

## Re: Do children learn language more easily?

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Aidan Kehoe wrote:

Ar an dara lá de mí na Nollaig, scríobh Peter T. Daniels:

>>> [...] Who do you think is acquiring a first language? I know of no  
>>> cases of someone successfully acquiring their first language  
>>> starting after the age of five.  
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>> Mike Wright has a child you'll be interested in.  
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> Have you failed to assimilate the difference between "first language"  
> and "native language"?

You know well that those terms are used inconsistently and often interchangeably by those in the field. And you know also that my comment works fine with an interpretation—not remotely a rare one—of 'first language' as 'primary language.'

In that case, you completely misinterpreted Nathan's entire disquisition.