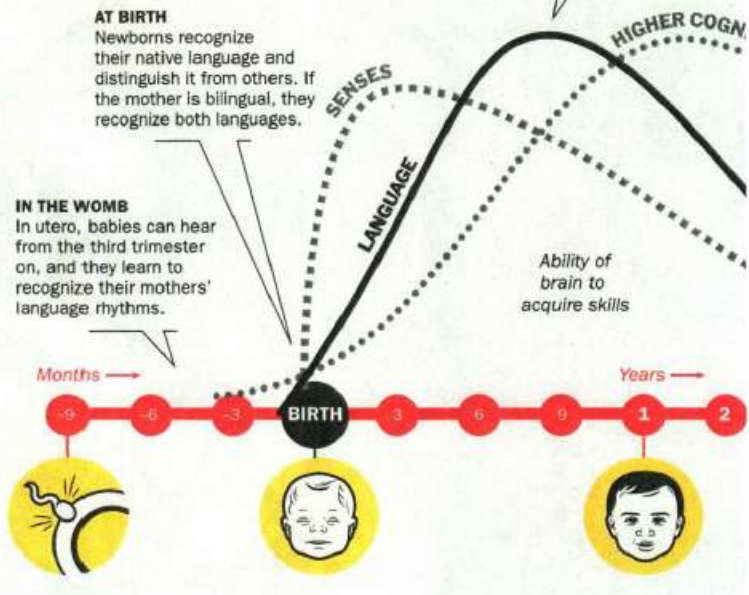


## USE IT OR LOSE IT

Multilingualism is a lifetime skill—but you'd better start learning early



**SHARP DROP-OFF AT 6 YEARS**  
First-graders are not the natural language students they were when they were babies, but they're still far better than teens or adults.

## Inside the brain

There's no single language lobe. Rather, skills like syntax, speech formation and comprehension are scattered throughout the brain.

