

1 FINISH THE SENTENCES IN A MEANINGFUL WAY !

When people grow older it is harder for them *to learn a new language*.

Scientists have been trying to find out what happens *in a baby's brain*

By the age of 3 *babies can speak full sentences*.

When babies get into contact with other people *they listen to what they say and watch their movements*.

There are about six thousand sounds *that are spoken in languages all over the world*.

We can only hear those sounds *that are spoken in the language we can understand*.

At the age of six months a baby starts concentrating *on the sounds of the language they hear*.

Scientists especially want to find out more about the brains of people *who speak more than one language fluently*.

In an experiment Chinese speakers *spoke to American babies*.

In the United States foreign language learning usually starts *at high school*.

If scientists can understand a baby's brain it may help them design computers *that can learn languages easily*.

It is better for a language learner to talk with real people than *to listen to educational CDs or recorded conversations*.

When a baby listens to a real speaker its brains *become more active*.

2 TRUE OR FALSE

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When babies are born they can learn any language.	✓	
Babies can speak full sentences when they are three.	✓	
At the age of six months babies can only understand the sounds of their own language.		✓
There are six thousand sounds spoken in languages around the world.	✓	
English has more vowel sounds than Swedish.		✓
Grown ups can only hear sounds used in the languages that they speak very well.	✓	
For the Japanese all vowels sound the same.		✓
Scientists think it is easier to speak two languages at the same time.		✓
After the age of seven it gets harder to memorize sounds.	✓	
In an experiment American babies were talked to by Chinese native speakers.	✓	
In the United States students learn foreign languages at a very early age.		✓
Researchers think that it is better to learn a language from a CD because the language is clearer.		✓
Babies' brains become very active when they listen to real people speak.	✓	