Three Alternative Paths to Bilingualism

Simultaneous Bilingualism

Definition	Additional insights from video viewing
 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. 	

Successive Bilingualism

Definition	Additional insights from video viewing
 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. 	

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Receptive Bilingualism

Definition	Additional insights from video viewing
 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. 	