

Podcast Questions: Learning a second language.

- 1. In the beginning the host plays a family video. Whose family is it?**
- 2. What holiday are they celebrating in the home video?**
- 3. What two languages do the Kwong family speak?**
- 4. What is Emily Kwong trying to do?**
- 5. What is Sarah Phillips' job?**
- 6. What fields is bilingualism studied?**
- 7. What is another name for "baby bilingual"?**
- 8. What is the critical period hypothesis?**
- 9. What happens if baby zebra finches are separated from their parents for too long.**
- 10. Do scientists agree or disagree with the critical period hypothesis? Why?**
- 11. Why is it harder to learn a new language when you are older?**
- 12. What factors besides your age affect language learning?**
- 13. What big advantage do children have when learning a language?**

14. Do the speakers think native pronunciation is important? Why?

Extra Questions:

1. Would you like to learn another language besides English?
2. The author says that native pronunciation is not important. Do you agree or disagree? Why?
3. Emily Kwong is Asian-American and doesn't speak Chinese. Do you think she should or is it OK not to speak your heritage language?
4. Are you working hard to learn a new language? In what ways?