

M.A. THESIS IN LINGUISTICS

**A LINGUISTIC STUDY
OF THE LANGUAGE USED BY THE
DOWN'S SYNDROME CHILDREN**

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ABSTRACT

The purpose of the research is to identify the Language and Communication abilities of Down Syndrome Children. It is a fact that most of us today looking into the negative side of life. When it comes to disabilities we tend to brand them as the disable children.

Sri Lankans have this problem of calling people disable or marginalized them simply because they are unable to do things as ordinary people. This research will show the reader that down syndrome children can do things, may not be the way we do things but in a different way. These children should give the opportunities to develop their talents and skills in order to be fruitful in the society. It is the duty of the society to recognize their speech abilities and communication skills. It is obvious that with the necessary guidance and leadership, these children can do better in society.

The 1st chapter deals with the understanding of down syndrome. Down syndrome is the genetic condition which affects the development of the child in a very special way. The 2nd chapter which is the literature review focused more on the language development of the down syndrome. The next chapter shows the language skills and the development of the down syndrome children. The final chapter is based on the how and what the methods are used in order to develop the language of the down syndrome children.