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Ruud Harmsen wrote:

Wed, 10 May 2006 07:51:36 +0800: Lee Sau Dan  
<[danlee@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:danlee@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)>: in sci.lang:

"Claudio"  
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Claudio  
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<[claudio.grondi@xxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:claudio.grondi@xxxxxxxxxxx)>  
writes:

Claudio> My own experience from trying to check myself if it is  
Claudio> true, that generally children learn faster than adults  
Claudio> is, that adults are often able to learn much faster than  
Claudio> children can.

How much time a day does a child spend on learning a language?

14 hours a day?

How much time a day can an adult afford on learning a language?

20 hours a week, if an intensive course, otherwise 3.

Everyone seems to be assuming that the L2 learning being discussed is in a classroom context. How does that differ from the case of people who move to a place where they don't speak the local language and pick it up through daily living and just getting by?

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