

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.