

# Re: Do Children Learn Languages at Different Rates?

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>Ruud Harmsen wrote:

>> >> <http://cnl.psych.cornell.edu/papers/LandC-cogsci2002.pdf>

>> >Try summarizing the answer. I'll trust Claudio's evaluation.

>> The article starts with a summary, isn't it easier to just read that?

Fri, 06 Jan 2006 17:32:32 GMT: "Peter T. Daniels"

<[grammatim@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:grammatim@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)>: in sci.lang:

>No. Assuming the pdf includes graphics, and otherwise depending on its

>size, /

The PDF-file mentioned is 126,836 bytes in size.

>it could take 20 minutes to download,

That's a 70 seconds download even with an archaic 14k4 modem; with a more modern 56k modem (which usually only do some 43k in practice) it's 24 seconds.

Using a slow ADSL connection of 512 kb/s (I downgraded to the cheapest I could find, then 384 kb/s, but meanwhile upgraded, at the same price, to 1.5 Mb/s) it's two seconds.

So what on earth are you talking about? 20 minutes is 1200 seconds, which in this case is 845 bits (not bytes) per second. Are you still using a 1985 1200 baud modem?

>>during which time my

>computer is unavailable for any other use.

Why? What operating system are you using? All that I have seen in the last 20+ years except MSDOS were multi-tasking, and even for DOS there was software already in 1990 to run multiple tasks.

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