

Introduction

- Founded around 1950's and 1960's
- Based on structural linguistics and behaviorist psychology: the way to acquire the sentence patterns of the target language is **repetition** of dialogues about every day situations that are imitated and drilled to make the response automatic

Structural Linguistic

- Language is a system of structural related elements, like phonological units, grammatical units, and lexical items, for the transmission of meaning.
- To learn the target language is to master the elements of the target language system.

Behaviorist Psychology

- Language learning is habit-formation.
- Mistakes, the bad habit, should be avoided.
- Language skills are learned more effectively if they are presented orally first, then in written form.
- The meaning of words can be learned only in a linguistic and cultural context.