

Re: spontaneously speaking another language

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"Scott Far Thunder" <bakersco@msu.edu> wrote in message news:<cf10kr\$1g6c\$1@msunews.cl.msu.edu>...

- > *Hau kolas..I got into a discussion with a coworker today regarding cognitive*
- > *ability of children, and it came to be that I seem to recall hearing*
- > *something about children basically spontaneously speaking another language*
- > *with no exposure to it...for instance a child in latin america bursting into*
- > *say German or French, with no prior exposure to this new language. I can't*
- > *recall wether there was something else goin on..emerging from autism etc.*
- > *Anybody heard of this before? I believe there's a scientific term for*
- > *it..any ideas to help me search this down? If this is not the appropriate*
- > *forum, pardon me, where should I ask? Thanks in advance :)*
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- > *lila pilamaya*
- > ****FREE LEONARD PLTIER NOW!!****

I wonder if you are thinking of the case of the Nicaraguan sign language. I seem to recall reading about it several years ago and seeing something about it on PBS. An attempt was made in Nicaragua to bring in as many deaf children as possible so they could be taught sign language. The schools were inundated by so many children that the teachers couldn't teach them all. The children apparently developed their own system of communication and the teachers had to call in linguists to decipher what the students were saying.

try here:

<http://www.indiana.edu/~langacq/E105/Nicaragua.html>

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