

Child Language Acquisition

Once upon a time, many years ago, there was a group of little babies. Their names were (insert names of your students here).....
When they were born, they gurgled, babbled and cooed... but then they learned to speak, and there's been no stopping them ever since!

Task:

To start us off on our journey through CLA, we need some data – and that data is going to come from you.

You need to talk to the people who were there when you were little and find out about your first forays into words:

- What was your first word? How old were you when you said it? Who did you say it to?
- Did you have special names for things – yourself, other people, pets, toys etc? What were they?
- Were there any words that you just couldn't get right? What were they?
- When you were small, did you have a favourite book? What was it? Why did you like it?

Bring this data to the lesson on, along with a photo of yourself as a small child. If you have a book that you loved, please bring that as well. We're going to turn the clock back....