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NOTATIONS

ESL	English as a second language	
LI	First Language	
L2	Second Language	
IL	Interlanguage	
FL	Foreign Language	
TL	Target Language	
CA	Contrastive Analysis	
EA	Error Analysis	
MT	Mother-tongue	
Q	Question number	
%	Percentage	
The asterik * and signal error		
The sy	mbol Φ indicates no overt manifestation	
Bracketing conventions: () indicates well-formedness		
Bold indicates key concepts.		
Italic type is used for emphasis and examples.		