

# Package ‘childesr’

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clear_connections	<i>Clear all MySQL connections</i>
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**Description**

Clear all MySQL connections

**Usage**

```
clear_connections()
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connect_to_childes	<i>Connect to CHILDES</i>
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**Description**

Connect to CHILDES

**Usage**

```
connect_to_childes(db_version = "current", db_args = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

db_version	String of the name of database version to use
db_args	List with host, user, and password defined

**Value**

con A DBIConnection object for the CHILDES database

**Examples**

```
## Not run:  
con <- connect_to_childes(db_version = "current", db_args = NULL)  
DBI::dbDisconnect(con)  
  
## End(Not run)
```

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get_collections	<i>Get collections</i>
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**Description**

Get collections

**Usage**

```
get_collections(connection = NULL, db_version = "current", db_args = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

connection	A connection to the CHILDES database
db_version	String of the name of database version to use
db_args	List with host, user, and password defined

**Value**

A 'tbl' of Collection data. If 'connection' is supplied, the result remains a remote query, otherwise it is retrieved into a local tibble.

**Examples**

```
## Not run:  
get_collections()  
  
## End(Not run)
```

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get_content	<i>Get content</i>
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### Description

Get content

### Usage

```
get_content(
  content_type,
  collection = NULL,
  language = NULL,
  corpus = NULL,
  role = NULL,
  role_exclude = NULL,
  age = NULL,
  sex = NULL,
  target_child = NULL,
  token = NULL,
  stem = NULL,
  part_of_speech = NULL,
  connection
)
```

### Arguments

content_type	One of "token" or "utterance"
collection	A character vector of one or more names of collections
language	A character vector of one or more languages
corpus	A character vector of one or more names of corpora
role	A character vector of one or more roles to include
role_exclude	A character vector of one or more roles to exclude
age	A numeric vector of an single age value or a min age value and max age value (inclusive) in months. For a single age value, participants are returned for which that age is within their age range; for two ages, participants are returned for whose age overlaps with the interval between those two ages.
sex	A character vector of values "male" and/or "female"
target_child	A character vector of one or more names of children
token	A character vector of one or more token patterns ('%' matches any number of wildcard characters, '_' matches exactly one wildcard character)
stem	A character vector of one or more stems
part_of_speech	A character vector of one or more parts of speech
connection	A connection to the CHILDES database

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get\_contexts

*Get the utterances surrounding a token(s)*


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## Description

Get the utterances surrounding a token(s)

## Usage

```
get_contexts(
  collection = NULL,
  language = NULL,
  corpus = NULL,
  role = NULL,
  role_exclude = NULL,
  age = NULL,
  sex = NULL,
  target_child = NULL,
  token,
  window = c(0, 0),
  remove_duplicates = TRUE,
  connection = NULL,
  db_version = "current",
  db_args = NULL
)
```

## Arguments

collection	A character vector of one or more names of collections
language	A character vector of one or more languages
corpus	A character vector of one or more names of corpora
role	A character vector of one or more roles to include
role_exclude	A character vector of one or more roles to exclude
age	A numeric vector of an single age value or a min age value and max age value (inclusive) in months. For a single age value, participants are returned for which that age is within their age range; for two ages, participants are returned for whose age overlaps with the interval between those two ages.
sex	A character vector of values "male" and/or "female"
target_child	A character vector of one or more names of children
token	A character vector of one or more token patterns ('%' matches any number of wildcard characters, '_' matches exactly one wildcard character)
window	A length 2 numeric vector of how many utterances before and after each utterance containing the target token to retrieve

remove\_duplicates      A boolean indicating whether to remove duplicate utterances from the results

connection              A connection to the CHILDES database

db\_version              String of the name of database version to use

db\_args                 List with host, user, and password defined

**Value**

A 'tbl' of Utterance data, filtered down by supplied arguments.

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
get_contexts(target_child = "Shem", token = "dog")

## End(Not run)
```

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get_corpora	<i>Get corpora</i>
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**Description**

Get corpora

**Usage**

```
get_corpora(connection = NULL, db_version = "current", db_args = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

connection              A connection to the CHILDES database

db\_version              String of the name of database version to use

db\_args                 List with host, user, and password defined

**Value**

A 'tbl' of Corpus data. If 'connection' is supplied, the result remains a remote query, otherwise it is retrieved into a local tibble.

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
get_corpora()

## End(Not run)
```

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`get_db_info`*Get information on database connection options*

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**Description**

Get information on database connection options

**Usage**

```
get_db_info()
```

**Value**

List of database info: host name, current version, supported versions, historical versions, username, password

**Examples**

```
## Not run:  
get_db_info()  
  
## End(Not run)
```

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`get_participants`*Get participants*

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**Description**

Get participants

**Usage**

```
get_participants(  
  collection = NULL,  
  corpus = NULL,  
  target_child = NULL,  
  role = NULL,  
  role_exclude = NULL,  
  age = NULL,  
  sex = NULL,  
  connection = NULL,  
  db_version = "current",  
  db_args = NULL  
)
```

**Arguments**

collection	A character vector of one or more names of collections
corpus	A character vector of one or more names of corpora
target_child	A character vector of one or more names of children
role	A character vector of one or more roles to include
role_exclude	A character vector of one or more roles to exclude
age	A numeric vector of an single age value or a min age value and max age value (inclusive) in months. For a single age value, participants are returned for which that age is within their age range; for two ages, participants are returned for whose age overlaps with the interval between those two ages.
sex	A character vector of values "male" and/or "female"
connection	A connection to the CHILDES database
db_version	String of the name of database version to use
db_args	List with host, user, and password defined

**Value**

A 'tbl' of Participant data, filtered down by supplied arguments. If 'connection' is supplied, the result remains a remote query, otherwise it is retrieved into a local tibble.

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
get_participants()

## End(Not run)
```

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```
get_speaker_statistics
      Get speaker statistics
```

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**Description**

Get speaker statistics

**Usage**

```
get_speaker_statistics(
  collection = NULL,
  corpus = NULL,
  target_child = NULL,
  role = NULL,
  role_exclude = NULL,
  age = NULL,
```



```

sex = NULL,
connection = NULL,
db_version = "current",
db_args = NULL
)

```

### Arguments

collection	A character vector of one or more names of collections
corpus	A character vector of one or more names of corpora
target_child	A character vector of one or more names of children
role	A character vector of one or more roles to include
role_exclude	A character vector of one or more roles to exclude
age	A numeric vector of an single age value or a min age value and max age value (inclusive) in months. For a single age value, participants are returned for which that age is within their age range; for two ages, participants are returned for whose age overlaps with the interval between those two ages.
sex	A character vector of values "male" and/or "female"
connection	A connection to the CHILDES database
db_version	String of the name of database version to use
db_args	List with host, user, and password defined

### Value

A 'tbl' of Speaker statistics, filtered down by supplied arguments. If 'connection' is supplied, the result remains a remote query, otherwise it is retrieved into a local tibble.

### Examples

```

## Not run:
get_speaker_statistics()

## End(Not run)

```

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get\_sql\_query

*Run a SQL Query script on the CHILDES database*


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### Description

Run a SQL Query script on the CHILDES database

**Usage**

```

get_sql_query(
    sql_query_string,
    connection = NULL,
    db_version = "current",
    db_args = NULL
)

```

**Arguments**

sql_query_string	A valid sql query string character
connection	A connection to the CHILDES database
db_version	String of the name of database version to use
db_args	List with host, user, and password defined

**Value**

The database after calling the supplied SQL query

**Examples**

```

## Not run:
get_sql_query("SELECT * FROM collection")

## End(Not run)

```

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get\_table

*Get table*

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**Description**

Get table

**Usage**

```
get_table(connection, name)
```

**Arguments**

connection	A connection to the CHILDES database
name	String of a table name

**Value**

A 'tbl'

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get\_tokens

*Get tokens*


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## Description

Get tokens

## Usage

```
get_tokens(
  collection = NULL,
  language = NULL,
  corpus = NULL,
  target_child = NULL,
  role = NULL,
  role_exclude = NULL,
  age = NULL,
  sex = NULL,
  token,
  stem = NULL,
  part_of_speech = NULL,
  replace = TRUE,
  connection = NULL,
  db_version = "current",
  db_args = NULL
)
```

## Arguments

collection	A character vector of one or more names of collections
language	A character vector of one or more languages
corpus	A character vector of one or more names of corpora
target_child	A character vector of one or more names of children
role	A character vector of one or more roles to include
role_exclude	A character vector of one or more roles to exclude
age	A numeric vector of an single age value or a min age value and max age value (inclusive) in months. For a single age value, participants are returned for which that age is within their age range; for two ages, participants are returned for whose age overlaps with the interval between those two ages.
sex	A character vector of values "male" and/or "female"
token	A character vector of one or more token patterns ('%' matches any number of wildcard characters, '_' matches exactly one wildcard character)
stem	A character vector of one or more stems
part_of_speech	A character vector of one or more parts of speech

replace	A boolean indicating whether to replace "gloss" with "replacement" (i.e. phonologically assimilated form), when available (defaults to TRUE)
connection	A connection to the CHILDES database
db_version	String of the name of database version to use
db_args	List with host, user, and password defined

**Value**

A 'tbl' of Token data, filtered down by supplied arguments. If 'connection' is supplied, the result remains a remote query, otherwise it is retrieved into a local tibble.

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
get_tokens(token = "dog")

## End(Not run)
```

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get_transcripts	<i>Get transcripts</i>
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**Description**

Get transcripts

**Usage**

```
get_transcripts(
  collection = NULL,
  corpus = NULL,
  target_child = NULL,
  connection = NULL,
  db_version = "current",
  db_args = NULL
)
```

**Arguments**

collection	A character vector of one or more names of collections
corpus	A character vector of one or more names of corpora
target_child	A character vector of one or more names of children
connection	A connection to the CHILDES database
db_version	String of the name of database version to use
db_args	List with host, user, and password defined

**Value**

A 'tbl' of Transcript data, filtered down by supplied arguments. If 'connection' is supplied, the result remains a remote query, otherwise it is retrieved into a local tibble.

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
get_transcripts()

## End(Not run)
```

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get_types	<i>Get types</i>
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**Description**

Get types

**Usage**

```
get_types(
  collection = NULL,
  language = NULL,
  corpus = NULL,
  role = NULL,
  role_exclude = NULL,
  age = NULL,
  sex = NULL,
  target_child = NULL,
  type = NULL,
  connection = NULL,
  db_version = "current",
  db_args = NULL
)
```

**Arguments**

collection	A character vector of one or more names of collections
language	A character vector of one or more languages
corpus	A character vector of one or more names of corpora
role	A character vector of one or more roles to include
role_exclude	A character vector of one or more roles to exclude
age	A numeric vector of an single age value or a min age value and max age value (inclusive) in months. For a single age value, participants are returned for which that age is within their age range; for two ages, participants are returned for whose age overlaps with the interval between those two ages.

sex	A character vector of values "male" and/or "female"
target_child	A character vector of one or more names of children
type	A character vector of one or more type patterns (' number of wildcard characters, '_' matches exactly one wildcard character)
connection	A connection to the CHILDES database
db_version	String of the name of database version to use
db_args	List with host, user, and password defined

**Value**

A 'tbl' of Type data, filtered down by supplied arguments. If 'connection' is supplied, the result remains a remote query, otherwise it is retrieved into a local tibble.

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
get_types()

## End(Not run)
```

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get_utterances	<i>Get utterances</i>
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**Description**

Get utterances

**Usage**

```
get_utterances(
  collection = NULL,
  language = NULL,
  corpus = NULL,
  role = NULL,
  role_exclude = NULL,
  age = NULL,
  sex = NULL,
  target_child = NULL,
  connection = NULL,
  db_version = "current",
  db_args = NULL
)
```

**Arguments**

collection	A character vector of one or more names of collections
language	A character vector of one or more languages
corpus	A character vector of one or more names of corpora
role	A character vector of one or more roles to include
role_exclude	A character vector of one or more roles to exclude
age	A numeric vector of an single age value or a min age value and max age value (inclusive) in months. For a single age value, participants are returned for which that age is within their age range; for two ages, participants are returned for whose age overlaps with the interval between those two ages.
sex	A character vector of values "male" and/or "female"
target_child	A character vector of one or more names of children
connection	A connection to the CHILDES database
db_version	String of the name of database version to use
db_args	List with host, user, and password defined

**Value**

A 'tbl' of Utterance data, filtered down by supplied arguments. If 'connection' is supplied, the result remains a remote query, otherwise it is retrieved into a local tibble.

**Examples**

```
## Not run:  
get_utterances(target_child = "Shem")  
  
## End(Not run)
```

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