# Natural language and universal grammar

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#### Universal Grammar

- Chomsky and his followers no longer use the term LAD, but refer to the child's innate endowment as Universal Grammar (UG).
- UG is a theory in linguistics, usually credited to Noam Chomsky, proposing that the ability to learn grammar is hardwired into the brain.
- The theory suggests that linguistic ability manifests itself without being taught (see Poverty of the stimulus), and that there are properties that all natural human languages share.

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Fractal Grammar and Symbols If this argument owns validity, then one can posit that each word has an associated grammar. An L2 learner might then be presented with best-example sentences for which he is 'ready', to hasten the operation of Universal Grammar. In this work the theoretical arguments and data from the whole spectrum are reviewed.

#### **Natural Language**

This can be done in language which is culturally neutral.

## Universal Grammar

The general question asked in this theory is: How one can claim to know something when one does not even know what knowledge is? Chomsky was agreeing with Skinner's theory.

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The Noam Chomsky Website Chomsky is also a very important linguist because he created a revolution. Partly this is because development deals with language in use - with pragmatics and performance: 'much of the investigation of early language development is concerned with matters that may not properly belong to the language faculty,.

#### Universal grammar

It has not been argued here that Chomsky's theory of Universal Grammar is uniquely important for L2 learning, but that it is an alternative that applied linguists should evaluate for themselves rather than reject out of hand. Both aspects tend to exclude biological nature from consideration, and language is without doubt a purely biological product. Lillo-Martin: 1999, Introduction to Linguistic Theory and Natural Language Acquisition, Blackwell, Oxford.

## Chomsky's Universal Grammar and Second Language Learning

Thus each lexical item in the language has idiosyncratic properties of its own which are recorded in its lexical entry.

## Second Language Acquisition from a Universal Grammar Perspective Paper

Universal grammar stipulates that it is necessary a stimulus and a response, among others.

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So far as acquisition is concerned, the interim developing grammars of the child are irrelevant. Linguistic data to which the child is exposed. All these approaches believe that the second language grammar can but does not necessarily become native-like.

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