

**Patricia Kuhl: The Linguistic Genius of Babies**

1. Answer these questions with complete sentences.

1. What is the critical period?

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1. When does a child start losing the ability to learn a language?

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1. Before the age of one, what are babies doing when they listen to languages and sounds?

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1. Can babies learn a language from watching videos?

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1. Why is Mrs Kuhl investigating babies’ brain? What are the implications for adult language learners?

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2. What information surprised you the most?

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3. Choose two words that sum up the talk well. Be ready to explain your choice.

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4. Below is a quote of Kuhl’ talk. Rephrase her sayings. Explain what she means by “citizens of the world.”

*“Babies all over the worlds are what I like to describe as ‘citizens of the world.’ They can discriminate all the sounds of all the languages, no matter what country we’re testing and what language we’re using.”*

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5. Considering the information you just learned, let’s do a quick debate about the new intensive English program in grade 6. On a separate sheet, prepare 4 arguments, 2 for and 2 against.