

Language awareness may be defined as the explicit knowledge, understanding and attitude pertaining to or of a particular language or a number of languages. In Leo Van Hier's statement, he conveys that there needs to be a clear understanding of a language and how the language is supposed to be used by others. Van Hieer critiques that it is important to understand language as a large mechanism for the effectiveness in the classroom and the textual material being produced. In the Caribbean, there is a tendency for people to stereotype certain languages and their importance in the formal education system, particularly the use of creole and dialects. This awareness Van Hieer inhibits in his statement is important at every level of the education system, including the stakeholder involved in implementing a policy for language learning and language awareness. In Caribbean classroom, the teachers' medium of instruction is English even though most students speak some other creole or dialect.