

MULTIPLE CHOICE LISTENING: THE BENEFITS OF A BILINGUAL BRAIN

Watch the TEDEd video below and choose the best answer, a, b or c, for the twelve questions below.

1. Knowing two or more languages means that your brain ...
 - a) can be distinguished from a monolingual's brain
 - b) functions better than a monolingual's brain
 - c) is no different from a monolingual's brain
2. Most bilinguals use their languages ...
 - a) in equal proportions
 - b) in the same way
 - c) to different degrees
3. Bilinguals can be classified into three general types depending on ...
 - a) which language they use most
 - b) how they communicate in either language
 - c) the way they use their first language
4. Gabriella is a compound bilingual because she develops two linguistic codes ...
 - a) at the same time and with one set of concepts
 - b) in two stages but with one set of concepts
 - c) together and with two sets of concepts
5. Gabriella's teenage brother might be a coordinate bilingual because he ...
 - a) is less fluent in his second language
 - b) learned his second language later on
 - c) works with two sets of concepts
6. Gabriella's parents are subordinate bilinguals who learn a secondary language ...
 - a) through their first language
 - b) when they are too old
 - c) with the help of translation

7. The Critical Period Hypothesis says that children learn languages using both hemispheres thanks to ...
 - a) a greater capacity to learn
 - b) the pliability of their brains
 - c) their sponge-like brains
8. People who learn a second language in adulthood approach problems in their second language ...
 - a) based on their personal opinions
 - b) in a logical, less biased way
 - c) influenced by their emotions
9. Among the benefits of being multilingual is the ...
 - a) higher number of neurons in the brain
 - b) increased activity in some parts of the brain
 - c) prevention of certain diseases
10. Before the 1960s bilingualism was thought to slow a child's development because it ...
 - a) caused them to make many mistakes in both languages
 - b) made them waste time differentiating both languages
 - c) weakened their skills in the first language
11. A recent study has shown the effort and attention needed to switch between languages ...
 - a) can slow down learning
 - b) makes a part of the brain stronger
 - c) improves communication skills
12. The multilingual brain is ...
 - a) uninvolved
 - b) intricate
 - c) larger

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