

Task 1. Before watching the video, discuss the question:

- How many words does an average adult know? Does the number increase or decrease with time?
- When you listen to someone's speech in English, what might help you understand it? In what way?



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Task 2. Watch the video and choose the correct option.

1. The average 20-year-old knows:
 - a) 27,000 – 52,000 words
 - b) 17,000 – 20,000 words
 - c) 20,000 – 54,000 words
2. How often does our brain make the right choice of a word when we listen to somebody?
 - a) 89% of the time
 - b) 60% of the time
 - c) 98% of the time
3. The recognition point happens when:
 - a) only one firing pattern (unit) remains active
 - b) we hear the beginning of the word
 - c) when the brain processes the information
4. When we have some context, the recognition process moves:
 - a) much slower
 - b) more rapidly
 - c) with no changes in speed

Task 3. Answer the questions:

1. What kind of a decision does our brain have to make when we hear a word?
2. Does the number of words we know increase or decrease from the age of 20 to 60?
3. How does our brain decide which word is correct?
4. What happens first: Do we get the meaning of the word before the full word emerges or do we first hear the full word and then get its meaning?

Task 4. Discuss with your partner. Do research for more information.

1. How does the content help with the identification of the correct word?
2. What is the role of sleep in language acquisition?