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# The Scientist in the Crib



## What Babies Know and How They Learn



In the last 30 years we have learned more about what young children know and how they learn than we did in the preceding 2500 years. Scientists have

found that children know a great deal to begin with, literally from the time they are born. They have extremely powerful learning abilities, in some ways greater than the abilities of the smartest scientists and the most sophisticated computers. And grown-ups are designed to unconsciously teach babies and young children just the things they need to know.

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