

**FACTORS INFLUENCING LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT AND THEIR
EFFECTS ON LEARNING IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN KITUI
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ABSTRACT.

The research study was carried out to investigate factors influencing language development and their impacts on learning in secondary schools in Kitui South, Mutomo division of Kitui County. The researcher examined the language difficulties faced by learners in secondary schools. The researcher also established remedies to language development difficulties. The researcher used descriptive survey, both qualitative and quantitative. This is because descriptive survey design is the most appropriate design in behavioral science as it seeks to find out factors associated with occurrence of certain events and conditions of behavior. The survey design enabled the researcher to explore a wide range of factors influencing language development and their effects on learning in secondary school. The researcher employed simple random sampling technique to select the sample. The researcher found out that among the factors dyslexia, aphasia, autism, maturation of the brain and social interaction, the factor of social interaction highly affected language development in learners. As a result, the researcher came up with some of the remedies to language development difficulties. They include: the exposure to verbal communication, exposure to written words, health social interaction and use of first language s a language of instruction at the formative years.