

A Critical Discourse Analysis of the Concept of Gender Role as portrayed in Selected Scenes of the English Children's Movie "Toy Story 1"

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ABSTRACT

This paper conducts a critical discourse analysis to explore how gender roles are portrayed in selected scenes of the English children's movie "*Toy Story 1*". Employing Fairclough's three-dimensional framework, the study analyses linguistic features such as vocabulary usage, pronouns, and modalities to reveal underlying societal and institutional biases. By examining the interactions between characters such as Woody, Buzz Lightyear, Bo Peep, and others, the study aims to uncover the underlying messages about linguistic gender norms and expectations conveyed through dialogue and character dynamics. Through this critical lens, the paper contributes to the broader discourse on linguistic gender representation in children's media, emphasizing the importance of scrutinizing popular movies to understand their impact on children audiences' perception of linguistic gender roles. The findings highlight how gender roles are subtly reinforced through dialogue and character interactions, providing insights into the socialization of children through media.

Keywords: Critical Discourse Analysis (CDA), Gender Roles, Societal Norms, Power Dynamics, Linguistic Analysis.

تحليل خطابي نقدي لمفهوم دور الجنس اللغوي كما تم تصويره في مشاهد مختارة

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الملخص

يتناول هذا البحث تحليل نقدي للخطاب لاستكشاف كيفية تصوير أدوار الجنس اللغوي في مشاهد مختارة من فيلم الأطفال الإنجليزي "قصة لعبة ١". باستخدام إطار فايركلوف ثلاثي الأبعاد، تحلل الدراسة السمات اللغوية مثل استخدام المفردات، الضمائر، والأنماط اللغوية لكشف التحيزات المجتمعية والمؤسسية الكامنة. تهدف الدراسة إلى كشف الرسائل الكامنة حول قواعد وتوقعات الجنس اللغوي التي يتم نقلها من خلال الحوار وديناميكيات الشخصيات من خلال دراسة تفاعلات الشخصيات مثل وودي، باز لايت بير وآخرين. ومن خلال هذا المنظور النقدي، تساهم الورقة في الخطاب الأوسع حول تمثيل الجنس اللغوي في وسائل الإعلام الموجهة للأطفال، مؤكدة على أهمية التدقيق في الأفلام الشعبية لفهم تأثيرها على تصورات الأطفال لأدوار الجنس اللغوي. وتبرز النتائج كيف يتم تعزيز أدوار الجنس بشكل خفي من خلال الحوار وتفاعلات الشخصيات، مما يوفر رؤى حول التنشئة الاجتماعية للأطفال عبر وسائل الإعلام. الكلمات المفتاحية: تحليل الخطاب النقدي، دورا لجنس اللغوي، القواعد الاجتماعية، ديناميكيات القوة، التحليل اللغوي.

1. Introduction

The cinematic portrayal of gender roles, particularly within movies aimed at children, occupies a crucial juncture in the intersection between media studies and gender theory. As primary conduits of cultural norms and values, children's movies not only entertain but also play a pivotal role in the socialization process, subtly instilling notions of masculinity and femininity from an early age. "*Toy Story 1*" produced by Pixar and released in 1995, stands as a landmark in animated cinema, not only for its pioneering use of computer-generated imagery but also for its rich narrative and character development. This film, while celebrated for its innovation and storytelling, provides a fertile ground for examining the construction and perpetuation of gender roles through its characters and their interactions.

The significance of scrutinizing gender roles within "*Toy Story 1*" extends beyond academic interest; it bears implications for understanding how media shapes the perceptions of gender among its youngest viewers. This research aims to critically analyse selected scenes from "*Toy Story 1*" to uncover the linguistic and narrative mechanisms through which gender roles are constructed and communicated. Through the lens of critical discourse analysis, this study endeavours to dissect the dialogues and interactions between characters, shedding light on the subtle ways in which gender norms are both reflected and constructed. The present study adopts a multimodal critical discourse analysis. It is based on Fairclough's (1989) model "Language and Power".

2. Previous Studies

Here are several studies that have analysed gender representation in children's media, providing a foundation for this research:

1. England, Descartes, and Collier–Meek (2011) conducted a comprehensive examination of gender role portrayals in contemporary children's films, revealing that female characters frequently exhibit traditional femininity, while male characters are predominantly depicted in dominant and aggressive roles.
2. Thompson and Zerbinos (1995) undertook a study on gender roles in animated cartoons, identifying a marked prevalence of male characters in leadership positions, in contrast to female characters who were often relegated to subordinate roles.
3. Martin and Ruble (2004) explored how early exposure to gendered media content influences the development of gender stereotypes in children, demonstrating the profound impact of media on children's gender role socialization.
4. Butler (1990) provides a theoretical framework on gender as a performative act constructed through repetitive performances, which is

pertinent to understanding how film characters can shape the construction of gender roles in children.

5. Connell (1987), in his theory of gender and power, elucidates how societal structures and media collectively construct and reinforce traditional notions of masculinity and femininity, thereby perpetuating gender norms.

6. Baker-Sperry (2007) analysed the narrative of "Cinderella" in children's literature, highlighting how the story reinforces specific gender expectations through its portrayal of characters and plot.

7. Davis (2006) focuses on the intersection of race, gender, and class in Disney princess films, noting how these elements converge to convey powerful messages to children about societal roles and expectations.

8. Oppliger (2007) investigated the effects of media exposure on young girls, concluding that gender-stereotyped media content significantly influences their self-esteem and body image.

9. Coyne, Linder, Rasmussen, Nelson, and Collier (2014) analysed the influence of Disney and Pixar movies on children's understanding of gender roles, finding that these films significantly shape children's gender-related beliefs and perceptions.

10. Leaper, Breed, Hoffman, and Perlman (2002) studied conversational patterns and the content of talk among young children, observing that media exposure influences these interactions in gendered ways, thereby affecting children's communication styles and social dynamics.

These studies collectively highlight the importance of critically examining media such as "*Toy Story I*" to understand its role in shaping and reflecting societal views of gender. By using the framework of CDA, this paper will explore how the film's dialogue and character interactions contribute to the construction of gender identities, drawing upon the findings and methodologies of these foundational studies to inform its analysis.

Research questions:

1. How are gender roles linguistically constructed in the dialogue of "*Toy Story 1*"?
2. What are the implications of these linguistic portrayals for the gender socialization of children who watch "*Toy Story 1*"?
3. To what extent do the linguistic strategies used in "*Toy Story 1*" reflect broader societal norms and ideologies about gender at the time of its release?
4. How can the insights gained from analyzing "*Toy Story 1*" inform future media production aimed at children to promote more equitable gender representations?

3. Literature review

3.1 Critical Discourse Analysis (CDA): An overview

Critical Discourse Analysis (CDA) emerged in the late 1970s, paralleling the development of critical linguistics with foundational contributions from scholars such as Kress, Fowler, Hodge, and Trew in **Language and Control** (1979). These early researchers built upon Halliday's systemic functional grammar and social semiotic theories to evaluate language's role in constructing social meanings. CDA was more formally defined in Fairclough's seminal **Language and Power** (1989), where he articulated the discipline's aim to expose the covert relationships between language, power, and ideology.

CDA is fundamentally concerned with the ideological load inherent in language use, as highlighted by Verdonk (2002) and expanded upon by Bloor & Bloor (2007), who describe discourse as the pinnacle of linguistic description encompassing various forms of social interaction, both verbal and nonverbal. This field utilizes detailed textual analysis to uncover underlying ideologies, biases, and presuppositions, relating these findings to broader social and political contexts (Partridge, 2012).

Scholars like Braker and Galasinski (2014) and van Dijk (2001) emphasize CDA's focus on the ways social power and inequality are manifested and perpetuated through discourse. The approach has been applied to various domains including media, education, advertising, and political discourse, illustrating the pervasive influence of linguistic practices across societal structures (Kress, 1990; Fairclough & Wodak, 1997).

Van Dijk (1993) encapsulates the principles of CDA, highlighting the dialectical relationship between text and social contexts, and the role of discourse in the production and maintenance of power relations. The critical analysis extends beyond mere interpretation of texts to an explicative endeavour aimed at understanding and challenging the status quo.

3.2 The Concept of Gender Role

The concept of gender roles is fundamental to understanding how societies prescribe the behaviours, tasks, and responsibilities expected of individuals based on their gender. Gender schema theory, introduced by Sandra Bem (1981), alongside social learning theory, articulated by Albert Bandura (1977), provides a robust framework for examining how individuals come to understand and enact these roles. Gender schema theory posits that children internalize gender roles through cultural schemas, which shape their perceptions and behaviours to align with societal expectations. Conversely, social learning theory underscores the role of imitation and modelling in the acquisition of gendered behaviours, emphasizing the media's significance as a source of gendered representations. Empirical research in media studies, including work by Jones and Kim (2019) and Smith, Zhang, and Williams (2021), demonstrates that children's movies and television programs significantly contribute to gender socialization, shaping children's understanding of gender through the roles and behaviours portrayed by characters. This

body of literature highlights the necessity of critically examining media content, such as "*Toy Story 1*," for its role in either perpetuating or challenging traditional gender roles.

4. Methodology

4.1 Research Design

The current study uses a mixed –method approach, i.e. qualitative and quantitative methodology., utilizing Critical Discourse Analysis (CDA) to investigate the portrayal of gender roles in "*Toy Story 1*" This approach is selected for its effectiveness in examining the complexities of language as a social practice and its impact on shaping perceptions of gender roles. The research focuses on selected scenes from the movie, chosen for their relevance to gender representation. The qualitative analysis aims to delve deep into the linguistic and narrative elements of these scenes, providing insights into how gender roles are constructed and communicated to the audience.

4.2 Analytical Model

The methodology of this study employs Fairclough's (1989) three-dimensional framework for Critical Discourse Analysis (CDA), specifically designed to analyse and understand the construction of gender roles within the narrative of "*Toy Story 1*". Each dimension facilitates a progressively deeper investigation, from the linguistic characteristics of the text to their implications within social practices.

a. Text Analysis (Description):

In the descriptive phase, the text is analysed in terms of its linguistic features, encompassing an examination of vocabulary, syntax, and text structure. This analysis specifically investigates how language constructs gender identities through the characters' dialogue. For example, the use of action-oriented verbs with male characters and relational adjectives with female characters can uncover underlying gender biases (Lazar, 2005). Additionally, the use of pronouns and the presence or absence

of gender-neutral language will be scrutinized to assess how inclusivity is either addressed or neglected within the narrative.

b. Discursive Practice (Interpretation):

The interpretive phase involves comprehending the interaction between the text and its socio-cultural context. This includes analysing how the text positions the audience and constructs relational identities between characters (Wodak & Meyer, 2009). For instance, an analysis of the dialogue between Woody and Bo Peep can reveal how power dynamics are established and perpetuated through speech acts and conversational topics, thereby reflecting broader societal expectations regarding gender roles.

c. Social Practice (Explanation):

The final dimension broadens the analysis to consider the role of "*Toy Story I*" within wider social practices. This involves exploring how the movie reflects and potentially influences prevailing gender roles in society. The analysis considers the historical, cultural, and social contexts of the movie's production and reception, discussing how media representations of gender both contribute to and are shaped by societal norms and practices related to gender (Fairclough, 1992).

Analysis of the English Movie "*Toy Story*"

"*Toy Story*" Pixar's pioneering 1995 movie, heralded the advent of fully computer-animated feature movies and is notable for its significant impact on children and the animation industry. The movie centers around toys, primarily Woody and Buzz Lightyear, which exhibit life-like qualities in the absence of humans. The narrative delves into themes of jealousy, friendship, and acceptance. Beyond its groundbreaking animation, the movie profoundly influences children by stimulating their creativity and supporting their emotional development through its portrayal of complex emotions. This synthesis of technological innovation and narrative depth has established "*Toy Story*" as a

cornerstone in children's media, setting new standards for animated movies in both narrative and visual presentation.

5. Data Analysis

5.1. Scene No. 1: The Introduction of Buzz Lightyear (Green and Envy):

This scene introduces Buzz Lightyear, a new toy that arrives in Andy's room, immediately capturing the attention and admiration of the other toys with his impressive features.

- Woody: You'd think they'd never seen a new toy before.
- Bo Peep: Well, sure. Look at him! He's got more gadgets on him than a Swiss Army knife.
- [Slinky presses Buzz's "laser"]
- Buzz Lightyear: Ah, ah, ah, ah! Please be careful. You don't wanna be in the way when my laser goes off.
- Mr. Potato Head: Hey, a laser! How come you don't have a laser, Woody?
- Woody: It's not a laser! It's a.... It's a little light bulb that blinks.
- Hamm: What's with him?
- Mr. Potato Head: Laser envy.
- Woody: All right, that's enough! Look, we're all very impressed with Andy's new toy.
- Buzz Lightyear: Toy?
- Woody: T-O-Y. Toy.
- Buzz Lightyear: Excuse me, but I-I think the word you're searching for is Space...Ranger.
- Woody: The word I'm searching for I can't say because there's preschool toys present.
- [gestures to the other toys]
- Mr. Potato Head: Gettin' kinda tense, aren't ya?

- Rex: Uh, Mr. Lightyear, uh, now, I'm curious. What does a space ranger actually do?
- Woody: He's not a space ranger! He doesn't fight evil or, or shoot lasers or fly.
- Buzz Lightyear: Excuse me!
- [He presses a red button on his chest and wings pop out]
- Toys: Ooh!
- Hamm: Oh, impressive wingspan! Very good!
- Woody: Oh, what? What? These are plastic. He can't fly!
- Buzz Lightyear: They are a tellurium–carbonic alloy, and I CAN fly.
- Woody: No, you can't.
- Buzz Lightyear: [sighs] Yes, I can.
- Woody: You can't.
- Buzz Lightyear: [sternly] Can!
- Woody: [pokes Buzz] Can't! Can't! Can't!
- Buzz Lightyear: I tell you, I could fly around this room with my eyes closed!

5.1.a Description of the Text:

- Grammatical Process:

1. Verb Subject Object (SVO)

- Example: Buzz Lightyear: I CAN fly."
- Analysis: Buzz is the subject, "can fly" is the verb phrase, asserting his capabilities, representing a self–assured, active role.

2. Verb of Subject (SV)

- Example: Woody: You can't."
- Analysis: Woody is the subject, "can't" is the verb, a simple declarative that denies Buzz's claim, showing scepticism and leadership as he addresses Buzz's assertion.

3. Subject Verb Complement (SVC)

- Example: Buzz Lightyear: They are a tellurium–carbonic alloy."

– Analysis: Buzz asserts a fact about his wings, using a subject–verb–complement structure that establishes his identity and defends his capabilities.

- Vocabulary Usage:

1. Technical and Assertive Language:

– Example: "They are a tellurium–carbonic alloy, and I CAN fly."

– Analysis: Buzz Lightyear: Uses precise and sophisticated terms like "tellurium–carbonic alloy" to assert his capabilities and identity, reflecting traditional masculine traits of competence and confidence.

2. Confrontational and Directive Language:

– Example: "It's not a laser! It's a... It's a little light bulb that blinks."

– Analysis: Woody: Employs direct and authoritative language to challenge Buzz and maintain his status, such as "No, you can't," typical of masculine roles that emphasize leadership and control.

– Example: "It's not a laser! It's a... It's a little light bulb that blinks."

- Pronouns Usage:

1. First–Person Pronouns ("I"):

– Example: Buzz Lightyear: "I tell you, I could fly around this room with my eyes closed!"

– Analysis: Buzz's frequent use of "I" asserts his capabilities and independence, traits often associated with assertive, traditional masculine roles.

2. Second–Person Pronouns ("you"):

– Example: Woody: "You don't wanna be in the way when my laser goes off."

– Analysis: Woody uses "you" to direct and inform others, reflecting a protective and authoritative role typical of male leadership.

3. Third–Person Pronouns ("he", "him"):

– Example: Woody: "He's not a space ranger!"

– Analysis: Woody's use of "he" to refer to Buzz separates him from the group and scrutinizes his claims, maintaining Woody's role as the group leader and reinforcing traditional masculine dynamics of competition and control.

• Modes:

1. Declarative Sentences

– Example: Buzz Lightyear: They are a tellurium-carbonic alloy, and I CAN fly."

– Analysis: Buzz's declaration is an assertion of his capabilities and identity, reflecting a self-assured and assertive trait often associated with masculine roles. His insistence on his ability to fly, despite evidence to the contrary, symbolizes a common masculine trait of confidence and assertiveness, even in the face of scepticism.

– Example: "Woody: He's not a space ranger! He doesn't fight evil or, or shoot lasers or fly."

– Analysis: Woody's declaration about Buzz's real abilities and identity aims to reassert his own authority within the toy community, showcasing a masculine tendency to establish dominance and hierarchy within a group.

2. Imperative Sentences

– Example: "[Woody says] All right, that's enough! Look, we're all very impressed with Andy's new toy."

– Analysis: Woody's use of the imperative, directing the attention and behaviour of the other toys, displays traditional leadership qualities—commanding and controlling, characteristics traditionally valorised in male leaders.

3. Interrogative Sentences

– Example: Rex: Uh, Mr. Lightyear, uh, now, I'm curious. What does a space ranger actually do?"

– Analysis: Rex's question is a form of inquiry that subtly challenges Buzz's claims, reflecting a less direct form of interaction. This can be seen as less assertive, a characteristic not traditionally aligned with masculine assertiveness but more with a seeking or subordinate stance.

- Modality:

1. Relational Modality

– Example: Woody: It's not a laser! It's a... It's a little light bulb that blinks."

– Analysis: Woody's correction and clarification of what his own gadget is reflect his struggle for authority in the face of Buzz's superior features, emphasizing traditional male competition and one-upmanship.

2. Expressive Modality

– Example: Buzz Lightyear: Excuse me!"

– Analysis: Buzz frequently uses polite forms like "excuse me," which contrast with Woody's more direct and confrontational style, showing differing expressions of masculinity–Buzz's more refined versus Woody's more rugged.

5.2.b Interpretation of the Text:

- a. Situational Context:

The scene involves a tension between Woody, the established group leader, and Buzz, the new, technologically advanced toy. This tension reflects typical societal concerns about leadership and the challenge posed by newcomers, mirroring traditional masculine dynamics of territory defense and status assertion.

- b. Speech Act Level:

– Asserting: Buzz confidently asserts his capabilities (e.g., "I CAN fly"), displaying traits of self-promotion and confidence associated with masculine roles.

– Commanding: Woody uses commands to maintain control (e.g., "All right, that's enough!"), emphasizing traditional male leadership qualities.

- Questioning and Contradicting: The exchange between Woody and Buzz involves challenges and rebuttals, typical of competitive interactions among males vying for dominance.

5.1.c Explanation of the Text:

a. Societal Level:

- Analysis: The interaction reflects societal norms about competition and hierarchy among males, where toys (reflecting people) jockey for status and recognition, showing traditional competitive male behaviours.

b. Institutional Level:

- Analysis: The "institution" here can be seen as the community of toys, which mimics real-world social structures where new members must find their place within existing hierarchies, reflecting how institutions manage change and competition.

C. Situational Level:

- Analysis: The specific situation of introducing a new, technologically advanced toy into an established group.

5.2 Scene No. 2: Sid's Treatment of Toys:

In this scene, Sid, a child characterized by his destructive behaviour towards toys, is introduced. He is seen terrorizing his sister's doll and later performing a "surgery" on toys, combining them into bizarre creations.

- Sid: Look! Janie!
- [He takes the doll from Hannah]
- Hannah: Hey!
- Sid: She's sick!
- Hannah: No she's not!
- [Sid runs upstairs]
- Sid: I'll have to perform one of my... operations!
- Hannah: No! Don't touch her! NO!
- Woody: Not Sid's room! Not there...

- Hannah: Sid! Give her back! Sid!
- [as Sid slams the door on her]
- Hannah: Sid!
- [Sid tosses his bag onto his bed]
- Sid: Oh, no! We have a sick patient here, nurse! Prepare the OR, stat!
- Hannah: Sid, give her back! Give her back now! I'm telling!
- [Sid puts Janie in a vise]
- Sid: Patient is prepped. No one's ever attempted a double bypass brain transplant before.
- [He puts on a mask and pulls out a toy pterodactyl from a crate]
- Sid: Now for the tricky part. Pliers!
- Buzz Lightyear: I don't believe that man's ever been to medical school.
- [Sid finishes doing his "medical" stuff]
- Sid: (doing a nurse's voice) Doctor, you've done it! Hannah?
- [He opens the door where Hannah is standing]
- Sid: Janie's all better now.
- [He shows her Janie doll which now has a pterodactyl head on it, making Hannah scream in terror]
- Hannah: (screams) Mom! Mom!
- Sid: She's lying! Whatever she says, it's not true!
- [He goes out of the room shutting the door behind him]
- [Woody and Buzz look around the room which is filled with heavy metal posters, discarded toy remains and power tools which made them shudder]
- Woody: We are gonna die. I'm outta here.

5.2.a Description of the Text:

- Grammatical Process:

1. Verb Subject Object (SVO):

– Example: "Sid: She's sick!"

– Analysis: In this dialogue, Sid (male) is the agent exerting control over Janie (the doll, feminized object), by diagnosing her as sick. This exhibits a gender dynamic where the male character asserts dominance and control, a common portrayal of masculine traits in media where males are decision-makers and active participants in critical situations.

2. Verb of Subject (SV):

– Example: "Hannah: Sid!"

– Analysis: Hannah's simple exclamation of "Sid!" shows her in a reactive role, typical of traditional female portrayals where the character responds emotionally or expressively to situations orchestrated by others, particularly male characters. This reflects a portrayal where the female is more passive, highlighting a gender stereotype of women being less proactive or authoritative.

3. Subject Verb Complement (SVC):

– Example: "Sid: Patient is prepped."

– Analysis: Sid's declaration that the "patient is prepped" reinforces his role as the one in charge, ready to perform an operation. This again places him in a position of authority and action, a role often reserved for male characters in traditional narratives. His use of medical terminology in a playful yet domineering manner reflects the masculine attribute of control and assertiveness, while simultaneously treating the feminized object (the doll) as something to be manipulated.

• Vocabulary Usage:

1. Authority and Control

– Example: "Patient is prepped. No one's ever attempted a double bypass brain transplant before."

– Analysis: Sid's Language: Sid employs commanding and technical language, exemplified by phrases like "Prepare the OR, stat!" and "Patient is prepped." His role mimics that of a doctor, traditionally a

male-dominated role, reflecting stereotypes of masculine leadership and expertise.

2. Reactivity and Emotional Expression:

– Example: "Sid! Give her back! Sid!"

– Analysis: Hannah's Language: Hannah's dialogue is reactive and emotional, characterized by pleas such as "No! Don't touch her! NO!" Her expressions of distress and calls for intervention ("Sid, give her back!") position her in a stereotypically feminine passive role.

3. Judgment and Scepticism

– Example "I don't believe that man's ever been to medical school."

– Analysis: Buzz Lightyear's Language: Buzz expresses scepticism about Sid's qualifications with "I don't believe that man's ever been to medical school," placing him in a critical role often associated with masculine rationality and judgment.

• Pronoun Usage:

1. Third-Person Pronouns ("she", "her")

– Example: Sid: She's sick!"

– Analysis: Sid uses third-person pronouns to objectify the doll and assert control, indicative of masculine authority.

2. Second-Person Pronouns ("you")

– Example: "Sid: You prepare the OR, stat!"

– Analysis: Sid's commands using "you" establish his dominance, fitting traditional masculine roles.

3. First-Person Plural Pronouns ("we")

– Example: "Woody: We are gonna die."

– Analysis: Woody's use of "we" introduces a sense of shared fear among the toys, contrasting Sid's individualistic and authoritative use of language.

• Modes:

1. Declarative Sentences

- Example: "Sid: Janie's all better now."
- Analysis: Sid asserts control, typical of traditional masculine roles where men are seen as decision-makers.

2. Imperative Sentences

- Example: Sid: Prepare the OR, stat!"
- Analysis: Sid's commands emphasize his dominance and authority, aligning with masculine traits of leadership.

3. Interrogative Sentences

- Example: Sid: Did I get my package in the mail?"
- Analysis: Sid uses questions to initiate interaction, setting the stage for asserting control, which subtly reinforces his dominant position.

• Modality:

1. Relational Modality

- Example: Sid: Prepare the OR, stat!"
- Analysis: Sid's imperative command positions him as an authority, aligning with traditional masculine roles of leadership.
- Example: "Hannah: No! Don't touch her! NO!"
- Analysis: Hannah attempts to assert control defensively, reflecting traditional female roles of reacting to male dominance.

2. Expressive Modality

- Example: Sid: She's sick!"
- Analysis: Sid's statement conveys authority and a façade of concern, typical of masculine roles with authoritative traits.
- Example: Hannah: Sid, give her back! Give her back now! I'm telling!"
- Analysis: Hannah's plea shows desperation and reliance on higher authority, consistent with feminine roles characterized by emotional expression and seeking help.

5.2.b Interpretation of the Text:

a. Situational Context:

The situational context of the scene involves Sid, a young boy, playing in his room with toys and interacting with his sister, Hannah. This setting is typical for exploring power dynamics, especially as it involves family and gender roles:

b. Speech Act Level:

1. Directives by Sid:

- Examples: "Prepare the OR, stat!" or "She's sick!"
- Analysis: Sid uses directives to exert control and authority, aligning with traditional masculine roles of leadership and decisiveness.

2. Expressions of Concern by Hannah:

- Examples: "No! Don't touch her! NO!"
- Analysis: Hannah's reactions are emotionally expressive and caring, fitting traditional feminine roles that emphasize emotional responsiveness and nurturing.

3. Declarations by Sid:

- Example: "Janie's all better now."
- Analysis: Sid asserts his capability and effectiveness through declarations, portraying traditionally masculine traits of competence and problem-solving.

5.2.c Explanation of the Text:

a. Societal Level:

- Sid's Role: Demonstrates typical masculine traits of control and authority, e.g., commanding "Prepare the OR, stat!"
- Hannah's Role: Exhibits traditional feminine characteristics of emotional responsiveness and concern, e.g., pleading "No! Don't touch her! NO!"

b. Institutional Level:

- Family Dynamics: The interaction within the home reflects entrenched family power dynamics, where Sid's dominance and Hannah's reactive nature mirror typical gender roles assigned in household settings.

c. Situational Level:

– Control of Space and Interaction: Sid controls both the physical and conversational space, emphasizing male dominance and activity, while Hannah's reactive and subordinate responses reinforce traditional feminine roles.

6. Results: Quantitative Analysis:

Table 6.1 below illustrates the distribution of gender in scene No.1, with their frequencies and percentages

Character	Gender	Frequency	Percentage
Buzz Lightyear	Male	4	66%
Woody	Male	2	33%
Total		6	100%

–Scene 1 is entirely dominated by male characters, with Buzz Lightyear contributing 66.67% and Woody 33.33%. The scene highlights competitive and assertive

–Situational Context: The competition between Woody and Buzz reflects traditional masculine rivalry.

– Speech Act: Assertions and command highlight dominance and competitiveness.

– Societal Level: Reinforces norms of male competition and hierarchy.

– Institutional Level: Mimics real-world social structures and hierarchies.

– Situational Level: Emphasizes challenges of integrating new members into established groups.

Table 6.2 below illustrates the distribution of gender in scene No.2, with their frequencies and percentages

Character	Gender	Frequency	Percentage
Sid	Male	5	55.56%

Hannah	Female	4	44.44%
Total		9	100%

–Scene 2 shows a more balanced interaction with Sid contributing 55.56% and Hannah 44.44% of the dialogue. Sid's authoritative and commanding language contrasts with Hannah's emotional and reactive responses.

–Situational Context: Sid's control and Hannah's emotional responses show traditional family power dynamics.

– Speech Act: Sid's authoritative directives contrast with Hannah's reactive pleas.

– Societal Level: Illustrates traditional male dominance and female emotionality.

– Institutional Level: Reflects entrenched gender roles in family settings.

– Situational Level: Sid's dominance and Hannah's subordination highlight gender dynamics.

7. Discussion

– Gender Role Distribution:

Across the scenes, male characters generally have higher dialogue frequencies, ranging from 55.56% to 66.67%. This dominance is consistent with traditional portrayals where male characters hold more prominent roles. Woody, Buzz, and Sid frequently display assertiveness, control, and competitive behaviour, aligning with conventional masculine traits

Scene 1: Green and Envy

Male characters dominate, with Buzz and Woody displaying rivalry and status assertion. This reflects traditional masculine behaviours and societal expectations of male dominance in competitive settings, mirroring real-world hierarchies.

Scene 2: Sid's Treatment of Toys

Dialogue is more balanced but leans towards male dominance with Sid's authoritative role. Sid's control contrasts with Hannah's emotional responses, highlighting traditional gender roles and reflecting family power dynamics and societal norms.

–Implications for Gender Socialization:

The linguistic portrayals in *"Toy Story I"* reinforce traditional gender roles, with male characters displaying assertiveness and control, and female characters showing gratitude and emotional responsiveness. This can shape children's understanding of gender, potentially limiting their perceptions of appropriate behaviours for males and females.

–Reflection of Societal Norms:

The film mirrors the societal norms of its time (1995), depicting male dominance and female subordination. Competitive and hierarchical male interactions, alongside supportive female roles, align with the period's expectations of men as leaders and women as caregivers.

–Insights for Future Media Production:

1. Balanced Dialogue: Equal dialogue time for male and female characters.
2. Diverse Traits: Mix traditionally masculine and feminine traits in all characters.
3. Shared Leadership: Both genders share leadership roles.

By applying these insights, future media can promote more equitable gender representations and encourage children to see a broader range of possibilities for their identities and behaviours.

8. Conclusion:

1. Male Dominance: Scene 1 is male-dominated, with Buzz (66.67%) and Woody (33.33%), highlighting competition and assertiveness.
2. Balanced Interaction: Scene 2 features Sid (55.56%) and Hannah (44.44%), showcasing traditional gender roles with Sid's authority and Hannah's emotional responses.

3. Masculine Rivalry: Scene 1 reflects societal norms of male competition and hierarchy, and integration challenges in groups.
4. Family Dynamics: Scene 2 mirrors family power dynamics, illustrating male dominance and female emotionality.
5. Societal Reinforcement: Both scenes reinforce societal expectations of male dominance and female emotionality.
6. Institutional Reflection: The scenes reflect entrenched gender roles and hierarchies in social and family contexts.

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