

Types of Bilingualism

Societal bilingualism

(Macro level)

De jure
bilingualism
(Official)

De facto
bilingualism
(Conversational)

Individual bilingualism

(Micro level)

Cognitive organization

Compound

two signs with the same meaning used interchangeably

Coordinate

many translation equivalents in the two languages that are not used interchangeably

Age of acquisition

Early

two languages learnt below the age of three

Late

second language learned after the age of three

Sequence of acquisition

Simultaneous

two languages acquired at the same time

Successive

second language learned after the mother tongue

language proficiency

Balanced vs. Unbalanced

*equal competence in the two languages
 *competence in one language more than the other

Active vs. Passive

*productive skills are developed
 *perceptive skills are developed

Social & psychological mechanisms

Additive

the two languages are complementary

Subtractive

the two languages are competing

Context of learning

Elit

learned in educational (formal) settings

Folk

acquired through practical contact with the speakers