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Ruud Harmsen wrote:

Mon, 27 Nov 2006 20:15:24 -0500: penguinsare@xxxxxxxxxx (Penguins Are):
in sci.lang:

How does a baby learn language, when learning requires concentration and focus,

It doesn't.

and a baby is too little to do either?

They always say, you missed what was being discussed if you didn't concentrate, but a baby is too little to concentrate yet picks up detail after detail and learns to talk grammatically.

I listen to Portuguese radio (music + interspersed comments, interviews and commercials) almost all day, without concentrating, because I am doing something else or even working. Yet, some phrases, especially from commercials, clearly because they are repeated to often, stick in my brain, I sometimes suddenly think of them, while waking up for example (with the radio off, that is, or to a Dutch station, because PT radio is only accessible via internet).

That way I learn about native ways to express things, about word order, about conjugations that "sound natural". I suppose this is exactly how children learn.

Really?? Did you learn to speak Portuguese with no input other than passive radio listening???

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How old did you say you are????

Antonio, does Ruud speak acceptable Portuguese?

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