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Research on children's understanding of conventional labels, object uses, and behavioral rules

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### Sommario/riassunto

This chapter highlights the growing need and importance of assessing young children's pragmatic language abilities given such factors as the increasing recognition of disproportionate difficulties in pragmatics among different clinical groups, the rise of more usage-based and functional approaches to language acquisition and competence, and evidence of significant, negative long-term outcomes relating to early pragmatic language impairment. Yet, at the same time, the development of pragmatic measures, and the assessment of pragmatics, is fraught with some quite unique challenges. Some of these

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