

CHOMSKY'S UNIVERSAL GRAMMAR THEORY

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Abstract: *This paper will present one of the Nativist Theories in Second Language Acquisition, the Universal Grammar theory formulated by Noam Chomsky (1959), since it is one of the most known and (at that time) revolutionary acquisition theories. It is also the theory which represented the foundations of generativist grammar and the starting point for other posterior acquisition theories, as it postulates a unique claim in linguistics at that moment: the existence of a Universal Grammar. The paper will also provide information on the Language Acquisition Device and the Innateness Hypothesis and, finally, it will discuss the topic of second language acquisition within the UG approach.*

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