

Acquisition Learning Hypothesis

There are two ways of developing a second language. Acquisition is a subconscious process and learning a conscious process that results in 'knowing about' the language.

The Monitor Hypothesis

Acquisition and learning are used in producing language. Acquired competence (subconscious knowledge) allows the learner to produce utterances while learned language serves as a monitor. The monitor allows correction of the language.

The Natural Order Hypothesis

The rules of the language are acquired in a predictable order, some rules tending to come early and others later.

The Affective Filter Hypothesis

It consists of the affective filter, a mental block that prevents the acquirer from fully utilizing the comprehensible input they receive for language acquisition.

The Input Hypothesis

Humans acquire language by understanding messages, or by receiving comprehensible input.