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IMPACT OF GENDER AND AGE ON FOREIGN LANGUAGE ACQUISITION

It is important to study the process of second language acquisition in order to improve it. Age and gender like biological and social factors impact the process of learning. Biological characteristics such as lateralization of brain and decrease of the working memory are the basis, but social factors like motivation, status of an individual in the society and culture shape the circumstances of acquiring the second language. Biological factors are background but it is of sum importance the studying of social factors that are dominant.

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