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## **Can linguistics help second language learners?**

Studying generative linguistics may appear divorced from the practical concerns of language teaching and learning. In this presentation, I will disprove this contention. I will sketch the rationale and empirical support of the Bottleneck Hypothesis (Slabakova 2006, 2008, 2016). The hypothesis identifies what is hard and what is easy to acquire in a second language. The realization that functional morphology is the hardest part of the grammar to acquire logically leads to the implication that it should be explained and practiced in the classroom. Several recently published studies on the acquisition of English and other languages will be discussed as examples.