OVERGENERALIZATION OF L2 MATERIAL

> All cats have four legs. I have four legs. Therefore, I am a cat.

Definition:
- Extensive use of L2 grammatical forms in situations where another rule applies.

CHARACTERISTICS:

- Over application of an interlanguage feature in contexts where it does not occur in target-language use.
- Errors result from using rules from L2 in ways native speakers wouldn't.

- **Verb Tenses:**
  "Yesterday, I goed to the store."
- **Pluralization:**
  "I have two feets."
- **Verb Conjugation:**
  "He goed home."

- **Articles:**
  "I saw a interesting movie."
- **Pronouns:**
  "Me want to play."
- **Word Order:**
  "She is in park."

- **Negation:**
  "I don't have no money."
- **Adjective Agreement:**
  "The cats are more big."

- **Prepositions:**
  "I'm interested on science."
- **Modal Verbs:**
  "She can to sing."

Language

Speech

CAUSES:

- Influence from learner's mother tongue.
- Overgeneralization of hypotheses about L2 structure.

Features:

1. Regularization:
- Tendency to use regular forms where possible.
- Example: "He ated ice-cream."

2. Simplification:
- Simplifying elements and structures.
- Examples:
- "no understand"
- "he champion"
- "is man"

Impact:

- Learners simplify language to reduce complexity.
- Meaning remains clear despite grammatical reduction.

Other Motivations for Errors:

- Lack of knowledge of lexico-semantic features in either language.