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Every child can learn a foreign language!



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Why your child should start NOW

Few things offer as many [benefits that a child gets from learning a second language](#). But to maximize these benefits, a child must start young, preferably as an infant. Research shows that an infant's brain comes pre-wired to learn language, and children begin to build their language skills from birth, using the sounds of the speech they are exposed to. They can actually differentiate between different languages long before they can vocalize them themselves, and there seems to be no limit to the number of languages a young child can acquire.



It doesn't get any easier

Young children the world over effortlessly pick up whatever language or languages they are exposed to. Researchers say that when you are young, you *acquire* language, rather than having to *learn* it. If you wait until you are older to start, language becomes something you must learn by rote and memorization. It then becomes *work*, and few people who start late with a second language ever succeed in becoming fluent with good accents.

Building a bigger, better brain

When it comes to language, infants are pre-wired to learn. They actually form connections and grow new brain cells to process the particular languages they are exposed to. Bilingual children tend to actually have measurably larger brains with denser grey matter than their monolingual peers. This extra brain power has been shown to give these children an advantage later in life in such areas as logic and math. (Note that similar advantages have been shown to result from early music exposure.)

The Window of Opportunity

As the child gets older, the brain's ability to restructure itself in this manner diminishes, and by a very early age (between 6 and 9 years old) the window has virtually closed. This is why young children the world over can learn one or more languages almost effortlessly, while older children and adults struggle to learn a second tongue and rarely become fluent or develop good accents. Furthermore, these latecomers experience far fewer of the brain functionality increases that the kids who started early enjoy.

Don't wait

We really hope you choose Music Lingua to help lay the foundation for a second language for your child. But whatever path you take, please start as early as possible!

Look [here on Wikipedia](#) to find links to other research on the benefits of early childhood language acquisition.

Did you know...

...that Japanese and American infants are both equally capable of distinguishing between "L" and "R" sounds? But unless they are exposed to these sounds as infants, they begin to lose this ability by *age 8 months!* This is why many native Japanese speakers struggle with English words like "Lake" and "Rake", unless they were exposed to the English language *as infants*.



"Any child can be developed, it depends on how you do it"
- Shinichi Suzuki

Shinichi Suzuki, the great teacher and founder of the Suzuki Method, had this revelation: Japanese is said to be a difficult language to learn, and many intelligent adults fail at attempts to master it. But all Japanese children, not just the very brightest ones, learn to speak perfect Japanese by an early age, with no apparent effort. How? Because they *start as infants*.

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