In second language acquisition, the native language would be considered previous linguistic knowledge.

See Brown (1977); Newport, Gleitman and Gleitman (1977); Snow and Ferguson (1977). NEW PERSPECTIVE.

The next section will look at the acquisition of syntactic knowledge from the point of view of parsing with special emphasis on second language acquisition.

3. Parsing and Second Language Acquisition. There are very few studies which provide empirical evidence on the role of the parser in second language acquisition. Most studies in the field of second language acquisition are based on production data and not on comprehension data. There has been relatively little research in either first or second language learning from the perspective of parsing. Second-language acquisition (SLA), sometimes called second-language learning, otherwise referred to as L2 (language 2) acquisition, is the process by which people learn a second language. Second-language acquisition is also the scientific discipline devoted to studying that process. The field of second-language acquisition is a sub-discipline of applied linguistics but also receives research attention from a variety of other disciplines, such as psychology and education.