested a group of thirty bilingual children of Chinese orisin who ranged in age from thirty-seven to seventy-seven months from parents o: above-average socio-economic status. The vocabulanies of
these children were tested in both languases, English and Chinese. When compared to monoglots thein same age, the biIngual group had vocebularies minch vere smaller than average in each language. If both angish and Chinese vocabularies were added togethex, only two-fifths of the bilingual group would exceed the norm. Based on these findings, Smith concluded that the average bilingual child pailed to reach the Vocabulary level of the average monoglot. She recommended that, at least during preschool years, it is better not to expose a child to two languages unless he possesses superior Iinguistic abilities.

Holland (15), studying a group of thirty-six spanish-Engiish-speaking chsldren, utilized both languages to test each child with a special adaptation of the Hechsler Intellisence scale for children. The results showed all but three of the children to be dericient in language skilis. of the remaining thirty-three subjects, eight showed very serious lancuage delay, seven showed serious lancuage delay, and ejghteen demonstrated moderate language delay. Over forty per cent dici not comprehend English well, a barrier which proved to be detrimental to their educational adjustment. The language barrier seemed to decrease with aded schooling; however, it was still apparent as late as the fifth grade. Holland described the children's language patterns as "a complex mixture of both Ianguages and seldom exclusively one or the other." He concluded that these spanish-Enginsh-
speakinc chilaren were actueniy "sub-standard" speakers of Doth Imguaces.

Bean's research endangs (b) on the oral Iancuage skills of bilingual Kexican-Anexican chilam conflict with Holland s results. Bean measured the bilingual chizaren's mean length or response and their correctness of usage. The bilinguai group's pexpormance was then compared to the periormance of American monoglots. Bean's major rindings were that in oral language skills, there was no significant difference between the groups or within each group.

Camrow (7) carefully matched fifty monolingual children With filty bilingual Spanish-Amexican children for the purpose of investigating several language skills. Findings in favor of the monolinguel group showed significant differences in tests of orel reading accuracy and comprehension, hearing and speaking vocabulayy, and arithmetic reasoning. The areas of silent reading comprehension and vocabulary, oral reading rate, speling, verbal output, Iength of clause, and degree of subordination showed no significant differences. The biIngual children were noted to make more articulation and grammar errors.

> The Erfect or Bilingualism on Verbal Intelilicence Testing

An important aspect of much intellisence testing is concemed with the subject's ability to understand and manipulate language symbols. As coulc be anticipated in view of
the apparent lancuage deficit in the majority of bilingual chilaren, results rrom verbal antelligence tests reflect the lowered level or language functioning. Altus (I) reports Iowered vexbal intelligence, in his stuay of Mexican-Anerican children in Califomia. Kialovich (18) studied the erfect of bilingualism upon intelisience as measured by the wechslex Intellisence scale for chiloren. Fe noted that scores of bilingual children of slavic onigin were appreciably lowered in the area or vocabulary. Levinson (22) investigated the verbal and performance abllities of monolingual and bilingual young Jewish childicen. The monolingual population of the New York Jevish children received higher scores on the verbal section of the Wechsler Intellisence Scale for Children than did the bilingual group. Another study which compared the performance of young bilingual children on verbal and nonverbal tests of intelligence was that conducted by Darcy (9). Her results indicate that bilingualism has an aciverse effect on the usual verbal measures of intelitsence.
W. R. Jones (17), rollowing an investigation or Welsh bilingual children in England, stated that bilingualism need not be a source of intellectual liability for a child in non-verbal tests of intelligence are utilized with a bilingual chila. The use of verbal intelifgence testing, however, reflects the bilingual child's language problem in the form of reduced scores.

Comwin (8) examined the influence of culture and Ianfuage on the perfomance of Mexican-American children on the

Encisin reebody photure Vocebulary Mest and the Wechsier Intelyifenco Scnlo for Chatyen. She matened her expenimental sroup of fourth, fifty, ond sixth grade bilinguaz children to a control sroup of monolingual chlldren in the same grades. The bilingual group were lower in mean I.Q. scores than were the monoglots on both tests. The bilingual group recerved their lowest mean I.Q. scores in the verbal and vocabulary sections.

The additional vocabulary studies of Altus (I) and of Norman and read (28), using a Spanish-Anerican bilingual population, also demonstrated Iower-than-average scores for the bilingual group.

## The Encects on Ebingualism on Eecobure Jenguere Sosessment

One of the major dirficulties which faces the speech pathoiogist who woxks with a bilingual child is that of appiaising the child's Ianguage. The purpose of the language evaluation may be for the placement of a child new to a school, to obtain an estimate of his language functioning in order to make recommendations for remedial procedures, or as part of a diagnostic test battery.

A major feature of such a language evaluation is an assessment of the receptive component of language. Some or the devices which have been used in the past to measure recopitve language skiths thelude a battery of tests developed by I. Bangs (2). Her test ivems for suaitory reception of
orai language utizize verbei instructions, but co not require spoken response. The battexy of tests includesthe Ammons MII Bange Eloture Vocebulam Iest, selected subtosts from the Revised stanfora-Binet Intelifsence scale, form L-n, and the Gesell Developmentel. Scale ror use with children ranging in age from two through six years. por example, the receptive test items included from the Revised Stanford-Binet Intolismenco Boale and the Gesell Developnental Seale for the age rance of two to two-ond-one-hali years are as follows:
(1) (G) pacture Cardew-dos, shoe, cup, house, clock, basket, leax, flag, star. The child selects a picture of the above-iisted objects upon the examiner's request.
(2) (BL) Identifying Parts of the Body--hair, mouth, ear, hands. The child indicates the body part named oy the examiner.
(3) (BL) Identinyme Objects by Use--Show me what we arink out or: goes on our feet, we buy candy with, we cut with, we ride in, we use to iron clothes. The chila points to the appropriate miniaturo object.
(4) (Bid) Doveins sumple Comands--Give me the dog. Fut the button in the box. Put the scissors beside the block. The child performs the indicated activity.
(5) (Bir) Identirying Obsects by Name--dog, ball, train, bed, doll, seissors. The child selects the respecitve named object.
Darley (10, p. 20) suggests that the receptive component of Ianguace can be estimated at higher age levels by selecting subtests as the Revised Stmpond-Binet Intelligence Scale and the Wechsier Intellitcence Ioste.

One of the moro compronensive teats of a chila's language function is the ILEois rest of Esycho-tinpuiethe ADilytes (25, p. 4-7). $3 y$ sejecting appropriate subuests, the examiner may use this tese to measure the receptive com ponent of longuage. For exampie, subtest i, avditory gecoding, Gxamines the ability to understand ruming speech by means of a controlled vocabulary test in winch the subject answers "yes" or "no" to a series of questions. For instance, one ftem asks, "Do birds ily?" Auditory-vocal association, the ability to comprenend neaningiul relationships between words, is subtest 3 of the Inlinois rest of Ssycho-Inguistic Abilities. The subject is required to supply the missing word to the test statement. For example, one item asks, "Soup is hot; ice cream is $\qquad$ ." Auditory reception and auditory memory skills are necessary to perform adequately in subtest 8, Auditory-Vocal Sequencing, in which the subject must repeat a sequence of disits which are rirst spoke by the examiner.

Still other materials whis have been used to test receptive language abilities are sincle-word receptive vocabulary test. One of the first tests to assess the growth of receptive vocebulary was conducted by $\operatorname{smith}$ (29), who conducted a 203-wora test for children ages two to six. Using every twentieth word from Thomdike's word Iist and excluding any word which was not published in any of the seventy-seven chilanen's vocabulary lists which she studied, she compined
the test worus. This procedure hes been questioned, however, because the test words were sejected from a sample of words rather then from a total population of words, moking the test of Iimited usefuniness.

One of the most frequentiy used tests of receptive vocabulary is the peebody ficture Vocabulary rest, forms $A$ and $B$ (II), a single-word, receptive vocabulary test which requires no verbal response. Two groups of 150 test words were selected from 3885 picturable words chosen from all entries in the Mexpan-HeDsten New College Dictionary. These word groups comprise porms $A$ and $B$ oi this test. The test material consists of 150 plates, each containing four pictures. The raw score obtained is equal to the number of correct responses and can be converted into a mental ase, a standard I.Q. score, and a percontile. Separate norms for ages two years, six months through eighteen years are provided in the manual for each of the two forms of the test, porms $A$ and $B$.

The instructions and test ftems of all of the cited receptive language assessment devices are administered in English. Few bilingual tests are currently available and Very limited finformation regarding the performance of the biingual child on routine receptive language evaluation proeefures is reported in the Ifterature. Published Interature is available in which the Peabody proture yocabulary Test Was administered to populations such as the mentaliy retarded, the cerebral palsied, the estited, the deaf, the emotionally
disturber ma otnors. No sudy has been published in mhich
 Bpantsh-Amorican bilingual popuration. The Ammons Pul Rance Beture Vocebilary Test, anotnex single-word, receptive vocabulary test, was amimisteved to a Sponish-American bilingual population Dy R. D. Noman and D. F. Mead (28). They found the scores of these chsidren to be considerably lower than monolingual children on the Rull Pense Pioture Vocabulery Rest. Altus (1) exanined pattems of a selected sample of bilingual Mexican-Amemican children on the Gechsler-Intelligence scele for Children and found their English vocabulary scores to be significantly lowered. He concluded that research indicates that the child who speaks both Spanish and English does not perform as well on English vocabulary tests as does the child Who speaks English only.

The need for a spenish-language test which coula be used with the bilingual spanish-American child is obvious. To date there are few published spanish language tests of receptive vocabulary. This type of Spanish language test could be especially useful with the spanish-Anerican bilingual child in the kindergarten and primary grades. Hecently, an experimental transiation of the yeebody Pjeture Vocabulary Test has been developed by Marceret Moreau, of the University of Mexico (21). The Spenish version, which was published in the spring of 2969, requines the translation or the directions and stimulus words into Epenish, and in necessary, selection or an alternate stimulus word and appropriate illustration.

Untul standanazation procedures are completed at the Unavenity of mexico, the gaminer is advisod to follow the Engish rombonter and to use the mgitsh norms. one unpubInhed peper was mitten winh examined the reiationship betweon tho Spanish peabody ploture Vocabuiary geat and the Gookenough-Hames Dawher pese. To date, no other stuay has been publiched in whicn the spanish Peabody pheture vocebulary Tert and the Goodenough-Harris Dronker Test was administered to a Mexican-American population in Califomia. One hundred and firty-four chslden were given the vocabulary test: ninety chilaren were also given the arawing test. The upper age range of the group was thirteen years, five months. The mean T. Q. scores of this bilingual group on the spanish tesu were below those reported in the norms for the English verston or the Peabody picture Vocabunary pest. At all age levels tested the bininguil group achieved higher mean I.Q. scores on the Goocenough-haras Datring pest than they did on the syenish Peaboay Eicture Vocabulary Test.

## Summary

Because of its complexity and its intluence, bilingualism hss been a subject for considesable concern and numerous research investigations. Bilimgualism has been studied with regand to its effects on language skill, verbal intelligence vecting and receptive Ionguace evaluation. Studies reported" by NcCarthy (23). Thompon (34), Smith (30, 31, 32). Iecpold (19. 20), Holland (15), and Carrow (7) showed bilingualism
to have detrimential enects upon development of anguage slemis in chanden.

The eriect on bilinguanista on tnvelitgence testing seems to be adverse when the usual veroal measures of intelifgence are useả. Aitus (1), Kralovich (18), Levinson (22), and Darey (9) report that the language dericit or the bilingual child is reflected in lowered verbal intelligence scores. Methods of evaluatire receptive language have been proposed by Bangs (2), Darley (10), and J. NoCarthy (25), using selected subtests of standard intelligence tests, using selected items from the Gese: Developmentel scale, and usines aporopriate subtests from the IIInoIs Test of psycholinguistic Abilities. Other materials which have been used to test receptive language capabilities are single-word receptive vocabulary tests such as those designed by Smith (29) and Duwn (II). No study has Deen puorished on the peabody picture Vocabutary Pest in mich it was administered to a biningual Spansh-Amexican population. Noman and Mead (28) adminstered the Ammons Full-Range picture Yoosoulary Test to a Spenishsractan bilingual group and found the scores of the bilingual exoxp to be considerably loter than those of monolingual chbiren. Altus (I) reported Iower scopes on the vocabulary suivest of the wechslen Intelssance Scale for Chsiaren for a Spanish-American bilingual group. From these studies it appeane that bilingualisin tends to lower the English receptive vocubujary scores.

Fecently, the peobody fiobuye Vocabubary gest has been tranalatod into Spanish by soreau, of the University of mexico. Plizuatrick's unpublished study or this test (13) showed the scores of the bilingual children to be lower than those reported in the noms for the English version of the peabody Ficture Vocabulary Test. The errect of bilingualism upon Spanish vocabulary scores warrants further investigation.

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## CHAPTER II

# EXPERIMENTAL POPULATION, INSTRUMENTATION, AND DESIGN 

Experimental Population
The experimental population consisted of twenty bilingual children, nine females and eleven males, between the ages of five years, nine months, and six years, eight months. The mean age of the experimental group was six years, three months. The nine girls ranged in age from five years, nine months, to six years, seven months, with a mean age of six years, three months. The eleven boys ranged in age from five years, eleven months, to six years, eight months, with a mean age of six years, three months. The subjects were selected from an original group of one hundred twenty-five children attending kindergarten at Robstown Elementary School, Robstown, Texas.

Each of these children spoke Spanish as a first language and English as a second language. Through classroom-teacher interviews and parental questionnaires, this investigator determined the amount of time Spanish and English were spoken in the home in each child's presence.

The twenty children who comprised the experimental population were selected on the basis of the following criteria:
(1) Each child had a mental age equal to or slightly exceeding chronological age, on non-verbal tasks. This was
deteminad theourg the adinhstration of the GoodenournHerwis Deating Pest and the blook desigh sub-test of the Wechsiex Intelitrence scale fox chilaren.
(2) Any chila with a signisicont hearing loss was excluded from the experimental population. In order to detexmine the presence of hearing loss each child was administered a pure-tone hearing test for bilateral audstory sensitivit: Intensity screening levels re: Iso were selected as rollows: 10 dB for frequencios $\mathbf{2} 25,250,500,100,2000$, and 4000 Hz ; 75 dB for the rrequency 4000 Hz . Any child who fasied one or more frequencies was excluded from the experimental population.
(3) Those children who cemonstrated consonant-sound misarticulations which coula not be anticipated on the Dasis of chronological age were exciuded from the experimental group. Arviculation development was assessed with the modified Hetha Developmental Articulation Rest. Any child presenting an articulation error which was not consistent with his chronological age was exciuded. The noms provided by Templin (6) Por the earifest age levels at which 75 per cent of the children Uested correctly produced consonant sounds in the three positions in words were used to determine the adequacy of the child's articulation.

Instrumentation
Bettone $=00$ valometer
A Beltone IOD audiometer was used to screen the subjects' hearing. Its frequency range was from 125 Hz , to 8000 Hz and

Inacouracy of requency calsocition was less than 2 per cent at the Indicated Prequoneies. Al harmonics on any irequency Wexe no greater than 25 ds below the fundamental frequency. Its range of ettemation was 0 to 110 dB re: ISO vaiues, and attonuator Inoarity was whthan 1.5 dB for every 5 dB anterval whin the range of attenuation. The Beltone 100 fudiometer had an acoumulated tolemance of Iess than 4 ab over the entire range.

## mape Reconder

A 3M hollensak magnetic tape mecorder was used in administering the Spanish Pesbouy Picture Vocebulary Test and the Inglish Peaboey Photure Vocabutary Iest. At a speed of $33 / 4$ Ips the rrequency response was $\pm 2 \mathrm{~dB}$ from 125 Hz to 4000 Hz and $+2-4 \mathrm{~dB}$ Irom 125 Hz to 6000 Hz . The sienal-tonoise ratio was 52 dB for full track.

## Test Tape

A type 1841, splice-inee audiotape was used to administer both the Spanish and the Tnginsh Peabody picture Vocabulary Teate. This 1800-ioot test tape on a one-milimeter acetate base was played at a speed of $33 / 4$ ips. The test tape was reconded in a sound-treated I.A.C. booth at North Texas State Univensity, Denton, Texas. The tape contained two instructional sets and test items in the appropwiate language.
Suoject Selection Materials

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The Wechsien ratelifgence seate for Chtidren has a repontod meliabtutoy of .84 fow the age group under investigation (five and one-hane to seven years) (7). This subtest entails the presentation of a desicn pictorially, for a specified length of time. The child is then required to reproduce the desigh through the arrangement of colored blocks. This subtest was chosen because of its high reliability and its non-verbal administration and response. Correletion of the Block Design Subtest of the Wechsier Intelitsence Scale for Children with the Sternora-Binet for normal children ranging in age from five to six yeazi has been reported to be .6I by Kureth, Muhr, and Weisgerber (5, p. 7). Since bilingual cnildren are often delayed in language skills (3, pp. 591-594), it was relt that a verbal intelligence screening device would unduly imit the children's performance.

## Goodenoush-Harals Danthe Test

This screening test represents a revision of the Goodenough Drow-A-Man test, in which the child is required to draw a human figure. Scoring is based on the amount of detail represented in the drawing rather then the child's drawinc skills. The Goodenough-Hantis provides separate norms sor majes and females. Its reliability ond correlation to the Stentord-anet Intelifgence Test have been reported to be .94 and .76 (for mental ages), respectively (5, pp. 41-43).

## Matonetric Bcreeninx mest

Por the pure-tone screening, a zeltone 30 D audioneter was utilizea to survey the rrequencies $125,250,500,1000$. 2000, 4000, and 8000 Kz . Intensity levels were arbitrarily selected as follows: $125 \mathrm{~Hz}-10 \mathrm{~dB}, 250 \mathrm{~Hz}-10 \mathrm{~dB}, 500 \mathrm{~Hz}-$ $10 \mathrm{~dB}, 1000 \mathrm{~Hz}-10 \mathrm{~dB}, 2000 \mathrm{KZ}-10 \mathrm{~dB}, 4000 \mathrm{~Hz}-15 \mathrm{~dB}, 8000 \mathrm{~Hz}-$ 10 dB . These levels were chosen as it was felt they would eliminate any child from consideration who evinced a significant problem with auditory sensitivity, and that more stringent requirerents would be unrealistic in view of the ambient noise levels encountered in non-sound-treated rooms.

## Modified Hejna Articulation Test

An articulation inventory was administered in which the rollowing consonant speech sounds were tested in the initial, medial, and final positions of single words:

Test Sounds
Test Words

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monkey, harmer, broom
nails, penny, 11on
Big. puppy. cup
house, dog-house
Window, spiader-web
boat, baby, bib
Cat, chicken, book
Girl, wagon, pig
Fomp, telephone, mire
ye. iow, onjon
Fingers, rinc
dog, ladier: bed
Tamp. banlon, ball
Eadbit, barn, can
Tabie, potatoes, coat
shoe, disnes, insh
Ghair, matches, watch
Crum, clock, blocks, glasses,
crayons
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| V | vacume televiston, store Thumb toothbrash beeth |
| :---: | :---: |
| a | Smprope, orange-julce, orange |
| 3 | Sun. penclt, bus |
| 2 | Bomer, sctscors, mubbews |
| olends | Exam, stoz. slide. suing, Bpoon |
|  | Eris, reathers |
| blends | Scooter, Snowman, desk, nest |

All miserticulations (substitutions, omissions, and distortions) were recorded ana Templin's aevelopment noms (6), showing the age at which 75 per cent of the children tested could correctly proauce cach speech sound, were used. These norms were utilized in determining those articulation errors Which were inconsistent with the chronological age of each subject.

## Parental Questionasres

These questiomaires were sent to parents of each of the orisinal one hundred twenty-ifve children. The parents were requestea to estimate the amount of Spanish spoken in the home enviroment in the presence or the child. Their responses were grouped into three major categories: 1) Spanish spoken all of the time at home, 2) Spanish spoken approximately one-half the time at home, 3) Spanish spoken only a limited anount of time at home.

## Teacher Intervievs

The teacher of cach child included in the investigation was interviewed to obtain 1) a second estamate of the amount of spanish spolven at home, and 2) to detemme the china's language preference and ability then he entered school.

Ixperimenbal Mabomules

This best is designed to assess single-word receptive vocabulary. The subject is asked to iisten to the examiner say a word and to select the one of rour pictures which depicts the stimulus word. One hundred and firty words are conteined in Form $A$ of the Peabody Ficture Vocabulery Test. These wows are presented in a predetemmined sequence representing gradually increasing difflculty. Each wora is administered in order until the subject incorrectly responds to six stimulus words in eight presentations. This test provides norms for correct responses for ases two and onehaif years through sixteon years. This test"s reinability is reported to be . 77 (I). Its validity comelation with the Steniond-Binet Intellifence Boale is. 83 . The stimulus words and their order or presentation aie as follows:

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| 3.0eby | 20.bat | 37.peceock | 54.8 roup |
| 4.8121 | 21.bee | 30.queen | $55 . t a c k i n g$ |
| 5.0811 | 22.bush | 39. coach | 56.transportation |
| 6.block | 23.pouring | 40. Whap | 57. counter |
| 7.clown | 24.sewing | 4 tinet | 58.ceremony |
| 8.key | 25.wener | 42. freckle | $59 . \mathrm{pod}$ |
| 9.can | 26.teacher | 43.eagie | 60. bronco |
| 10.chicken | 27.bu11aing | $44 . \operatorname{cinist}$ | 61.airecting |
| İ.blowing | 28.ampow | $45 . \operatorname{shin} 5 \mathrm{n}$ S | 62.funnel |
| 12.san | 29.1angaroo | 46.9121 | 63.delisht |
| 13. azering | 30.accident | 47. yaming | 64. Iecturer |
| 14. semert | 3i.test | 48. tumbie | 65.0 munication |
| 15. catching | 32.caboose | $49 . \operatorname{singaz}$ | 66.archer |
| 16. ${ }^{\text {arum }}$ | 33.envelope | 50.cepsule | 67. stadtrm |
| 17.1eaf | $34 . \mathrm{picking}$ | 51. Subuarine | 68. excavate |


| 69.assaulting | 97. confining | 125.bumptious |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 70.stunt | 98.precipitation | 126. dormer |
| 71.meringue | 99.8able | 127.coniferous |
| 72.appliance | 100.amphibian | 128. consternation |
| 73. chemist | 101.graduated | 129.0bese |
| 74.arctic | 102.hieroglyphic | 130.gauntlet |
| 75. destruction | 103.orate | 131.1nclement |
| 76. porter | 104. cascade | 132. cupola |
| 77.coast | 105.illumination | 133.obliterate |
| 78. hoisting | 106.nape | 134.burnishing |
| 79.wailing | 107.genealogist | 135.bovine |
| 80.coil | 108. embossed | 136.eminence |
| 81. kayak | 109.mercantile | 137.1egume |
| 82.sentry | 110. encumbered | 138.senile |
| 83.furrow | 111.entice | 139.deleterious |
| 84. beam | 112. concentric | $140 . \mathrm{raze}$ |
| 85.fragment | 113.vitreous | 141.ambulation |
| 86. hovering | 114.sibling | 142.cravat |
| 87. bereavement | 115.machete | 143.impale |
| 88.crag | 116.waif | 144.marsupial |
| 89.tantrum | 117. cornice | 145. predatory |
| 90. submerge | 118.timorous | 146.incertitude |
| 91. descent | 119.fettered | 147.imbibe |
| 92.hassock | 120.tartan | 148. homunculus |
| 93. canine | 121. sulky | 149. cryptogam |
| 94. probing | 122. obelisk | 150.pensile |
| 95.angling | 123.eclipse |  |
| 96.appraising | 124.entomology |  |

## Peabody Picture Vocabulary Test <br> Form A (Spanish Translation)

This test is a duplication of the Peabody Picture Vocabulary Test, Form A (English translation) with the exception of utilizing spanish stimulus words. This test was constructed by translating each of the English words into a Spanish vocabulary word. The same pictures are used for both transIations and the examiner is instructed to utilize the norms for the English translation in interpreting the results of the Spanish translation. The stimulus words and their order of presentation are as follows:

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$53 . t e m n o m e d z o$
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50. cervonia
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60. 0hampencé
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52. ambado
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64.espacactin

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69.1 na
$70 . \operatorname{aste}$
72. mesergue
72.cantmplora or varejaco
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$74.2 n+100$
75.00 atrucetón
76. cadete
$77 . \operatorname{costa}$
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80. proyector
81. kayek
82.centinela
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85. Tracmento
86. revolotcandos
87. ciriccton
88. despenaderos
89. rableta
90. sumexedeo
92. Cescender
92. Busto
93. canino
94. prevencion
95. trucha
96. $6 . \operatorname{san}$
97. continado

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117.barendaz
-18. rumante
199.cslabón

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221. prensil
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123.06 Fa 10
222. cntomolog1a
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226.buhendilla
223. conírero
128.consternación
224. emaciación
225. manaril
226. Inclenonte or deresicto
227. cubilete
133.extirpar
228. bxunido
135.carmivoro
136.0urss
137.estipite
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A pinot investigation mas conducted at the North Texas State univemsity speech and Fearing Clinic. This pilot study was undertaken in order to insure the peasibility of the plamed experimental procedure. During the pilot study the experimental piocedure was followed using ten bilingual (span-ish-English) children residing in the Denton area. The pilot investigation showed that the planned experiment procedure was practical.

## procecure

Al testing was conducted in a vacant, isolated classroon at RoDstown Elementary School, Robstom, Texas. During the data-gathering sessions the ciassroom contained a Wollensak 3M tape recorder for the test administration, and a Beltone 10 D Adiometer for hearing screening. Each subject was seated at a table facing the examiner. Each child or the original one hundred twenty-rive kinderganten children was administered the battery or seneening tests. Those children Who failed one or more of the screening criteria were exciuded from the final experimental population. The scxeening battery was administered as rollows:
(1) Block Destan Subtest Srom the Wechsler Intelingence Scale for Children: The instructions, administration, and scoring were followed acconame to the manual for the fechsler
 Desien $A$, the emminer zicied up four blooks and seid, "You see these blocts have dircorat coloxs on thens dirferent sices; watch me." The four blocks were arrenged by the oxaminer to duplicate a ploture and then four additional blocks were givon to the child. The examiner said, "Now make one just inte mine." If the child did not make the design cosrectly, the eraniner said, "Watch me again," and gave a second demonstration, usme the subject's blocks. The subject's blocks were mixed, but the emaniner's blocks were lert as a model. The examiner oata. "Now you tiy it again and be sure to make 10 just ince wine." Instructions and adininistration of Design i and Design C were similar to those for Design A. The test was discontinued if the child failed both trials on either Design B or Design C. Designs 1 through 7 were made from the picture oniy and the child was not given a secona chence to complete the design.

Success on the riret trial of Designs $A, B$, and $C$ was creditea with two pointsi success on the second trial of Destigns $A, B$, and $C$ was creitted with one point. Correct perromance on Designs i through 7 Was scored four points. No points were given for failure (raulty design or faliure to complete the desigm in the allotted time). The points were then totaled ond this sum was equal to the raw score. A chart showing tost age equivients for sub-test raw scores ven used to interpret the chneds pereormance.
 mintaterca to cach chila manvidusiny accomding to the directions Irom the test manal when were contaned in Hamps" book (2, pp. 239-316). The child was given a pencil and two picces of pepor. For the first drawing the examiner told the chisd the pollowne:

I an going to ask you to make two picture for mo today. We will make them one at a time. on chas ranst page, I went you to make a pacture or a man, a daddy. Make the vexy best plcture thet you can; take youn time and wowk vexy carevuly. I want to see an the boys and gitis in Boostom Elementery school can do as well as those in other schools. Try very herd and see what good pioture you can make. Be sure to make the mole man, not just the head and shoulders.

The examiner praised the child's work and instructed him for the second drawing by sayning:

This time I want you to meise a picture of a woman, a momy. Nalre the very best picture thet you can: teke your weme no wowl very cerecully. Be sure to wire vie whole woman, not just her hecd and shouldess.

Arter both drawings were completed, any unrecoenizable perts of the drawing were labeled.

Separate scoring scenea rone used for the man crawhe and the woman drawhe. The emminer followed the zules cited In the manval and scored each ftem on a pass-rail system. Each item passed was credsced with one point and ail items credited were sumed to obtan a raw score. The man score and child's chronolosfoel age were usca to determine the standand score equivaients en each draving. The two standard
scoie equivaients vere thon evonaced to rind a mean scome on the man and mown drowings.
 metric testine the child stood mith has back towad the examiner. The suoject mas told to insten very carefuliy for the "oecp" and to signal his detection or the tone by raising his hand. The ear phones were placed on the child's ear. Pisst the right ear and then the ieft ean were tested oy obtaining ain conduction thresnold measures at $125 \mathrm{hz}, 250 \mathrm{hz}$, $500 \mathrm{hz}, 1000 \mathrm{hz}, 2000 \mathrm{hz}, 4000 \mathrm{hz}$, and 8000 hz . Threshold was considered to be the lowest hearing level at wich the subject responked to the tone hale of the time (t, p. 74). (4) Mocisied Hejne Devezopental Antuoulation Test: As the examiner held up a picture card, the child was instructed to name the item. The examiner attempted to elicit a spontaneous response to all test words but occasionally it was necessary to obtein on initative response. Errors were recoided as suostitutions, distortions, or omissions on the test biank. The test Pindings were analyzed with the nomative data reported by rempin (6).
(5) Paxental questionnatres and teconer interviews: The pacent questionaires were sent home with each child in the kindergarten classes of Robstom Eiementamy schcol and Were retumed to the chassroon twacher. Eoth the porent and the teacher of ach chili wene asked to estimate the enount of spantsh spoken in the home, the ohtia s anguage prefewenve, and his langrage ablilty at the bectinang of school.

Pollowng the aunthstration of the soreoning testis. twensy subjects or the oxichal one hunded twenty-five were detemined elighble for the expenamentel group. thas group Was then administered the experimentel test meterial, the
 Fom A. These tro tests were adminsstered individually to each child. One-hali of the experinental group was administered in Spenish transiation Pirst and the English peabody Picture Vocebulamy rest second. The remaning haif of the subject population was administered the English Eeabody Eicture Vocabulaxy Pest first and the Spanish translation subsequentiy. This procedure was followed in order to eliminate the potential biasing erfect or the test presentation sequence. The subjects were assigned to the two groups (those recetving the spanish transiation first and those receiving the Ereizsh Peabody Picture Vocobuiary Pest first) on the basis of randon selection.

Both the test instmuctions and the test stimuli were reconded on a tape recorder and were administered by a spanishspeaking acult and ar English-speaking adult. This was done in order to insure uniformity of test presentation and to eliminate the efrects of a speech accent during the presentation of the spanish transiavan. wo sets or instructions in the appropriate Ianguage were tapemecorded on the initial segment of each test tape. The first instructions were given exactiy as recommended th the manual:


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LE the prevwees on this pese. (romit to the
youners in tumn.) T wIL sey a wowd, chon. I
wont you to put youn psagch on the pucture or
the Fore I have said, Lets try one. Put your
thnges on "boc," Thot"b rine. Now, put your
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Finu, Non I an gomme to show you sone other
pictuxes. Each thme I say a wond. you itma a
pletwre of it. When wo cet iumbher along in
the book you mey not be sure you lnow the vord,
but i mont you to look carerully at all the
puctures anyway anc choose the one you think
LE right.
Qunero jusan un juego de zetratos con tigo. Mte todos zos retratos en esta pasina. Yo te dire una palabra, y deapues quiero que tu pongas tu dodo en el remato de le palabaa que yo dije. Vanos a tentam una. Jon tu dodo in "cana." Nuy biene Ahoxa, pon tu kedo on "pescedo." Bien. Ensencme "lepiz." Bucno. Lhora te voy a ensener obros retratob. Cojo tez que yo digo una palabxa, buaque el retreto de esa palabra. Cuendo caminamos meś en ol libro tu no estamas seguro de la pelabra. Eceo quivero que tu mires bion todas 20 os retretos cono cutany y pon tu dodo in el retrato que plensae que os corocto.
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If the child rinled to aspond to these instructions, simpler inetructions were available on the tape:

Zool at the pictures. Pount to "bed." Fine: point to "ifsh." Goout shon me "butterfiy." Thates good

Mive los retratos. Punte a "cema." Bien. Ahoma, punte a "pescado." Nuy bien. Enseneme "Mapsz." Eueno.

In no instance were the simploa instructions required, since Each child was able to perrom the erperimental task following the presentation of the finct instructions in the appropacte langrage.

Following the Anstnuctone, a carner phrese, "Point to
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The subject population of this stuay was divided into three subsroups on the basis of the amount of Spanish spoken In the home. For ease in presentation those chilaren whose ramilies spoke only spenish in the home will be rererred to as Group A, those chilinen whose ramilies apoke Spanish half of the time at home will be reverred to as Group H , and those whose famlies spoke spantsh less than half the time at home whll be referred to as Grovps. The numben of subjects asstgned to Group A, Group in and Group $S$ were six, six, and escht, rospectivejy.

## Sumany

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## Resulas

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One or the objectives of the present study was to evaluate whether a better estimete of tho binngual child's totai receptive vocabulary is achieved by comparing the items (test words) or both the spansch verution and the English version of the peabody pacture yoobulary test. Figure 2 graphLealy presents the pereontede on conrect responses made by By the entire group of thenoy biajemon on the Spenish verston or the pectody pacture pocbuiaty pect, on the English version

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Fig. I--Level of difficulty analysis for comparable items on each test for entire subject population.
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When the subject population is divided kno thaee groups on the basis of spanish sporen in the home, it can be seen that for each subgroup a more favombie estimate of receptive vocabulary is obtained by using comoined Spanish-English scores in lieu of using esther the spanish version or the Engish version in isolation the percentage of correctresponses for each test ftem $\mathcal{A}$ or Grou, it is presented in Figure 2.


Fig. 2--Level of difficulty analysis for comparable items on each test for subgroup $A$.

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Fis. 3--Level of difficulty analysis for comparable items on each test for subgroup $H$.

Red line--Spanish Test
Blue line--English Test
Gray Iine-Combined Spanish-English


Fig. 4--Level of difficulty analysis for comparable items on each test for subgroup $S$.
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Pigures 5, 6, and ? sraphically present the percentage of comect responses ior the three froup obtalned on the Comoined Spanish-English, the Spanish peabody pleture Vooabulayy Test, and the English aebody pecture Vocabuiany Test. The percentage of correct responses for oach tost item for the three groups on the combincd Spenish-English is presented in Fisure 5. Group A totaled trenty-two and thirty-three test items on which comect responees were achieved at a seventy-ive per cent or betten level and at a firty per cent or better level, respectively, for the combined Spanish-Engish For the combined Spanish-Engish, Group H achieved a seventyfive per cent on better Zuve onk a ruty per cont ox botter level on twenty-six and thenymsix toms, in that ordex. Group $s$ for the combinct sanashungish obtained thinty-onght


Fig. 5--Level of difficulty analysis for comparable items on Combined Spanish-English for each of the subgroups.
and forty test items on which correct responses were achieved at a seventy-five per cent or better level and at a fifty per cent or better level, respectively.

Figure 6 presents the percentage of correct responses for each test item for the three groups on the Spanish Peabody Picture Vocabulary Test. Group A totaled fifteen and twenty-five test items on which correct responses were achieved at a seventy-five per cent or better level and at a fifty per cent or better level, respectively, for the Spanish peabody Picture Vocabulary Test. Of forty-five comparable items, a score of seventy-five per cent or better and a score of fifty per cent or better was achieved on fifteen and twentythree items, in that order, by Group H for the Spanish Peabody Picture Vocabulary Test. Group $S$ for the Spanish Peabody Picture Vocabulary Test obtained fifteen and twenty-five items on which correct responses were achieved at a seventyfive per cent or better level and at a fifty per cent or better level, respectively.

On Figure 7, Group A totaled seventeen and twenty-seven test items on which correct responses were achieved at a seventy-five per cent or better level and at a fifty per cent or better level, respectively, for the English Peabody Picture Vocabulary Test. Group $H$, for the English Peabody Picture Vocabulary Test, achieved at a seventy-five per cent or better level and at a fifty per cent or better level on twenty-one and thirty-four 1tems, in that order; Group $S$, for the English


Fig. 6--Level of difficulty analysis for comparable items on the spanish Peabody Picture Vocabulary Test for each of the subgroups.


Fig. ?--Level of difficulty analysis for comparable items on the English Peabody Picture Vocabulary Test for each of the subgroups.

Peabody Picture Vocabulary Test, obtained thirty-seven and thirty-nine items on which correct responses were achieved at a seventy-five per cent or better level and at a fifty per cent or better level, respectively.

Tables 1, 2, 3, and 4 present the percentage of correct responses obtained for the total subject population and for each subgroup on each comparable test item for each test version and the combined Spanish-English. Inspection of Table 1 (Percentage of Correct Responses for Comparable Items on Each Test for the Total Study Population) indicates that there is a substantial rise in estimates of the child's total receptive vocabulary when a correct response on either test version is accepted and totaled. Tables 2, 3, and 4 (Percentage of Correct Responses for Comparable Items on Each Test for subgroup A, Subgroup H, and Subgroup S, in that order) reveal that for each subgroup, a more favorable estimate of receptive vocabulary is obtained by using combined Spanigh-English scores in lieu of using either the spanish version or the English version in isolation.

A further inspection of Table 1 reveals a difference in the item difficulty of each word which is dependent on the language of presentation. For instance, item number 9 which is the English word "can" and its Spanish translation, "lata," appeared to be more difficult in Spanish than in English for the chlldren of this study. A per cent correct score of 45 and 90 were obtained for the Spanish and English presentations,

TABLE 1
LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY ANALYSIS FOR COMPARABLE ITEMS ON EACH TEST FOR THE TOTAL STUDY POPULATION

| Item Number | Percentage Correct Spanish Test | Percentage Correct English Test | Fercentage Cor- <br> rect Combined <br> Spanish-English |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| 2 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| 3 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| 5 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| 7 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| 8 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| 9 | 45 | 90 | 90 |
| 10 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| 11 | 90 | 100 | 100 |
| 14 | 100 | 95 | 100 |
| 16 | 100 | 90 | 100 |
| 17 | 85 | 100 | 100 |
| 21 | 30 | 90 | 95 |
| 22 | 30 | 60 | 60 |
| 23 | 70 | 65 | 90 |
| 26 | 45 | 100 | 100 |
| 27 | 40 | 55 | 75 |
| 28 | 95 | 90 | 100 |
| 29 | 35 | 100 | 100 |
| 30 | 85 | 75 | 85 |

TABLE 1-Continued

| Item Number | Percentage Correct Spanish Test | Percentage Correct English Test | Percentage Correct Combined Spanish-English |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 31 | 65 | 95 | 100 |
| 32 | 70 | 70 | 100 |
| 36 | 95 | 50 | 100 |
| 37 | 60 | 85 | 90 |
| 39 | 60 | 60 | 80 |
| 40 | 40 | 75 | 85 |
| 41 | 25 | 75 | 80 |
| 42 | 45 | 60 | 70 |
| 44 | 40 | 65 | 75 |
| 45 | 40 | 85 | 90 |
| 46 | 45 | 55 | 70 |
| 47 | 15 | 40 | 45 |
| 48 | 60 | 55 | 80 |
| 49 | 15 | 55 | 80 |
| 50 | 45 | 60 | 70 |
| 51 | 25 | 70 | 70 |
| 52 | 45 | 60 | 75 |
| 54 | 15 | 40 | 40 |
| 56 | 15 | 10 | 25 |
| 57 | 30 | 5 | 30 |
| 58 | 25 | 50 | 55 |
| 62 | 15 | 20 | 25 |

TABLE 1--Continued

| Item <br> Number | Percentage Correct <br> Spanish Test | Percentage Correct <br> English Test | Percentage Cor- <br> rect Combined <br> Spanish-English |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 65 | 10 | 5 | 15 |
| 68 | 10 | 10 | 10 |
| 71 | 0 | 5 | 5 |

TABLE 2
LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY ANALYSIS FOR COMPARABLE ITEMS ON EACH TEST FOR SUBGROUP A

| Item <br> Number | Percentage Correct <br> Spanish Test | Percentage Correct <br> English Test | Percentage Cor- <br> rect Combined <br> Spanish-English |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| 2 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| 3 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| 5 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| 7 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| 8 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| 10 | 50 | 83 | 83 |
| 11 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| 14 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| 16 | 100 |  | 100 |

TABLE 2--Continued

| Item Number | Fercentage Correct Spanish Test | Percentage Correct English Test | Percentage Correct Combined Spanish-English |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 17 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| 21 | 17 | 83 | 83 |
| 22 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 23 | 50 | 17 | 67 |
| 26 | 50 | 100 | 100 |
| 27 | 17 | 17 | 33 |
| 28 | 100 | 83 | 100 |
| 29 | 33 | 100 | 100 |
| 30 | 50 | 50 | 50 |
| 31 | 100 | 83 | 100 |
| 32 | 100 | 50 | 100 |
| 36 | 100 | 33 | 100 |
| 37 | 83 | 83 | 100 |
| 39 | 67 | 33 | 67 |
| 40 | 50 | 50 | 67 |
| 41 | 17 | 50 | 50 |
| 42 | 33 | 17 | 50 |
| 44 | 33 | 67 | 67 |
| 45 | 67 | 67 | 83 |
| 46 | 50 | 17 | 50 |
| 47 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 48 | 67 | 50 | 83 |

TABLE 2-Continued

| Item Number | Percentage Correct Spanish Test | Percentage Correct English Test | Percentage Correct Combined Spanish-English |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 49 | 33 | 17 | 50 |
| 50 | 33 | 17 | 33 |
| 51 | 0 | 33 | 33 |
| 52 | 50 | 50 | 67 |
| 54 | 17 | 33 | 33 |
| 56 | 0 | 33 | 33 |
| 57 | 17 | 0 | 33 |
| 58 | 17 | 50 | 50 |
| 62 | 0 | 17 | 17 |
| 65 | 17 | 17 | 33 |
| 68 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 71 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

TABLE 3
LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY ANALYSIS FOR COMPARABLE ITEMS ON EACH

TEST FOR SUBGROUP H

| Item <br> Number | Percentage Correct <br> Spanish Test | Percentage Correct <br> English Test | Percentage Cor- <br> rect Combined <br> Spanish-English |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| 2 | 100 | 100 | 100 |

TABLE 3--Continued

| Item Number | Percentage Correct Spanish Test | Percentage Correct English Test | Percentage correct Combined Spanish-English |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 3 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| 5 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| 7 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| 8 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| 9 | 33 | 83 | 100 |
| 10 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| 11 | 83 | 100 | 200 |
| 14 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| 16 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| 17 | 83 | 100 | 100 |
| 21 | 17 | 83 | 100 |
| 22 | 33 | 67 | 67 |
| 23 | 83 | 67 | 100 |
| 26 | 50 | 100 | 100 |
| 27 | 50 | 50 | 83 |
| 28 | 100 | 83 | 100 |
| 29 | 33 | 100 | 100 |
| 30 | 100 | 83 | 100 |
| 31 | 67 | 100 | 100 |
| 32 | 67 | 67 | 100 |
| 36 | 83 | 50 | 100 |
| 37 | 33 | 67 | 67 |

TABLE 3--Continued

| Item Number | Percentage Correct Spanish Test | Percentage Correct English Test | Fercentage Correct Combined Spanish-English |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 39 | 50 | 50 | 83 |
| 40 | 33 | 83 | 83 |
| 41 | 33 | 83 | 100 |
| 42 | 33 | 50 | 50 |
| 44 | 50 | 50 | 83 |
| 45 | 33 | 83 | 83 |
| 46 | 33 | 50 | 67 |
| 47 | 0 | 33 | 33 |
| 48 | 67 | 17 | 67 |
| 49 | 0 | 50 | 50 |
| 50 | 50 | 50 | 67 |
| 51 | 33 | 67 | 67 |
| 52 | 50 | 33 | 67 |
| 54 | 0 | 17 | 17 |
| 56 | 17 | 0 | 17 |
| 57 | 33 | 0 | 33 |
| 58 | 17 | 33 | 33 |
| 62 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 65 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 68 | 17 | 0 | 0 |
| 71 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

TABLE 4
LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY ANALYSIS FOR
COMPARABLE ITEMS ON EACH TEST FOR SUBGROUP S

| Item Number | Percentage Correct Spanish Test | Percentage Correct English Test | Percentage Correct Combined Spanish-English |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| 2 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| 3 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| 5 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| 7 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| 8 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| 9 | 50 | 100 | 100. |
| 10 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| 11 | 88 | 100 | 100 |
| 14 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| 16 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| 17 | 75 | 100 | 200 |
| 21 | 50 | 100 | 100 |
| 22 | 50 | 100 | 100 |
| 23 | 75 | 100 | 100 |
| 26 | 38 | 100 | 100 |
| 27 | 50 | 87 | 100 |
| 28 | 88 | 100 | 100 |
| 29 | 38 | 100 | 100 |
| 30 | 100 | 87 | 100 |

TABLE 4--Continued

| Item Number | Percentage Correct Spanish Test | Percentage Correct English Test | Percentage Correct Combined Spanish-English |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 31 | 38 | 100 | 100 |
| 32 | 50 | 87 | 100 |
| 36 | 100 | 63 | 100 |
| 37 | 63 | 100 | 100 |
| 39 | 63 | 87 | 87 |
| 40 | 38 | 87 | 100 |
| 41 | 25 | 87 | 87 |
| 42 | 63 | 100 | 100 |
| 44 | 38 | 75 | 75 |
| 45 | 25 | 100 | 100 |
| 46 | 50 | 87 | 87 |
| 47 | 38 | 75 | 87 |
| 48 | 50 | 75 | 87 |
| 49 | 13 | 87 | 87 |
| 50 | 50 | 100 | 100 |
| 51 | 38 | 100 | 100 |
| 52 | 38 | 87 | 87 |
| 54 | 25 | 75 | 63 |
| 56 | 25 | 0 | 25 |
| 57 | 38 | 13 | 38 |
| 58 | 38 | 63 | 75 |
| 62 | 38 | 38 | 50 |

TABIE 4--Continued

| Item <br> Number | Percentage Correct <br> Spanish Test | Percentage Correct <br> English Test | Percentage Cor- <br> rect Combined <br> Spanish-English |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 65 | 13 | 0 | 13 |
| 68 | 13 | 25 | 25 |
| 71 | 0 | 13 | 13 |

respectively. Additional test terms follow this same trend. The following represents such test items and the per cent correct scores in Spanish and English: (1) item number 21, Which represents the English word, "bee" and the Spanish word, "abeja," received percentage correct scores of 30 and 90 in Spanish and English, in that order; (2) item number 26, which represents the English word, "teacher" and the Spanish word, "profesora," received percentage correct scores of 45 and 100 in Spanish and English, respectively; (3) item number 29, which represents the Engiish word, "kangaroo," and the Spanish word, "canguro," received percentage correct scores of 35 and 100 in Spanish and English, in that order; (4) item number 41, which represents the English word, "net," and the Spanish word, "red," received percentage correct scores of 25 and 75 in Spanish and English, respectively; and (5) item number 51, which represents the Engiish word, "submarine," and the Spanish word, "submarino," received percentage correct scores of 25 and 70 in Spanish and English, in that order.

The only test item which appeared to be less difficult in Spanish than in English for the experimental population was 1 tem number 36 , which represents the English word, "glggles," and the Spanish word, "anteojos." This item received a percentage correct score of 95 in Spanish and 50 in English.

## Raw Score Comparisons

Another goal of the present study was to determine whether the Spanish-English bilingual child exhibited differences in his performance on a Spanish receptive language test when compared to an English receptive language test, and, if such difference did exist, to determine which language provided the most favorable picture of the child's overall singleword, receptive language development. When the responses of the entire group of bilingual children were compared on the two language measures, a significant difference in the raw scores was obtained. Table 5 presents the raw scores of each subgroup and the total group on the Spanish Peabody Picture Vocabulary Test and the English Peabody Picture Vocabulary Test. It is apparent that when the raw scores were averaged across subgroups, a better performance was achieved on the English version than on the Spanish version of the Peabody Picture Vocabulary Test. An average raw score of 44.95 was obtained for the English test, while an average raw score of 37.45 was obtained for the spanish test. In view of an anticipated raw score of 54 to 59 based on the English Peabody Plcture

Vocabulary Test norms, it appears that the subject group as a whole achieved a lowered raw score on both the Spanish and English test. Performance of the group on the English test was equivalent to that obtained by the four years, five-months-old age group utilized to develop the Peabody Picture Vocabulary Test norms. Performance on the spanish test was equal to that achleved by the three years, seven-months-old norm group. No significant differences were found on mean raw scores between boys and girls in the total group.

When the mean raw scores for each subgroup are viewed for the two tests, significant differences among the subgroups become apparent. Group A obtained an average score of 34.83 on the English Peabody Picture Vocabulary Test, while an average raw score of 36.33 was achieved on the Spanish version. In view of an anticipated raw score of 54 to 59 based on the English Peabody Picture Vocabulary Test norms, It appears that Group A achieved a lowered raw score on both the Spanish and the English tests. Performance of the group on the English test was equivalent to that obtained by the three years, five-months-old age group utilized to develop the Peabody Picture Vocabulary norms. Performance on the Spanish test was equal to that achieved by the three years, six-months-old norm group.

Group H obtained an average score of 42.33 on the English Peabody Picture Vocabulary Test, while an average raw score of 36.27 was achieved on the Spanish version. In view of an

TABLE 5
RAW SCORES OF EACH SUBJECT ON EACH TEST

| subject | $\begin{aligned} & \text { English Peabody } \\ & \text { picture } \\ & \text { ulary Tocab } \end{aligned}$ | Spanish Feabody $\frac{\text { Plcture Vocab }}{\text { ulary Test }}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Al | 31 | 30 |
| A2 | 29 | 36 |
| A3 | 43 | 44 |
| A 4 | 45 | 38 |
| A5 | 21 | 37 |
| A6 | . 40 | 33 |
| Average Raw Score for Subgroup A | 34.83 | 36.33 |
| H1 | 48 | 22 |
| H2 | 35 | 29 |
| H3 | 30 | 43 |
| H4 | 42 | 39 |
| H5 | 44 | 39 |
| H6 | 56 | 45 |
| Average Raw Score for Subgroup H | 42.33 | 36.17 |
| (S1) | 47 | 46 |
| S2 | 53 | 39 |
| (s3) | 60 | 57 |
| S4 | 68 | 44 |

TABLE 5-Continued

| Subject | English peabody <br> Plcture <br> ulary Test | Spanish Feabody <br> picture |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| S5 | 54 | 25 |
| S6 | 51 | 31 |
| S7 | 49 | 34 |
| S8 | 54 | 30 |
| Average Raw <br> Score for <br> Subgroup S <br> Average Raw <br> Score for <br> Total Group | 54.50 | 38.25 |

(SI) and (S3) not included in analysis of variance.
anticipated raw score of 54 to 58 based on the English Peabody Picture Vocabulary Test norms, it appears that Group H achieved a lowered raw score on both the Spanish and the English test. Performance of the group on the English test was equivalent to that obtained by the foux-year-old age group utilized to develop the Peabody Picture Vocabulary norms. Performance on the Spanish test was equal to that achieved by the three year, six-months-old norm group.

Group $S$ obtained an average score of 54.50 on the English Peabody Picture Vocabulary Test, while an average raw score of 38.25 was achieved on the spanish version. In view of an anticipated raw score of 54 to 59 based on the English

Peabody Picture Vocabulary Test norms, it appears that Group S achieved a lowered raw score on the Spanish test but their scores were not substantially lowered on the English test. Performance of the group on the English test was equivalent to that achieved by the five year, nine-months-old age group utilized to develop the Peabody Picture Vocabulary Test norms. Performance on the Spanish test was equal to that achleved by the three year, eight-months-old norm group.

An analysis of variance using a two-factor experimental design with repeated measures on one factor, the tests, was performed (2, p. 306). A. 05 significance level was selected for the analysis. The main effects were subgroups, determined by the extent of Spanish spoken in the home, and two variations of the Peabody Plcture Vocabulary Test.

The results of the analysis of variance are presented in Table 6. The results indicate that the mean raw scores obtained on the two tests, the Spanish and the English Peabody Picture Vocabulary Tests, are significantly different. This difference was significant at the . 01 level. This finding suggests that the performance of a group of bilingual children on a single-word receptive vocabulary test can be expected to vary with the language of presentation.

A first-order interaction, between the experimental subgroups and the experimental tasks, was also found to be significant at the . 01 level. Figure 8 presents a graphic representation of the obtained interaction. This finding
table 6
SUMMARY OF ANALYSIS
OF VARIANCE

| Source of variation | SS | df | MS | $F$ |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Between subjects | $\frac{1612.22}{}$ | 17 |  |  |
| A Groups (by degrees of | 463.39 | 2 | 231.69 | 3.02 |
| Subanish in home) |  |  |  |  |
| Subjects within groups | 1148.83 | 15 | 76.59 |  |
| Within subjects | $\underline{2125.00}$ | 18 |  |  |
| B (tests) | 658.78 | 1 | 658.78 | $14.51^{* *}$ |
| AB | 785.06 | 2 | 392.53 | $8.64 * *$ |
| Bx subjects within | 681.17 | 15 | 45.41 |  |
| groups |  |  |  |  |

**significant at the . 01 level
suggests that the performance of the three subgroups varies on the two receptive-vocabulary tests. As seen in Figure 8 , Group A demonstrated a higher performance level on the spanish translation than on the English Peabody Picture Vocabulary Test. Group H performed equally well on the two language measures, while Group $S$ showed a higher performance on the English rather than on the Spanish Peabody Ficture Vocabulary Test.

## Norm Usage

In order to evaluate the feasibility of employing the norms developed for the Eng11sh Peabody Picture Vocabulary


Fig. 8--Interaction between tests and degrees of Spanish spoken in the home.

Red line - Spanish test; Blue line - English test.

Test with the Spanish peabody Picture Vocabulary Test, product-moment and rank order correlations were computed between the raw scores obtained on each of the tests. For the group as a whole a non-significant product-moment correlation of .22 and a rank order correlation of .26 were obtained between the Spanish Peabody Picture Vocabulary Test and the English Peabody Picture Vocabulary Test. Subgroup A received a rank order correlation of .37 between the two measures, while rank order correlations of .07 and .07 were found for subgroups $H$ and $S$, respectively, for the two language tests. As seen in Table 7, none of the results of the rank order correlations between raw scores on the two tests were significant.

TABLE 7
RANK ORDER CORRELATIONS BETWEEN RAW SCORES ON THE SPANISH AND ENGLISH TESTS

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## CHAPTER IV

SUMMARY, CONCLUSIONS, AND IMPLICATIONS

This study was designed to evaluate the performance of twenty Spanish-English bilingual children on the Peabody Picture Vocabulary Test and a Spanish translation of this test. An original group of one hundred twenty-five kindergarten children were evaluated on the basis of the following screening criteria:
(1) Each child had a mental age equal to or slightly exceeding chronological age on non-verbal tasks as determined through the administration of the Goodenough-Harris Drawing Test and the block design subtest of the Wechsjer Intelligence Scale for Children.
(2) Any child with a significant hearing loss was excluded from the experimental population. In order to determine the presence of hearing loss, each child was administered a pure-tone hearing test for bjlateral sensitivity at 10 dB re ISO for frequencies 125, 250, 500, 1000, 2000, and 8000 Hz . and 15 dB re ISO at 4000 Hz , Any child failing one or more frequencies was excluded as subject.
(3) Those children who evidenced consonant-sound misarticulations which could not be anticipated on the basis of chronological age level as determined py an articulation
screening test, and Templin's norms were not utilized in the final subject population. Any child who failed to meet one or more of these selection criteria was eliminated from the experimental population.

From the one hundred twenty-five children, twenty were chosen as having satisfied the selection criteria. These twenty children were then administered the Peabody picture Vocabulary Test, Form A, and a Spanish translation of this test. The rests were administered in alternating order in individual testing situations conducted during the last month of school.

Both the test instructions and the test 1 tems were previously tape-recorded by a native-English speaker and a native-Spanish speaker. Two repetitions of the test instructions in the appropriate language were placed on the taperecording prior to the presentation of the test items. The first instructions follow exactly those contained in the peabody Plcture Vocabulary Manual. A simpler set of instructions were also recorded which were to be administered in the event that any child failed to understand the original instructions. In no instance were the simpler instructions required.

The carrier phrase, "Point to ,_," followed by the stimulus word was recorded at ten-second intervals on the test tape. This procedure enabled the examiner to select any stimulus item on the tape and insured a sufficient lapse of
time between each stimulus presentation to turn the tape recorder on and off when this method of test administration was necessary.

On the basis of parental questionnaires and teacher interviews, the subject population was divided into three groups according to the amount of Spanish that was spoken at home in the child's presence. Group A was comprised of those children whose parents always spoke spanish in the child's presence at home. Group H was composed of children whose parents were estimated to use Spanish in the child's presence approximately one-half the time. Group $S$ was composed of those children whose parents were estimated to speak Spanish less than one-half the time in the child's presence. Following the analysis of the questionnaires and interviews, six children, three boys and three girls, were assigned to Group $A ;$ six children, three boys and three girls, were assigned to Group $H$; and eight children, five boys and three girls, were assigned to Group S.

While the inferences which can be drawn are necessarily limited to the conditions of the present study and cannot be generalized to the bilingual population as a group, the following conclusions appear to be warranted:
(1) Regardiess of the amount of Spanish spoken in the home, a more favorable profile of the spanish-English bilingual child's single-word receptive vocabulary is obtained by evaluating his understanding of both Spanish and English vocabulary words.
(2) The bilingual child appears to be slower in singleword receptive language development in both languages than the monolingual child of the same age.
(3) The greater per cent of the time that Spanish is spoken in the home in the presence of the Spanish-English bilingual child living in an English-speaking culture, the greater will be the extent of his delay in receptive language acquisition.
(4) Viewed as a group, the Spanish-English bilingual population in this study achieved a better raw score on the English than on the Spanish Peabody Picture Vocabulary Test.
(5) For Group A; those children whose parents speak Spanish all of the time in the home environment, better raw scores were obtained on the Spanish translation of the Peabody Picture Vocabulary Test than on the English Peabody picture Vocabulary Test; the two other groups in this study, Groups $H$ and $S$, performed better in terms of raw scores on the English than on the Spanish Peabody Picture Vocabulary Test.
(6) Poor product-moment (.22) and rank order (.26) correlations were found to obtain between the Spanish and English Peabody Picture Vocabulary Tests which would contraindicate the use of norms developed for the English version of this test with the Spanish translation.

## Implications

In view of the ilmited subject sample in the present
study, results must be considered to be tentative and subject to revision by additional investigation into the problem of bilingualism; however, certain findings are consistent with those previously reported in the literature and seem to have implications for clinical speech and language pathology.

The findings and conclusions obtained in the present study suggest that the speech and language diagnostician who is confronted with the task of evaluating a Spanish-English bilingual child might obtain a better profile of the child's overall single-word receptive language vocabulary development if he were to assess the child's functioning in both languages. The Spanish translation of the Peabody Picture Vocabulary Test, while a new test instrument, provides the diagnostician with a means of assessing the child's single-word receptive vocabulary in Spanish.

It would also appear that the speech and language diagnostician and therapist can anticipate a delay in the acquisition of single-word receptive language skills in the young bilingual child. This finding has previously been noted by authors such as MicCarthy, Van Riper, Berry and Eisenson, and Eisenson, Auer, and Irwin (1, pp. 34-35; 2, p. 222; 3. pp. 591-594; 4, p. 144). It would further appear that the more time that Spanish is spoken in the home, in the instance of the Spanish-English bilingual child in an Englishspeaking culture, the greater the singlewword receptive vocabulary delay that could be expected.

Since only low correlations were obtained between the average raw scores on the Spanish and English Peabody Picture Vocabulary Tests, it seems that the use of the norms developed for the English test with the Spanish translation is unwarranted. Such a use would lead the diagnostician to errors in the evaluation which would unnecessarily penalize the child. At present it appears that a better use of the Spanish translation of the Peabody Picture Vocabulary Test would be to use the Spanish translation to supplement the English Peabody P1cture Vocabulary Test in order to ascertain whether the child possessed the stimulus in either language.

It is hoped that additional research with a larger subject population will be conducted in order to verify or refute the trends observed in the present study.

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## APPENDIX

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