

Answer Key

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The linguistic genius of babies

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Note-taking activity

1. Teach it to a baby.
2. To show that language learning has a critical period.
3. Babies can discriminate all the sounds of all the languages from around the world.
4. No. Adults cannot discriminate foreign language sounds like babies can.
5. Before their first birthdays.
6. “Motherese” is the universal style of intonation mothers around the world use with their babies.
7. To understand sound distribution for their “mother tongue”.
8. No. They need a human.
9. The MEG is used to study the baby’s brain as he/she learns.
10. Positive outcomes of the research are the future ability to intervene when children have difficulty learning and perhaps the chance that we will know more of what is the key to being human.