# Child Language Acquisition Focusing on Bilingualism in ElObied North - basic level schools, North Kordofan State, Sudan. 

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#### Abstract

This study was carried out at in ElObied North - basic level schools, North Kordofan State, Sudan.. The study aimed to list and reveals the problems that face teachers teaching bilingual children to acquire English language. And to point out the requirements of teaching bilingualism and to suggest solutions to develop the students listening practice properly. The study followed the descriptive analytic approach. The primary data was collected by structured questionnaire, using a simple random sample technique for 50 teachers representing $40 \%$ of the total English language teachers (125). The data were analyzed using (SPSS - The Statistical Package for Social sciences version 16 and Pearson's reciprocity was also applied with the significance of ( 0,05 ). The results of the study revealed that (40\%) of the teachers have bachelor degree and (70\%) have (5-10) years of experience. (30\%) of the teachers always face problems to teach English to bilingual learners and (42\%) of their Bilinguals face problems to acquire English language. (30\%) of Schools always supply teachers with CDs and Mps and posters. And $56 \%$ of the respondents pointed that teachers' representation is always based on Arabic translation. The study concluded that students face Listening problems encountered in English as a Foreign Language in the Classroom because of the lack of the requirements of practicing listening (media in native speaker voice).Therefore, the study recommends that school should supply teachers with the media. To investigate the teachers' focusing on child language acquisition. To reveal and analyze the problems that teacher face to teach children to acquire English language. To point out the problems that children face while learning and acquiring English language.


## Introductions

This study was conducted to list and investigate the Child Language Acquisition Focusing on Bilingualisms as a Case Study (ElObied North Basic level Schools) 2023. The children have the ability to make behaviours and can easily acquire the foreign languages as they did with their mother tongue. They respond to the stimuli around them and start to imitate the adults. By repetition they form their behaviours. By more repetition they form their automatic behaviours. Piaget vs. Vygotsky $(2008,117)$ stated that: The sociocultural perspective is a theory used in fields such as psychology and is used to describe awareness of circumstances surrounding individuals and how their behaviors are affected specifically by their surrounding, social and cultural factors. According to Catherine A. Sanderson (2010) "Sociocultural perspective: A perspective describing people's behavior and mental processes as shaped in part by their social and /or cultural contact, including race, gender, and nationality." Sociocultural perspective theory is a broad yet significant aspect in our being. It applies to every sector of our daily lives. How we communicate, understand, relate and cope with one another is partially based on this theory. Our spiritual, mental, physical, emotional, physiological being are all influenced by factors studied by sociocultural perspective theory. This study concerns with searching the reasons and the causes that hinder students to acquire the English language courses which have been designed to achieve the behavioral objectives that the courses designers plan for achieving them. The main roles of teachers are to enable the pupils learn acquire and practice. For successful teaching learning situation there are some strategies supported by visual aids and media. Teachers need sufficient training and the follow up of supervisors and training centres trainers to help teachers to overcome the problems and difficulties that arise. The pupils can acquire the second language following the same system and method. They can learn from their mates. The Sudanese children were bilinguals and some were monolinguals. For them all English language is second or foreign language. They learn it at schools. Teachers teach them the new language and practice the integrated four skills of the language successfully. The child's acquisition for English is based on the teachers' roles and responsibilities. Teachers have to focus on child language acquisition theory and how to enable the children to acquire the new language. For testing and assessing a successful English language teaching learning processes, teachers have to focus on the suitable strategies, methods, techniques and aids that raise the children's motivation

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in suitable schools' classroom environments. According to the task based language teaching, teachers need to be trained to follow the suggested guidance to play the required roles in teaching children the new language. The most important matter in this sense is the teachers' creativity in teaching children to acquire English language as second or foreign language by focusing on the better methods of teaching and the problems of learning that might arise and suggest the solutions needed.

## Methodology:

The descriptive analytic statistical method suits this type of scientific study. Data gathered from the questionnaire validated by expert teachers. (50) Respondents representing (40\%) of the total of English language teachers (125). The data were analyzed by the (SPSS - The Statistical Package for Social sciences version 16 and Pearson's reciprocity was also applied with the significance of $(0,05)$

## REAULTS AND DISCUSION

## -3-1 Qualifications

The responses on the table above describe the difference between the respondents qualifications, and can be classifies as thus: the Bachelor degree were $40 \%$. The majority $56 \%$ have a master degree while only $04 \%$ of them have PhD .

| Options | Frequency | Percentage |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| B. A | 20 | $40 \%$ |
| M.A | 28 | $56 \%$ |
| PhD | 02 | $04 \%$ |
| Total | 50 | $100 \%$ |

## 3-2 Years of experience

The table describes the difference between the respondents' experiences in teaching bilingual learners. Those who have less of 5 years were $10 \%$. The majority $70 \%$ have 6-10 years of experience in teaching bilingual learners. While $20 \%$ of them have more than 10 years of experience in teaching bilingual learners.

| Options | Frequency | Percentage |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Less than 5 | 05 | $10 \%$ |
| 6-10years | 35 | $70 \%$ |
| More than 20 | 10 | $20 \%$ |
| Total | 50 | $100 \%$ |

## 4-1 Teachers face problems to teach English to bilingual learners.

Table (4-1) proved that $30 \%$ of the respondents pointed that teachers (always. Sometimes) face problems to teach English to bilingual learners, and $16 \%$ sometimes face problems. While $20 \%$ never face problems. .

| Options | Frequency | Percentage |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Always | 15 | $30 \%$ |
| Sometimes | 15 | $30 \%$ |
| Rarely | 08 | $16 \%$ |
| Never | 10 | $20 \%$ |
| Total | 50 | $100 \%$ |

4-2 Teachers face difficulties to teach bilingual students to acquire English language; using student's mother tongue helps in learning a new language.
The table indicated that $40 \%$ of the respondents pointed that teachers always face difficulties to teach bilingual students to acquire English language by using student's mother tongue helps in learning a new language, and $20 \%$ sometimes face difficulties. While $10 \%$ face them rarely and $30 \%$ never face difficulties.

| Options | Frequency | Percentage |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Always | 20 | $40 \%$ |
| Sometimes | 10 | $20 \%$ |
| Rarely | 05 | $10 \%$ |
| Never | 15 | $30 \%$ |
| Total | 50 | $100 \%$ |

## 4-3 Bilinguals face problems to acquire English language.

It is observed from table (4-5) that $42 \%$ of the respondents pointed that bilinguals always face problems to acquire English language.

| Options | Frequency | Percentage |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Always | 21 | $42 \%$ |
| Sometimes | 13 | $26 \%$ |
| Rarely | 06 | $12 \%$ |
| Never | 10 | $20 \%$ |
| Total | 50 | $100 \%$ |

4-4 Teachers teaching strategies help bilinguals to acquire English Language.
Table (4-6) proved that $16 \%$ of the respondents pointed that teachers teaching strategies always help bilinguals to acquire English Language.

| Options | Frequency | Percentage |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Always | 08 | $16 \%$ |
| Sometimes | 12 | $24 \%$ |
| Rarely | 20 | $40 \%$ |
| Never | 10 | $20 \%$ |
| Total | 50 | $100 \%$ |

4-5 Bilinguals insist in learning the meaning of the new English vocabulary in their first language.
This table (4-7) and the diagram proved that $36 \%$ of the respondents pointed that bilinguals always insist in learning the meaning of the new English vocabulary in their first language.

| Options | Frequency | Percentage |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Always | 08 | $16 \%$ |
| Sometimes | 12 | $24 \%$ |
| Rarely | 20 | $40 \%$ |
| Never | 10 | $20 \%$ |
| Total | 50 | $100 \%$ |

## 4-6 Teaches tend to translate new English vocabulary in their first language.

It is clear from this diagram and table that $36 \%$ of the respondents pointed that teaches always tend to translate new English vocabulary in their first language. Whereas $34 \%$ of them sometimes tend to translate and $20 \%$ rarely tend to translate and $10 \%$ never tend to translate new English vocabulary in their first language

| Options | Frequency | Percentage |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Always | 18 | $36 \%$ |
| Sometimes | 17 | $34 \%$ |
| Rarely | 10 | $20 \%$ |
| Never | 05 | $10 \%$ |
| Total | 50 | $100 \%$ |

## 4-7 Teachers translation makes bilinguals lose their ability to acquire and speak English.

This table showed that $32 \%$ of the respondents pointed that teachers translation always makes bilinguals lose their ability to acquire and speak English. While $48 \%$ of them sometimes make bilinguals lose their ability to acquire and speak English, 10 of them (rarelynever) make bilinguals lose their ability to acquire and speak English

| Options | Frequency | Percentage |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Always | 16 | $32 \%$ |
| Sometimes | 24 | $48 \%$ |
| Rarely | 05 | $10 \%$ |
| Never | 05 | $10 \%$ |
| Total | 60 | $100 \%$ |

4-8 Teachers' use of communicative language teaching emphasizes interaction as both the means and the ultimate goal of learning a second language.
It is clear from table that $74 \%$ of the respondents pointed that teachers' use of communicative language teaching always emphasizes interaction as both the means and the ultimate goal of learning a second language. $26 \%$ of them sometimes emphasize interaction as both the means and the ultimate goal of learning a second language. While none of the (rarely or never) emphasizes interaction as both the means and the ultimate goal of learning a second language.

| Options | Frequency | Percentage |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Always | 37 | $74 \%$ |
| Sometimes | 13 | $26 \%$ |
| Rarely | 00 | $00 \%$ |
| Never | 00 | $00 \%$ |
| Total | 50 | $100 \%$ |

Table 4-19 Schools supply teachers with CDs and Mps and posters.
Table and diagram (4-19) proved that $30 \%$ of the respondents pointed that schools always supply teachers with CDs and Mps and posters

| Options | Frequency | Percentage |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Always | 15 | $30 \%$ |
| Sometimes | 09 | $18 \%$ |
| Rarely | 13 | $26 \%$ |
| Never | 13 | $26 \%$ |
| Total | 50 | $100 \%$ |

## CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

## Conclusion

Due to the discussion, the observed results are
Teachers face problems to teach English to bilingual learners 20\% never
Teachers face difficulties to teach bilingual students to acquire English language; using student's mother tongue helps in learning a new language. $40 \%$
Bilinguals face problems to acquire English language 42\%
Teachers teaching strategies help bilinguals to acquire English Language 16\%
Bilinguals insist in learning the meaning of the new English vocabulary in their first language. $16 \%$
Teaches tend to translate new English vocabulary in their first language. 36\%
Teachers translation makes bilinguals lose their ability to acquire and speak English. $32 \%$
Teachers' use of communicative language teaching emphasizes interaction as both the means and the ultimate goal of learning a second language $74 \%$ always
1- Schools supply teachers with CDs and Mps and posters were $30 \%$.
2- Besides, teachers were qualified and trained with experience but their use of communicative language teaching did not emphasizes interaction as both the means and the ultimate goal of learning a second language.
3- More researches and exchange of ideas needed to develop bilinguals' English learning more easy and successful.

## Recommendations

Depending on the recent findings above the study point out the following recommendations:
1- Schools supply teachers with CDs, Mps in English native speakers voice and posters.
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