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The <u>process</u> of learning a second language Second language learning

"Second Language Acquisition research can inform practices in language classrooms."

Field of study

"Second Language Acquisition takes more effort than first language acquisition."

Process

First language (L1)

Any language learned very early in life (from womb to age 4)



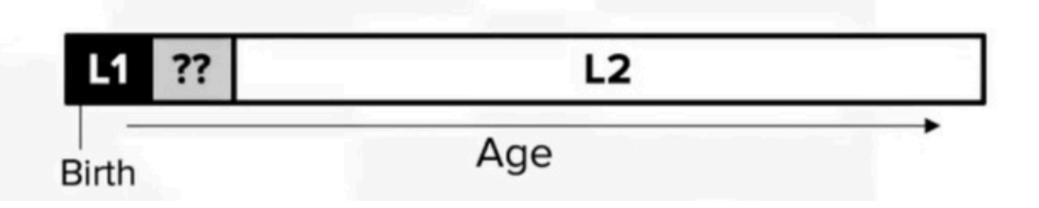
Also refers to: native language, mother tongue



Second language (L2)

Any additional language(s) learned after your first language(s)

Also referred to as: Non-native, foreign, target or world languages



Acquisition

The process of developing a skill

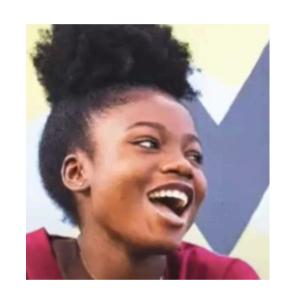
Also referred to as: learning



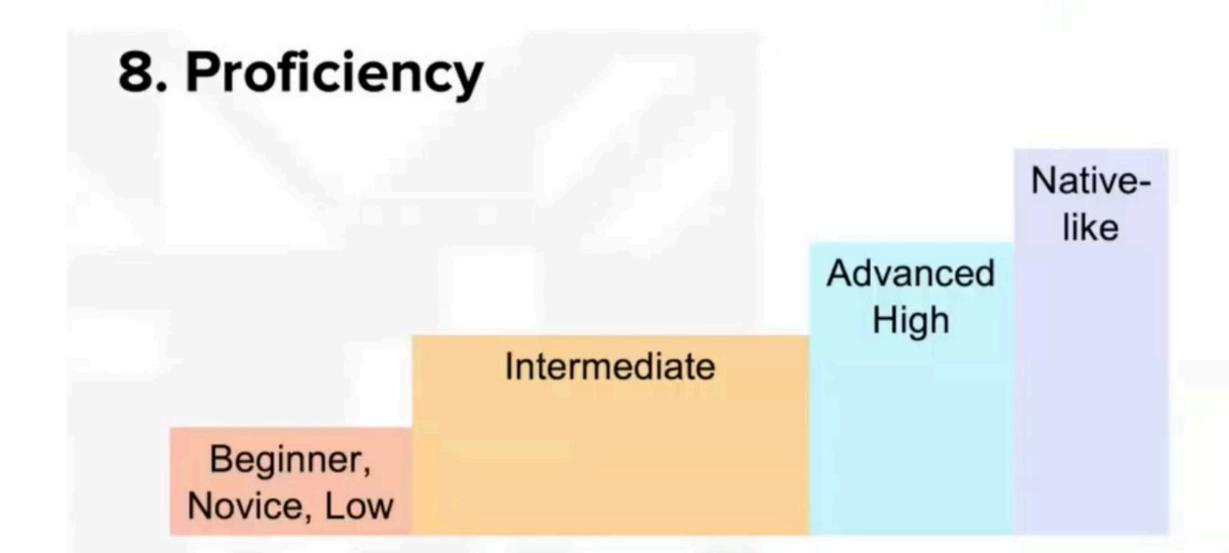
Learners People who are learning (or acquiring) a second language



Input
The target language that
a learner is exposed to.
Through listening,
reading or viewing.



Output
the target language that the
learner produces through
speaking, writing or singing.



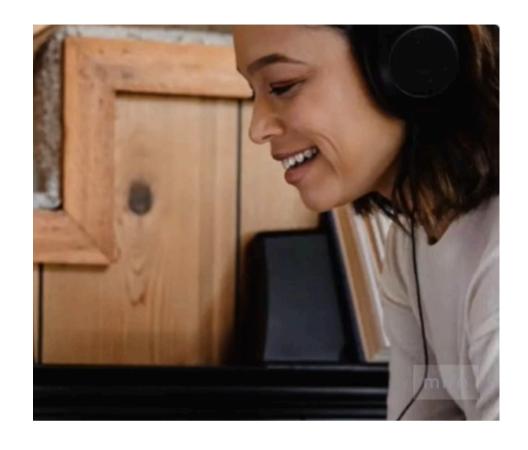
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Proficiency.

An individual's level of ability in a language

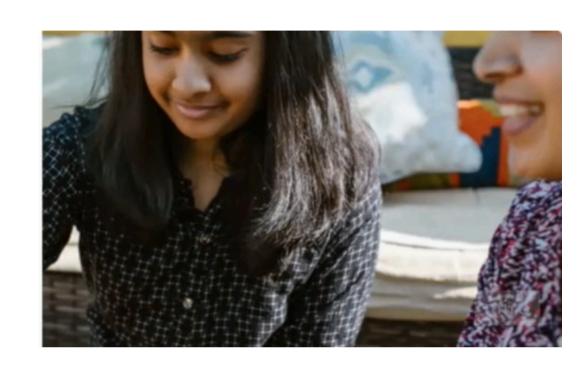
Possible to have different provisions levels for different skills.

Example: reading vs speaking.



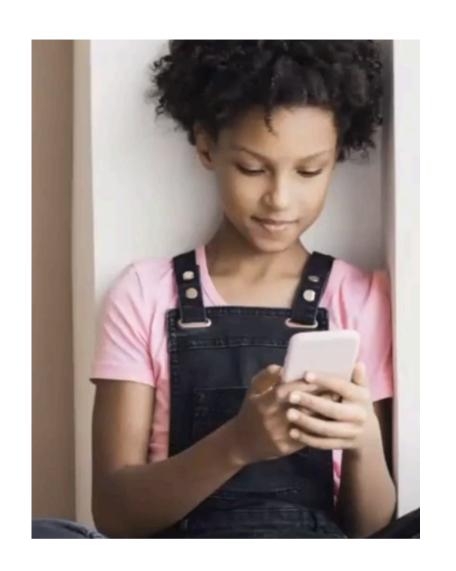
Bilingual

A person who speaks two or more languages.

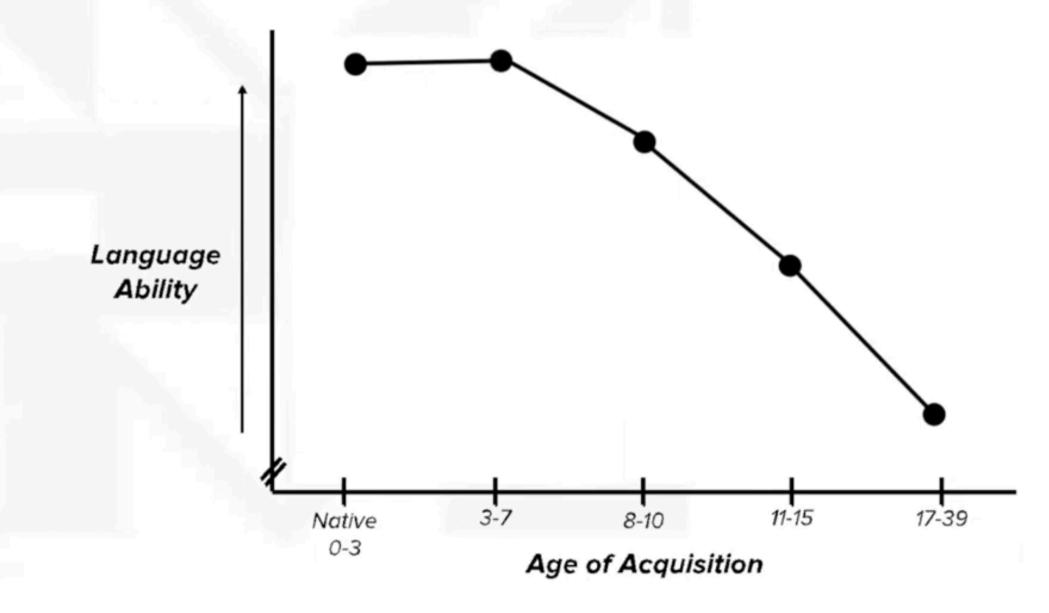


Age of acquisition

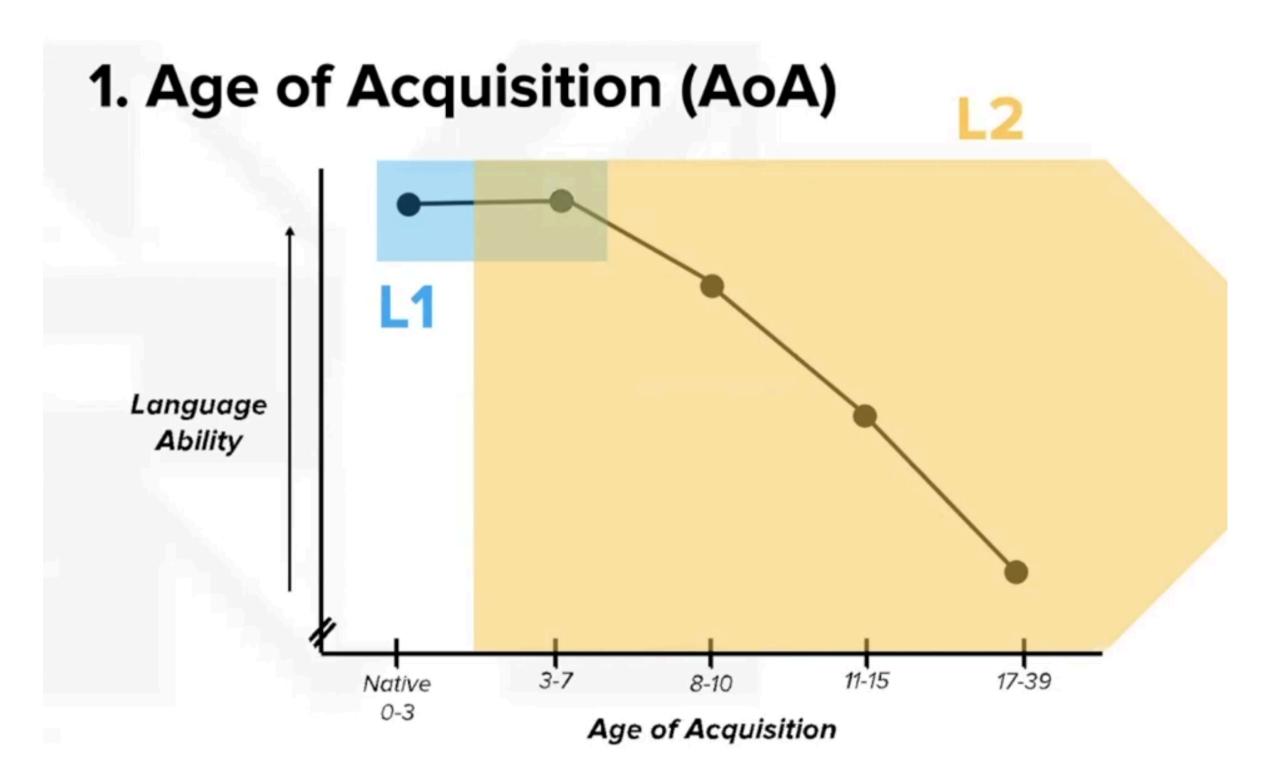
how old you are when you start learning a language



1. Age of Acquisition (AoA)



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Learning context





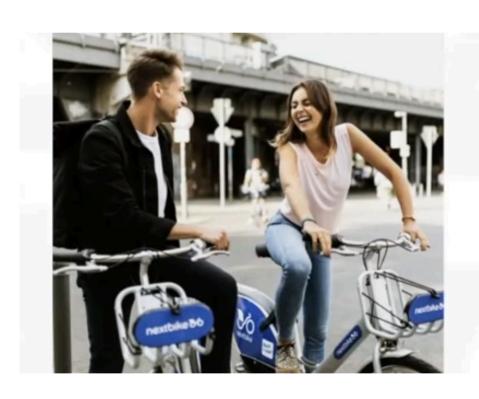




Amount of input

Input = target language a learner is exposed to, through reading, listening or viewing

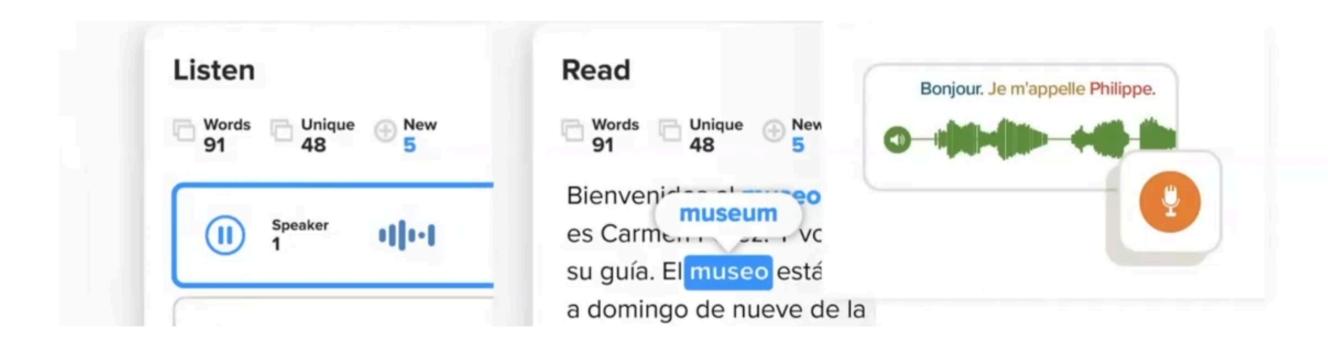
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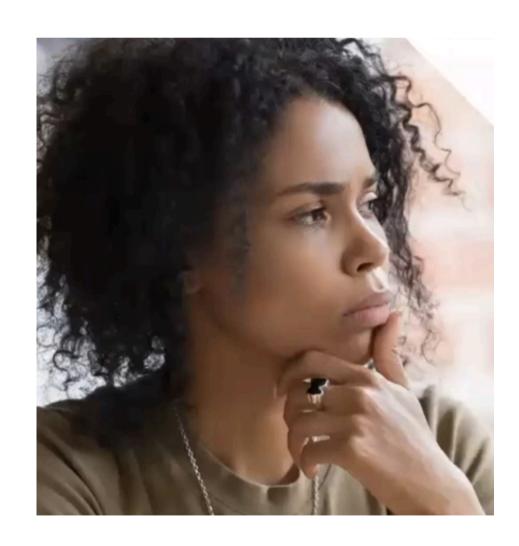


Amount of input



Affective factors

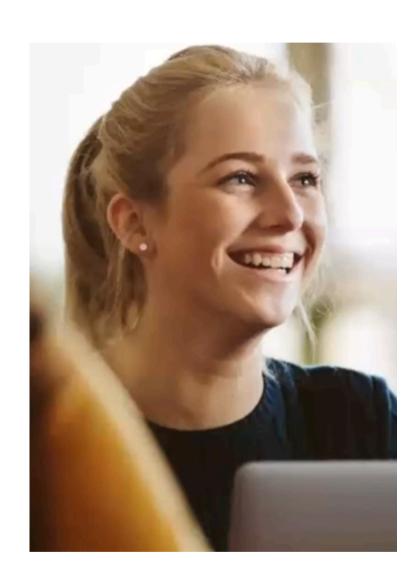
Internal factors like anxiety, motivation, inhibition and self esteem



Affective factors

Integrative motivation
desire to connect with caregivers and
community through language

<u>Instrumental motivation</u> language learning for practical purposes



Students need:

considerable exposure to language

comprehensible input



to use language in meaning-focused tasks

Resources:

What is Second Language Acquisition (SLA)? |
Science Behind Language Learning
(youtube.com)

The 9 Essential Terms of Second Language Acquisition | Science Behind Language Learning (youtube.com)

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