

Re: Why can't daddy?

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"Claudio" == Claudio
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writes:

Claudio> I think, that in a standard case (i.e. usual situation)
Claudio> an adult doesn't get enough attention from others and
Claudio> doesn't have the time to percept the language, especially
Claudio> when working hard for living.

Does that guy work in mines? In those working environments, one
doesn't need to talk too much.

OTOH, those work in grocery stores or restaurants (as waiters, not
chefs) can usually pick up the local language in a remarkably short
amount of time — in the order of months. They can achieve a fluency
much better than those who have been learning the same language abroad
for years.

Claudio> This is in my eyes the main reason why many foreign
Claudio> workers even after twenty, thirty years don't speak the
Claudio> language of their host country very well,

How much time CAN they afford to learn the local language? And how
much time are they WILLING to spend on it?

Claudio> where their children (also these which were 10–12 years
Claudio> old when changed the country of living) do that mostly
Claudio> even without any foreign accent after they learn it at
Claudio> school they have been forced to visit there.

If their parents had to go to school (and totally forget about
working) like these children, I believe they wouldn't do worse than
the children in learning the local language.

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