

Table 4.1 Each AAVE Grammatical Pattern

	PATTERNS	AAVE	SAE	p	n
Grammatical Pattern	The Use of Ain't	It ain mine!	It isn't mine!	4	3
		yuh ain !	You are not !	5	
		It ain but two dollahs.	It is not expensive, just two dollar	6	
	Invariant Be	It be fer Pa.	It is for Papa (Dave's Dad)	6	1
	Invariant <i>BIN</i>	Where yuh been , boy?	Where have you been, boy?	3	2
		Then somethin musta been wrong wid ol Jenny	Then something must have been wrong with old Jenny	10	
	Invariant <i>Dən</i>	Ah done worked hard alla summer	I have worked hard all summer	6	2
		Whut yuh done ?	What you have done?	10	
	Multiple Negation	Ah don wanna buy nothing .	I don't want to buy anything	1	12
		You ain't nothing but a boy.	You are nothing , you are just a boy	2	
		Ah ain feedin no hogs in mah house!	I am not feeding hogs in my house!	3	
		Yeah, but ain no usa yuh thinking bout throwin nona it erway.	Yeah, but it is not useful thinking about throwing a money	5	
		Don yuh talk t me bout no gun!	Don't talk to me about a gun	5	
		Ah'll never ast yuh fer nothing no mo	I'll never ask you anymore for anything	5	
		Yuh ain gonna toucha penny of tha money fer no gun!	Yuh are not going to touch a penny of the money for a gun	5	
		Ah knows yuh ain got no sense.	I know you didn't have a sense	5	
		Pa ain got no gun.	Papa didn't have a gun	6	
		Ah done worked hard alla summer n ain ast yuh fer nothin , is Ah, now	I have worked all summer and didn't ask you anything	6	
<i>Yuh don need no gun.</i>		You don't need a gun	6		
Ain nothin wrong,		Nothing wrong	6		
Omitting Aux in Question	Whutcha want?	What do you want?	1	18	
	How yuh, Mistah Joe?	How are you, Mister Joe?	1		
	You wanna see it here?	Do you want to see it here?	1		
	You plannin on buying something?	Do you plan to buy something?	1		

