

Stages of Second Language Acquisition

Stage of Second Language Acquisition	Description of stage	Adaptations to Learning Environment
Home Language Period	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Typical of the youngest of ELLs • child speaks in L1, despite the fact that others cannot speak that language • may often be interspersed with words in L2 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Since adults are most adept at handling dialogue in the child's home language, increase integration of adults within free-play groups
Silent Period (Non-Verbal Period)		
Telegraphic and Formulaic Speech		
Productive Language Use		