

# AFFECTIVE FILTER

The learner's state of mind or disposition or disposition

## The affective filter hypothesis



☞ There exists a “filter” or “mental block” that impede L2 from “getting in”; a low filter is associated with relaxation, confidence to take risks and a pleasant learning environment.

**HIGH MOTIVATION** /self-conf /anxi are better equipped for **success**

**LOW MOTIVATION** self-esteem= can 'raise' the affective filter and form a '**mental block**'

when **the filter is 'up'** it impedes language acquisition.