

Focus on Fluid Language Use

Social English

Definition	Example(s)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Precedes academic English. • Used in relaxed interactions with peers and adults. • Relies mostly on spoken language, using short, simple sentences. • <i>Caution:</i> May mislead teachers/adults to think child is ready to learn and comprehend complex concepts in second language. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child talks with a peer on the playground. • Child tells a teacher about what she did on the weekend.

Academic English

Definition	Example(s)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Used in many school activities and lessons. • Requires use of written and spoken language, longer and more complex sentence structure. • Requires mastery of larger vocabulary. • Often offers less context clues for child to grasp. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child describes a pattern he has created using pattern blocks. • After a story read aloud, a child retells a story or part of a story.