

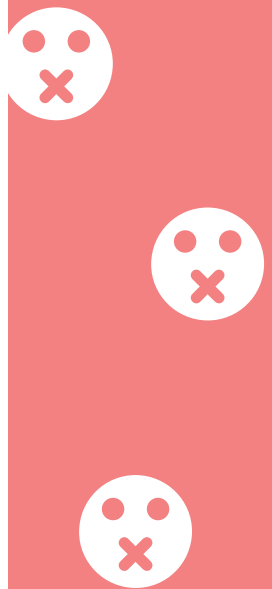
STAGES OF SECOND LANGUAGE ACQUISITION

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PRE-PRODUCTION

The silent period



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EARLY PRODUCTION

Few words and short phrases.

“ Mommy ”

“ I hungry. ”

“ Daddy bye-bye. ”

3

SPEECH EMERGENCE

String together words in phrases, sentences and questions.

“ I want this shirt. ”

“ Where did dog go? ”

[Child can recite stories with simple sentence patterns]

4

INTERMEDIATE FLUENCY

Ability to construct complex sentences in speech and writing to express opinion.

“ I really don't like... because... ”

“ Remember when we did... and this happened and that happened? ”

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ADVANCED FLUENCY

Near native use of language, though sometimes there could be misuse of idiomatic expressions and an accent.

[Nothing different from a child's first language.]

