

# Oerolcollege

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How language can make you a better person

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# OEROL LECTURE

*ABOUT*

## THE BENEFITS OF BEING MULTILINGUAL

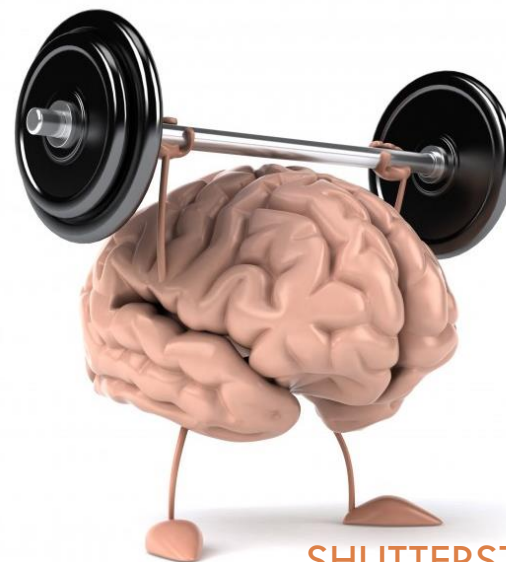
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# Why study multilingualism?

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# The early life of a multilingual

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# The early life of a multilingual

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- *“To reject a child’s language in the school is to reject the child”* (Cummins 2001, p. 19).



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# The early life of a multilingual

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Look, Anthony comes back to read some more.

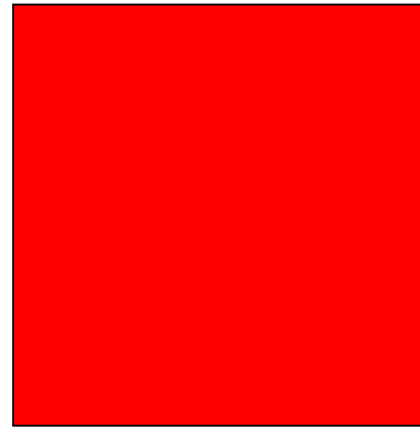
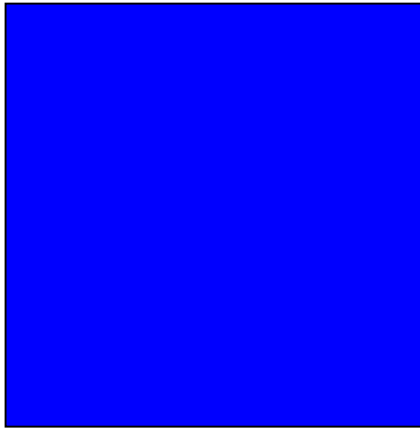


Where did Anthony put the book?  
Where is the book now?  
Where will Anthony look for the book first?

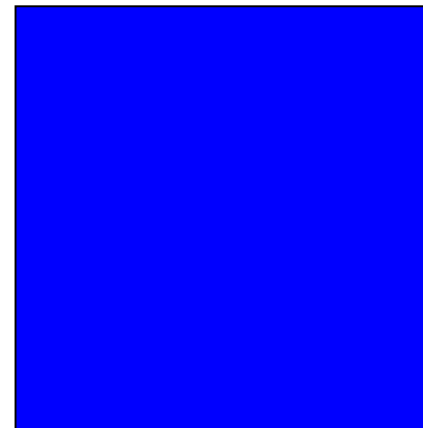
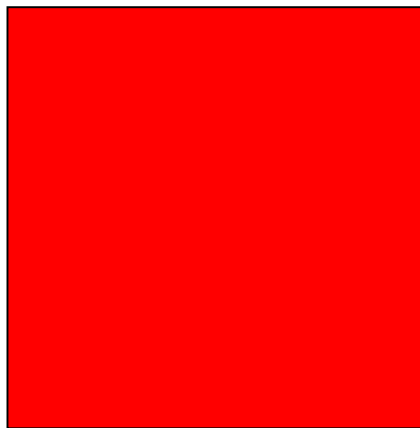
# Simon Task: easier for bi-/multilinguals

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**Easy:**



**Difficult:**



# Stroop Task: easier for bi-/multilinguals

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Easy:

**RED & GREEN**

Difficult:

**BLUE & BLACK**



# Our languages are always “on”

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Marian & Spivey, 2003

# Inattentional Blindness (Daniel J. Simons)

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**Count how many times  
the players wearing  
white pass the ball**

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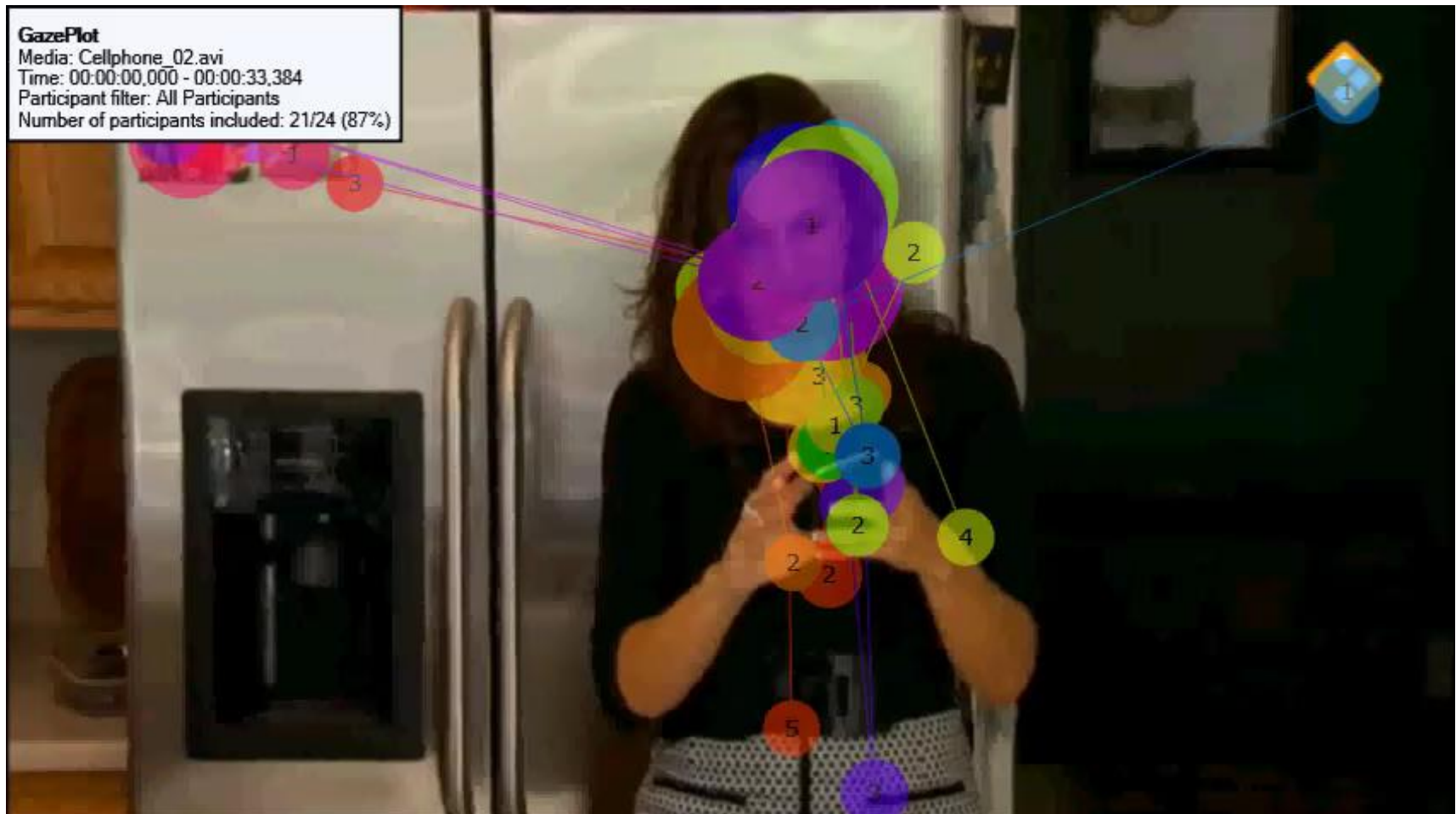
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**Let's rewind and  
watch it again**

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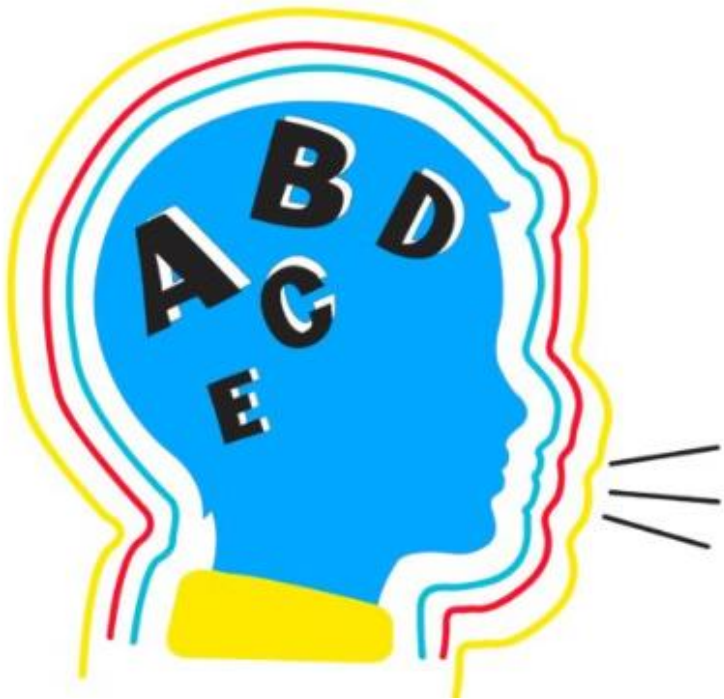
# Multilingualism is everywhere

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# Experiences change our brain

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# Multilingualism as brain training

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- Use and/or exposure to various languages at the same time eventually seems to become effortless
- In fact, active bilingualism or multilingualism can be seen as braintraining

BLUE

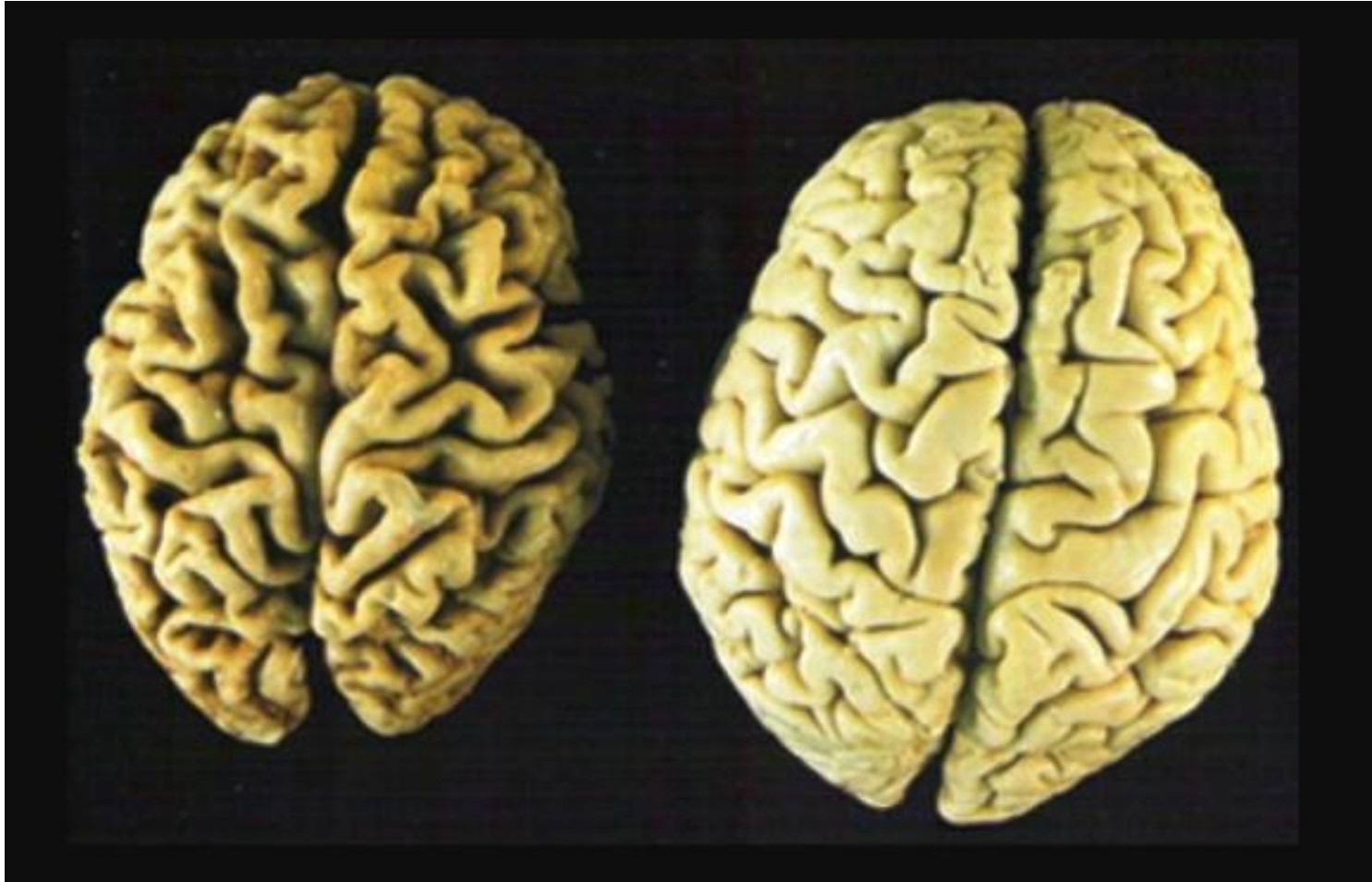
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English



# The life of the multilingual older adult

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*“THE MORE LANGUAGES YOU  
KNOW, THE MORE OF A  
PERSON YOU ARE.”*

