



# Factors affecting input processing



- Individual factors: age, anxiety, aptitude, attitude, motivation
- Negotiation factors: interaction, output, feedback;
- Tactical factors: learning strategies and communication strategies;
- **Environmental factors: social context and educational context.**

# Social context

- Socio-economic status
- Code mixing and code switching

# Socio-economic status

- Family income
- Maternal education
- Paternal education
- Occupation of parents
- Educational and occupational background of siblings

- Parenting styles, number of siblings at home influence learning styles
- SES – school attendance and number of years of schooling completed

- High-SES parents engage children in more conversations, read to them more, and provide more teaching experiences
- Low-SES parents are less likely to purchase reading and learning materials for their children, less likely to take their children to educational and cultural events, and less likely to regulate the amount of TV their children watch (Bradley et al. 2001a, Hess et al. 1982).
- As a result, low-SES children more frequently experience school failure (even in the early grades), which moves them on a trajectory of either conduct problems or withdrawal behaviors (Battin-Pearson et al. 2000).

# Karen Watson-Gegeo (1992)

- A longitudinal study
- Nine families in Solomon islands
- Language-use practices at school and home
- Children's first language not used in school
- A restricted and often incorrect version of English in school

- Parents negatively portrayed their own experiences at school
- Expressed doubts about their children's ability to succeed and usefulness of school in their lives
- Led to children's failure

(Lightbown & Spada 2006)



# Code mixing and code switching

- Is English predating on other Indian languages?
- Is code mixing a short-cut?

# HINT OF HYBRIDISED LANGUAGE INVASION

## *Some snapshots*

- Don't assume *uske barey mein* you know everything based on *jo tumne padha hai* (Don't assume you know everything about him based on what you have read)
- Let's go to the mall today, *wahan thoda shopping karengey*, restaurant *mein khayengey*, and *sham ko, ek movie dhekengey* (Let's go to the mall today, we'll do some shopping, eat in a restaurant, and watch a movie in the evening)
- *Unka transfer kahan hua?* (Where he was transferred?)
- *Woh tension mein hain* (She is under tension)



Salman Khan at the launch of *Bigg Boss 9* in Mumbai last September. (Fotocorp)

- Researchers have detected what they say are snapshots of an imminent invasion of northern India by Hinglish that is set to shrink populations of monolingual Hindi and bilingual Hindi-and-English speakers.
- A study that examined dialogue on the Hindi reality television show Bigg Boss and everyday language practices has suggested that speakers of Hinglish, the hybridised version of Hindi peppered with English vocabulary, could out-number speakers fluent in either one or both languages.
  - Telegraph, Jan 17, 2016

# Technological developments and SLA

- Is SMS language affecting writing skills of second language learners?
- Let's discuss a newspaper article...