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Primary Language Acquisition
The process by which children learn to understand and use the spoken language of their community.

Key factors include:
- Genetic predisposition
- Environmental input
- Social interaction

Primary language acquisition is a complex process involving the development of phonological, morphological, and syntactic skills.

Children typically acquire their first language by the age of five, with most of the acquisition occurring in the first two years of life.

The process is influenced by the child's environment, including the quality and quantity of language input and the social context in which the language is used.

Research in this area has shown that children are born with a natural ability to learn language, and that this ability is shaped by the environment.

Understanding the process of primary language acquisition is essential for developing effective educational interventions for children with language disorders.

For more information, please contact the Department of Educational Psychology, University of the West Indies.

