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Learning Language

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Early and late learning

Learning language early
(before 10 years of age!)
Automatic and effortless

Learning language late
(after 15 years of age!)
Requires efforts

Early

Movement of articulators in vocal tract

Input

Output



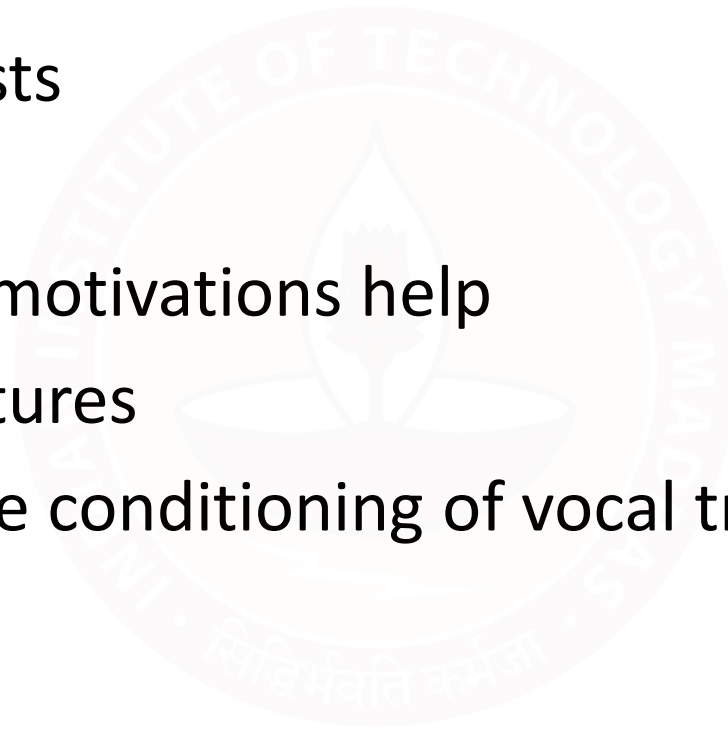
‘Learning Language is child’s play’

- A normal human child is hardwired to acquire language from the immediate environment with the help of Language Acquisition Device (LAD) and Universal Grammar (UG).



Late

- Another language exists
- Conscious efforts
- Specific and directed motivations help
- Easy to work on structures
- Not possible to change conditioning of vocal tract



Learning as subconscious process

- Listening
- Speaking
- Writing
- Reading

