

Three Alternative Paths to Bilingualism

Simultaneous Bilingualism

- The process of learning two or more languages within the same space of time, starting before age 3.
- Children develop equally, or nearly equally, in both languages through exposure and opportunities to use both languages.
- Also known as simultaneous language acquisition.

Additional insights from video:

Successive Bilingualism

- Process of learning a second language after having reached at least basic mastery in the first language.
- By age 3 most children have acquired most aspects of oral language.
- Also known as sequential bilingualism or successive second language acquisition

Additional insights from video:

Receptive Bilingualism

- The process of learning a second language with few opportunities to speak the second language.
- Children understand a great deal more than they are able to express in words.
- Learn second language through exposure, not active use.

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