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BILINGUAL BABIES

Should your baby *parle français* before he or she is even out of diapers? Yes,

according to François Thibaut, the founder of the Language Workshop for Children, a New York-based foreign-language school that teaches children as young as six months. Linguistic and education experts say there is a growing body of evidence that babies have the special ability to pick up the pronunciation of any language, no matter how difficult—a skill we lose as we grow older. That means that to a newborn, Japanese is as easy to master as English.

—Pat Etheridge, *Parenting Today*