Outcome Space depicting the structure of children's conceptions of the meaning of written numerals in everyday environments

| | SPECTRUM OF LINKS ACROSS CONTEXT, OBJECT, SYMBOL DIMENSIONS | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | | Cod | ding dens | ity key - | No co | ding | 1-20% | 21-409 | % 41 | -60% | 61-80% | 81-100% |
| CATEGORIES OF DESCRIPTION | Context Dimension Links The context - something about the situation or activity associated with the written numeral | | | | | | | Object Dimension Links The object on which a written numeral appears | | | Symbol Dimension Links Mathematics or non- mathematics-specific symbols | |
| | No link | Misaligned | Loose link | Linked to personal occurrence | Linked & situation or activity-specific | Linked & universal | Linked & universal with examples | No link | Misaligned | Loose link | Linked | Implicit link/ unclear |
| | Coded for ALL photographs in data set | | | | | | | Coded for ALL photographs in data set | | | | Coded when symbols (e.g., £, ml, kg.) appear in photograph |
| 1 - No expressed meaning and / or purpose of numeral. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2 - Description of actions associated with the context and object, rather than number-focused meaning and / or purpose of numeral. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3 - Meaning and / or purpose of numeral misaligned with object and context. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4 - Meaning and / or purpose of numeral linked to the object but misaligned with context. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 5 - Recognition that the numeral has <i>a</i> meaning and / or purpose, but the specific communicative message of the numeral is not expressed. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 6 - Meaning and / or purpose not fully expressed but there is expressed recognition of a specific communicative message in line with culturally shared rules. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 7a - Fully expressed meaning and / or purpose, implicitly drawn from symbol accompanying numeral, in line with culturally shared rules. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 7b - Fully expressed meaning and / or purpose of numeral in line with culturally shared rules. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 8 - Fully expressed meaning and / or purpose of numeral, with examples provided, in line with culturally shared rules. | | | | | | | | | | | | |