



Analytic Language Learning versus Gestalt Language Learning

Analytic Language Learners:

A child first derives meaning from single words or 'units,' then combines these units to form two-word combinations and later forms phrases and sentences with more complex grammar.

Gestalt Language Learners:

A child process language as "whole chunks" instead of initially processing single words. Starts with bundles of words (echolalia) and then unbundles or "mitigates" these gestalts, using them in a variety of new combinations.

- 1 Single Words**
"Milk"
- 2 Two Word Utterance**
"More milk"
- 3 Simple Phrases**
"Mama more milk"
- 4 Sentences**
"Mom, I'd like some more milk, please"

- 1 Echolalia (Bundles)**
"Milk is from cows"
- 2 Mitigated Echolalia**
"Milk is + so good"
- 3 Further Mitigation**
"Milk"
- 4 Incorporating Basic Grammar**
"Milk and cookies are my favorite"