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If you are interested to learn a foreign language, should you begin before a certain age in order to completely master it? Some researches indicate that young children find it easier than adults, because childhood is a critical period for language learning.

It's true that brain capacity to learn a new language gradually reduces over our lives. Children can immerse in a language, while adults apparently do not. This is not the proof of a critical period for language learning. But it's both easier and more important for children to quickly become good in a second language.

Meanwhile, there are some reasons to show, preferably it's better we learn a new language as early as possible. Children can spend more time and effort on learning than adults. The motivation for children is much higher. They are not cluttered with facts and are less stressed. All of these factors make younger learners of a new language eventually outperform older ones.

Furthermore, children can learn a new language through play-like activities. They first make sense of the activity and then get the meaning. Children acquire language rather than consciously learn it, as older children and adults have. Their ability to learn language diminishes when monolingual children reach puberty and become more self-conscious.

The researches say that bilingualism helps us better understand the structure of languages and can delay the Alzheimer's symptoms. It can help people find jobs.

In conclusion, I would say it doesn't mean that we can not learn a new language when we are older. It just means that if we are trying to decide to teach a new language to our children, the earlier the better.

Regards,