Language Acquisition Quotes:

Quote of the Week:
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Linguist, educational researcher

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ACQUISITION
We acquire spoken fluency not by practicing talking but by understanding input, by listening and reading.

-Dr. Stephen Krashen
*Principles and Practices of Second Language Acquisition*
“We acquire language when we understand what we hear and read, when we understand what people are saying to us, not how they say it.”

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We do not acquire language by producing it; only by understanding it.

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People acquiring a second language have the best chance for success through reading.

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ATTITUDE is the single most important factor in second language learning.

Sandra Savignon
“Learning is most successful when it involves only a limited amount of stress, when students are relaxed and confident and enjoying their learning; but the use of correction encourages exactly the opposite condition.”

– John Truscott
“The best way to improve in a foreign language is to do a great deal of comprehensible, interesting reading. The case for self-selected reading for pleasure is overwhelming.”

– Beniko Masona
“Picking up word meanings by reading is 10 times faster than intensive vocabulary instruction.”
– Krashen
“Students who had a pleasure reading habit easily outperformed those who were not readers on a test of grammar and on a test of reading and writing.”

– Ponniah, IJFLT 2008
Those who read more...

...read better
...write better
...have better vocabularies
...have more grammatical competence
...spell better
...read faster

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