

Resource 22: Is there a pattern to the way older elementary-aged and adolescent EAL pupils learn English?

Observation	Have you observed this?	What interested you about this?
Do they pronounce English like a first language English speaker?		
Do they mix English and their home language?		
Do they show that they know what the word means in their home language?		
Do they make comparisons between English and their home language?		
Do they want to understand how English works (the grammatical structure of the language)?		
When do they use their home language in school?		

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Do they seem to want to learn English?		
Do they seem to resent or reject English?		
Do they feel embarrassed about trying out their English?		
Do the out-going personalities seem to make the best progress?		
How do they behave when they can't understand what's going on in class?		
Do they like to be asked to interpret for new pupils who speak their language?		