

Myths and Misconceptions about Second Language Acquisition

True or False?

KEY of TERMS:

LEP=Limited English Proficient; **L2**=Second Language; **ELL**=English Language Learner

1. Children learn a second language quickly and easily.
2. LEP children who are encouraged to speak English at home as well as in school acquire English faster due to greater Exposure to L2.
3. The younger the child is exposed to English, the faster he/she will perform well in school.
4. ELL's who still do not speak in class after two or three months In the U.S. should be referred for consideration to special education.
5. Once children are speaking English fluently, they can be expected to "catch up" academically quickly.
6. It is better for children not to speak L1 in class; doing so slows down the process of learning English.