

ENGLISH LANGUAGE/LINGUISTICS A-LEVEL OCR (2023-2025)

SECTION ONE: PLEASE WATCH THE FOLLOWING SHORT FILM:
Secrets of the Wild Child

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mshp3s4r3u8&list=PL9iBgq_k15eawlU1ozr-Byarolg9oRXLw&index=5 (13 MINUTES)

SECTION TWO: QUESTIONS ON LANGUAGE ACQUISITION

Having watched the documentary, try to write a least two or three sentences on each one of the following questions based on what you have learnt from the documentary.

- 1). Do we learn language through hearing and imitating what others are saying. Can you think of anything that might suggest that this might not be the case?
- 2). What other things do you think might be important?
- 3). Do you think you could learn a language even if you had no human contact for the first 12 years of your life?

SECTION THREE: A COUPLE OF THINGS TO THINK ABOUT IN TERMS OF LANGUAGE ACQUISITION

- 1). When we speak we put words in an order. What are the rules of that order? If you are not sure, what might this tell us about language acquisition?
- 2). Who explains how to shape your mouth and what to do with your tongue and teeth in order to pronounce a letter/make a sound? Try pronouncing sound letters/sounds to yourself and think about what you are physically doing. How do we learn this?