# **LA 7.1 Discussing Variability**



#### **Learning Outcome**

Employ theories of acquisition of a primary and new language in instruction

Assessment: 25 pts.

TA: 30 Minutes

### **Pedagogical Intent**

Teachers can apply their learning about Variability (Types of Proficiencies/ Types of Performances) and individual differences in language learning om determining what next steps will push them to higher-level performance in the secondlanguage.

### **Student Position**

Students have learned about variability, proficiencies, and performances. They will now clarify their study individually by participating in a whole-class discussion.

## **Instructions**

- 1. Take out your 6.4 homework including the readings from Wright, video segments 8.1 and 8.2.
- 2. You were assigned to look at a particular student. Join a table group with others who looked at the same critical incident that you did.
- 3. Keep your groups to three or four.
- 4. In your table groups, compare the categories you selected with each other and explain why you chose those in relationship to your student.
- 5. Next, identify 'sticking points' you had as you viewed the video, read the material and studied the categories in relationship to your student. Write them down. Discuss them together.
- 6. As the facilitator begins the class wide discussion, be prepared to share the sticking points as questions and the categories you selected and your reasoning behind them.





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