



## Do children learn second languages easier than adults? A comparative analysis of child and adult second language acquisition

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