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Musical Brain Trainer

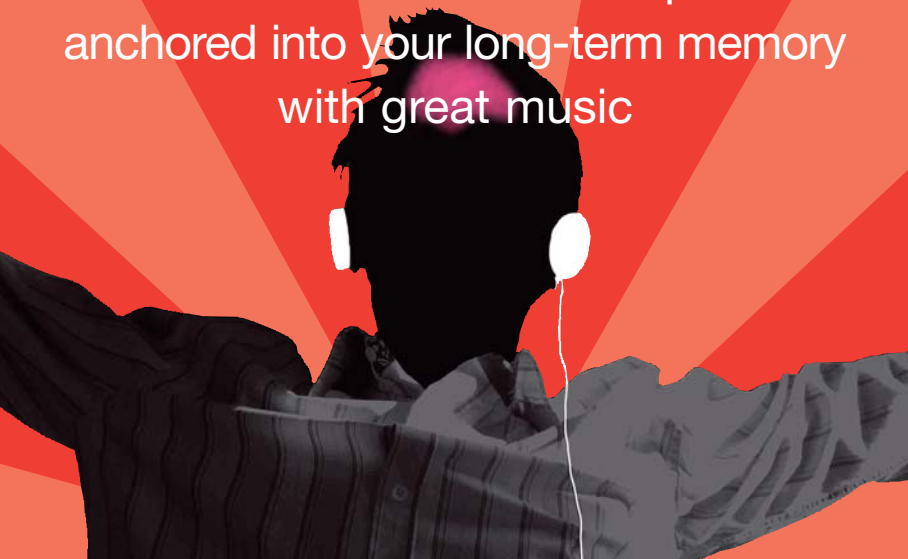


Mandarin

Vol. 2

Rapid Chinese

200+ essential words and phrases
anchored into your long-term memory
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earworms mbt® Rapid Chinese puts the words and phrases you need not just on the tip of your tongue, but also transports them deeply into your long-term memory.

Simply by listening to these specially composed melodies with their rhythmic repetitions of Chinese and English a few times, the sound patterns are indelibly burned into your auditory cortex. You will have successfully learned the Chinese phrase and have the correct accent ringing in your ears. Wherever you are, whatever you are doing: While jogging, in the car, in the bath, doing the ironing - you can be learning Chinese at the same time!

earworms mbt® Rapid Languages is the first language course to get your toe tapping.

You know the phenomena of those catchy tunes or earworms that you just can't get out of your head? Voulez-vous coucher avec moi, ce soir? Well, earworms mbt® has put this phenomena to positive use. Gone are the days of learning pressure and frustration at not being able to remember, the experience of many on conventional language courses. In combination with music, the phrases you need are automatically anchored deeply into your memory, ready for instant recall.

Music is the key

The idea is as simple as it is old. Before the age of writing, ancient historical events were recorded in verse and song form for easy memorisation. In his book 'Songlines' Bruce Chatwin describes how the Australian Aborigines were able to navigate their way across hundreds of miles of desert to their ancestral hunting grounds without maps. And how? The extensive lyrics of their traditional songs were exact descriptions of the routes!

Rhythm and words i.e. song and verse have always been a very powerful memory aid, and this is supported by recent scientific research. The advertising industry knows only too well how powerful music can be in getting the message across with brainwashing-like jingles and soundbites.

It really works!

Developed and used over years in the classroom, earworms mbt® Rapid Languages has shown phenomenal success. In tests pupils using this technique regularly get average marks of over 90% compared to less than 50% with conventional book based learning.

Why hasn't music been used more in education up to now? Imagine kids at school getting a CD of hip-hop songs with all the historical dates they have to learn, or all the irregular verbs they have to learn! Wouldn't that make their (and teachers') school lives much easier, much more fun, much more successful?

What you get

Volume 1 dealt with the essentials for your visit abroad, looking at typical situations: taking a taxi, at the hotel, at the restaurant, requesting, polite phrases, finding your way, numbers, dealing with problems and so on. Volume 2 will have you engaging in dialogue about yourself, the past, the present and future, and provide language to cover further typical situations that you may find yourself in. The themes follow closely the Common European Framework for language learning, a recognised benchmark of language proficiency, and the emphasis is constantly on usefulness to the learner.

Pinyin and memory hooks

This booklet contains all the text on the CD, both English and the written sounds of the Mandarin words and the official Latin transcription, Pinyin. Pinyin is useful to the extent that many Chinese signs on buildings use it and it is used for typing original Chinese on standard keyboards. The original Chinese writing can be found under 'Extras' on the earworms website, together with a list of 'Memory hooks' to aid your memorisation. Memory hooks are for example, if you want to memorise the Chinese word for 'Mrs' or 'woman' = 'nu shu', think of 'a woman with 'new shoes'! - and you will easily remember.

How to use earworms: Don't think, just listen!

Sit back, relax and groove along to the melodies without trying to listen too hard. Treat them as songs you hear on the radio. Our recommendation is that you do familiarise yourself with the written words in the booklet - at least the first time you listen.

After listening several times, playfully test yourself - cover up the English side of the phrase book and see how many words and phrases you remember!

Lastly - a word of thanks

The earworms team would like to thank you for putting your trust in our 'slightly different' learning concept and are sure that you will have the success that many others have already had. It's motivating to know that learners are really benefiting from our research and development. Also, as accelerated learning is a rapidly growing field, we look forward to hearing your experiences and successes - so feel free to visit us on the website:

1. On business or on holiday? (Inflight conversation)

Are you going to Beijing on business or on vacation? (* You go Beijing - on business - or - vacation?)	Ning chew Beijing - chu chai - hwor jer - doo jia? Nín qù Běi jīng - chū chāi - huò zhě - dù jià?
You - go to - Beijing...	Ning - chew - Beijing ... Nín qù Běi jīng...
...on business	...chu chai ...chū chāi
...or	...hwor jer ...huò zhě
...on holiday?	...doo jia? ...dù jià?
I go on business - and to visit friends.	Woa chew - chu chai - hur - by fung - pung yo. Wǒ qù chū chāi - hé - bài fāng - péng yǒu.
and	hur hé
to visit - friends	by fung - pung yo bài fāng - péng yǒu
Excuse me, Sir, excuse me, Madam, please...	Lao cha sien shun, lao cha noo shu, tching... Láo jià xiān shēng (nǚ shì), qǐng...
...switch off, turn off	...guan ...guān
...your - mobile phone	...ning der - show ji ...nín de shǒu jī
mobile phone	show ji shǒu jī
OK!	Hao der! Hǎo de!
What would you (2 people) like to drink? (You would like - to drink - what?)	Ni men** - yao - hur - she mer? Nǐ mén yào hē shén me?
I'd like - to drink - flower blossom tea.	Woa yao - hur - hua cha. Wǒ yào - hē - huā chá.
Please bring me - a bottle of beer.	Tching gay woa - ee ping pee joe. Qǐng gěi wǒ - yī píng pí jiǔ.
OK. Just a moment, please. (Please, moment wait.)	Hao der. Tching, shao dun. Hǎo de. Qǐng shāo děng.
Also, please give me a bottle.	leh, tching gay woa ee ping. Yě, qǐng gěi wǒ yī píng.
also	ieh yě
Here you are,...	Gay ning,.... Gěi nín,...
...your beer.	...ning der pee joe. ...nín de pí jiǔ.

* Sentences in brackets are 'word for word' translations.

** 'You' (addressing one person) is 'ning'.

'You' when addressing two or more people is 'ni men'.

2. Are you Chinese? (Are you a China person?)

Are you Chinese? (You are - China - person - ?)	Ning shrr - Jung gor - ren - ma? Nín shì - Zhōng guó - rén - ma?
Thai person	Tai gor ren Tài guó rén
English (England person)	Ing gor ren Yīng guó rén
Are you English? (You are - England - person - ?)	Ning shrr - Ing gor - ren - ma? Nín shì - Yīng guó - rén ma?
No, I'm not.	Boo, woa boo shrr. Bù, wǒ bù shì.
I'm - a China person...	Woa shrr - Jung gor ren... Wǒ shì - Zhōng guó rén...
... but - I - live in - England.	...dan - woa - joo zye - Ing gor. ...dàn - wǒ zhù zài - Yīng guó.
Yes.	Shrr der. Shì de.
Do you come from Beijing? (You - come from - Beijing?)	Ning - lai tser - Beijing ma? Nín lái zì Běi jīng ma?
come from	lai tser lái zì
No, I don't come from Beijing.	Boo, woa boo lai tser Beijing. Bù, wǒ bù lái zì Běi jīng.
I don't come from Hong Kong.	Woa boo lai tser Shang Gang. Wǒ bù lái zì Xiāng Gǎng.
You - come from - where?	Ning - lai tser - na lí? Nín lái zì nǎ lí?
I come from Shanghai.	Woa lai tser Shanghai. Wǒ lái zì Shànghǎi.
I come from London.	Woa lai tser Loen doen. Wǒ lái zì Lún dūn.
This is your first time to come to Beijing? (This is - you - first time - come Beijing?)	Jer shrr - ning - dee yee tser - lai Beijing ma? Zhè shì - nín - dì yī cì - lái Běi jīng ma?
Hope you enjoy your stay in Beijing. (Hope you - in Beijing - happy.)	Ju ning - zai Beijing - yoo kuai. Zhù nín zài Běi jīng yú kuài.
happy /enjoyable	yoo kuai yú kuài
Happy birthday! (Birthday happy!)	Shen-rr - yoo kuai! Shēng rì - yú kuài!
Hope you have a nice weekend. (Hope you - (at) weekend - happy.)	Ju ning - Joe Moore - yoo kuai. Zhù nín - zhōu mò - yú kuài.
Bye!	Zai tyen! Zài jiàn!



3. Meeting and greeting

Hallo. Very pleased / glad - to meet you.	Ning hao. Herng gao shing - ren she ning. Nín hǎo. Hěn gāo xìng - rèn shí nín.
Very pleased...	Herng gao shing... Hěn gāo xìng...
...to meet you.	...ren she ning. ...rèn shí nín.
I am - John Smith.	Woa shrr - John Smith. Wǒ shì - John Smith.
My name is... (I'm called...)	Woa jiao... Wǒ jiào...
My name is Wong Qianqian *	Woa jiao Wong Tyan-tyan. Wǒ jiào Wáng Qiànqiàn.
*'Wáng' (pronounced Wong) is the family name, Qiànqiàn is the first name.	
Hallo Mrs. Wong. (Wong - Mrs., hello.)	Wong - new shoe, ning hao. Wáng nǚ shì, nín hǎo.
Hallo Mr. Lee. (Lee - Mr., hello.)	Lee - sien shun, ning hao. Lǐ xiān shēng, nín hǎo.
How are you?	Ni hao ma? Nǐ hǎo ma?
I'm very well, thanks. And you?	Woa herng hao, sier-sier. Ni ner? Wǒ hěn hǎo, xiè xiè. Nǐ ne?
And you?	Ni ner? (informal) / Ning ner? (formal) Nǐ ne? / Nín ne?
Welcome - to Beijing.	Huan ying - lai Beijing. Huān yíng - lái Běi jīng.
How was the journey? (The journey - how about it?)	Loo taw - zn-mer-yung? Lǚ tú - zěn me yàng?
Very pleasant.	Hern yoo kuai. Hěn yú kuài.
What time did you leave London? (You - what time - leave London - did?)	Ni/ning-shermer-shrr ho-leekai-Loenden-der? Nǐ / nín - shén me - shí hòu - lí kāi - Lún dūn - de?
what - time	sher mer - shrr ho shén me - shí hòu
leave London	lee kai - Loen doen lí kāi - Lún dūn
did	de
In the morning - (at) 9 o'clock.	Shang waw - jo dien. Shàng wǔ - jiǔ diǎn.
What time - do you leave Beijing - tomorrow? (You - tomorrow - what time - leave Beijing?)	Ni - ming tien - sher mer shrr ho - leekai Beijing? Nǐ - míng tiān - shén me shí hòu - lí kāi Běi jīng?
tomorrow	ming tien míng tiān

4. Future plans

What are we doing now? (We - now - do (ing) - what?) do / doing	Woa men – shien zai – tsoor - sher mer? Wǒ men - xiàn zài - zuò - shén me? tsoor zuò
What - are we going to do? (We - going to - do - what?) going to - do	Woa men - tyang yao - tsoor - sher mer? Wǒ men - jiāng yào - zuò shén - me? tyang yao - tsoor jiāng yào - zuò
Firstly - I'll take you - to the hotel. Firstly...	Show sien - woa dai ning - tchoo jo dien. Shǒu xiān - wǒ dài nín - qù jiǔ diàn. Show sien... Shǒu xiān...
...I'll take you...	...woa dai ning... ...wǒ dài nín...
...to - the hotel.	...tchoo - jo dien. ...qù - jiǔ diàn.
I'll - pick you up at 7. (I - 7 o'clock - come - to take - you.) come - to take - you	Woa - tchee dien - lai - tyeer - ning. Wǒ - qī diǎn - lái - jiē - nín. lai - tyeer - ning lái - jiē - nín
I'll wait for you at the hotel entrance. (I - at - the hotel - entrance - wait for you.) the hotel entrance	Woa - zai - jo dien - roo co - dern ning. Wǒ - zài - jiǔ diàn - rù kǒu - děng nín. jo dien - roo co jiǔ diàn - rù kǒu
wait for - you	dern - ning děng - nín
Then - we go to - a - restaurant. then	Rang ho - woa men tchoo - ee jar - fan dien. Rán hòu - wǒ men qù - yī jiǎ - fàn diàn. rang ho rán hòu
a - restaurant	ee jar - fan dien yī jiǎ - fàn diàn
We can eat there Peking roast duck. (We can - at that place - eat - Beijing roast duck.) there (at that place) and - dumplings	Woa men - kur yee - zai na lee - chr - Beijing kao ya. Wǒ men - kě yī - zài nà lǐ - chī - Běi jīng kǎo yā. zai na lee zài nà lǐ her - shway jiao hé - shuǐ jiǎo
Mmmm, very delicious! (Mmmm, very good food!) See you at 7. (7 o'clock - see.)	Mmmm, herng hao chr! Mmmm, hěn hǎo chī! Tchee dien - chien. Qī diàn - jiàn.



How often do I have to listen to the earworms CD before I can really remember all the language on it?

With the appeal of the earworms songs we hope that it is not a question of 'having to', it is rather a question of 'wanting to'. But seriously: the memory is like a muscle, it needs to be trained and exercised. Based on scientific studies, the ideal is listening relatively intensively at the beginning (the learning phase), thereafter listening periodically to review what you have learnt and refresh your memory.

In practical terms this means listening to the whole album the first day, in order to 'tune your ear in' to the sounds of the language. Then listen regularly, several times, over a period of one or two weeks, making sure that you listen to every song equally as many times. While listening, actually speak the words out loud, when you can, to get a feeling for their pronunciation. After this, go through the booklet and test your knowledge, picking out any gaps that you may wish to concentrate on.

Lastly, the review phase. As we all know, memories fade, so it is important to refresh your memory by listening to the CD at your leisure, say, once a week for the following few weeks. Thereafter, monthly.

This review phase is crucial as it consolidates your knowledge and transfers it into your long-term memory. Although this demands self-discipline, it is of course without effort, as you are only listening to songs.

The result is that you will be able to recall the words and phrases with the same ease that you remember your telephone number!



5. I reserved...

I - reserved - a - room.	Woa - ding ler - ee tien - fung tien. Wó - dīng le - yī jiān - fáng jiān.
a - room	ee tien - fung tien yī jiān - fáng jiān
My name is John Smith.	Woa jao John Smith. Wó jiào John Smith.
Could/can I see your passport? (I can - see - your - passport?)	Woa kur yee - kan - ning der - hoo jiao ma? Wó kě yǐ - kàn - nín de - hù zhào ma?
I can...	Woa kur yee... Wó kě yǐ...
...see	...kan ...kàn
...your	...ning der ...nín de
...passport?	...hoo jiao ...hù zhào.
Here you are.	Gay ning. Géi nín.
How are you paying? (You - how - pay?)	Ning - zn mer yung - fu kwan? Nín - zěn me yàng - fù kuǎn?
how	zn-mer-yung zěn me yàng
pay	fu kwan fù kuǎn
Using - credit card.	Yong - shing yong ka. Yòng - xìn yòng kǎ.
I'll pay by credit card. (I'll - use - a credit card - to pay.)	Woa yong - shing yong ka - fu kwan. Wó yòng - xìn yòng kǎ - fù kuǎn.
Here you are - the key.	Gay ning - yao shrr. Géi nín - yào shì.
Where is...	Na li shrr... Nǎ lǐ shì...
...the breakfast room? (to eat - breakfast - kind of* - room?)	...chrr - zao tsan - der* - fung tien? ...chī - zǎo cān - de* - fáng jiān?
Do you need help? (You - need - help -?)	Ning - shoo yao - bung choo - ma? Nín - xū yào - bāng zhù - ma?
Do you need help to carry baggage? (You - need - help - to carry - baggage - ?)	Ning - shoo yao - bung choo - tee - shing lee - ma? Nín xū yào - bāng zhù - tí - xíng li - ma?
Yes, thank you.	Shrr der, sier sier. Shì de, xiè xiè.
You're very kind.	Nin jung hao. Nín zhēn hǎo.

* The particle 'de' signifies an adjective, i.e. the kind of object.

6. More numbers

11	shrr ee shí yī	30	san shrr sān shí
12	shrr are shí èr	40	soo shrr sì shí
13	shrr san shí sān	100	ee bai yī bǎi
14	shrr soo shí sì	200	are bai èr bǎi
15	shrr awe shí wǔ	300	san bai sān bǎi
16	shrr leo shí liù	1000	ee tien yī qiān
17	shrr tchee shí qī	2000	are tien / liang tienèr qiān / liǎng qiān
18	shrr baa shí bā	10,000	ee wan* yī wàn
19	shrr geo shí jiǔ	20,000	are wan / liang wan èr wàn / liǎng wàn
20	are shrr èr shí	100,000	shrr wan shí wàn

* 1 'wan' is a unit of 10,000; 2 wan = 20,000; san wan = 30,000 and 35,000 = san wan awe tien.

Now just for a bit of practice, after listening, work out these numbers:

soo shrr - san..... =

soo bai - soo shrr - san..... =

geo bai - geo shrr - geo..... =

ee tien - are bai - geo shrr..... =

ee wan - ee tien - ee bai - shrr ee..... =

ee tien - ee..... =

ee wan - ee..... =

san tien - awe bai..... =

7. Can I help you? (Booking a room)

Hallo. Can I help you?	Ning hao. Woa kur yee bung chu ning ma? Nín hǎo. Wǒ kě yǐ bāng zhù nín ma?
Can I... (I can ...)	Woa kur yee... wǒ kě yǐ...
...help you -?	...bung choo ning - ma? ...bāng zhù nín - ma?
Have you a room for this evening? (Today - evening - have - a room - ?)	Jing tien - wan shong - yo - fang tien - ma? Jīn tiān - wǎn shàng - yǒu - fáng jiān - ma?
(For) this evening... (Today evening...)	Jing tien-wan shong... Jīn tiān-wǎn shàng...
...do you have a room? (...have - room - ?)	...yo - fang tien - ma? ...yǒu - fáng jiān - ma?
We have. (Have.)	Y _o -oo (intonation down, then up). Yǒu.
(For) how many persons?	Gee gur ren? Jǐ gè rén?
(For) one person.	Ee gur ren. Yī gè rén.
(For) two persons.	Liang gur ren. Liǎng gè rén.
(For) how many nights? (How many - evenings?)	Gee gur - wan shong? Jǐ gè - wǎn shàng?
For three nights. (Three of evenings)	San gur wan shong. Sān gè wǎn shàng.
How much is it - per night? (How much money - one evening?)	Door shao tien - ee gur wan shong? Duō shǎo qián - yī gè wǎn shàng?
750 Juan. (Seven hundred - fifty – yuan.)	Tchee bei - awe shrr - yuan. Qī bǎi - wǔ shí - yuán.
Does it include breakfast? (Includes - breakfast - ?)	Bao koor - zao tsan - ma? Bāo kuò - zǎo cān - ma?
Yes, including breakfast.	Shrr der, bao koor - zao tsan. Shì de, bāo kuò zǎo cān.
OK, I'll take a room. (OK, I'll have a room.)	Hao de, woa yao - ee tien - fung tien. Hǎo de, wǒ yào - yī jiān - fáng jiān.
You using - credit card - to pay?	Ning yong - shing yong ka - foo kwan ma? Nín yòng - xìn yòng kǎ - fù kuǎn ma?
No, in cash. (No, using - cash.)	Boo, yong - sien jing. Bù, yòng - xiàn jīn.
Where is - the elevator? (Elevator - at where?)	Dien tee - zai n _a l _e e? Diàn tī - zài nǎ lǐ?
It's where?	Zai n _a l _e e? Zài nǎ lǐ?
It's there.	Zai n _a l _e e. Zài nǎ lǐ.



8. Personal details

Could you complete this form? (You could - complete - in writing - this - form -?)	Ning kur yee - tien shieh - jur jang biao gur ma? Nin kē yī - tián xiě - zhè zhāng - biǎo gé - ma?
Could you complete in writing... (You could - complete writing...)	Ning kur yee - tien shieh... Nin kē yī - tián xiě...
...this - form - ?	...jur jang - biao gur - ma? ...zhè zhāng - biǎo gé - ma?
You - can - use - English.	Ning - kur yee - yung - Ing-oo. Nin - kē yī - yòng - yīng yǔ.
can use	kur yee yung kē yī yòng
Here you are - a pen.	Gay ning - bee. Gēi nín - bǐ.
a pen	bee bǐ
First name	Ming Míng
Family name	Shing Xíng
Nationality	Gor gee Guó jī
Passport-number	Hoo jao - hao maar Hù zhào - hào mǎ
Profession / Job	Jrr yie Zhí yè
Address	Dee jrr Dì zhǐ
Married	Ee hwen Yī hūn
Not married	Way hwen Wèi hūn
Age	Nien ling Nián líng
Birth place	Choo shen - dee dien Chū shēng - dì diǎn
Birth - year - month (= Date of birth)	Choo shen - nien yue Chū shēng - nián - yuè
January (= 1. Month)	ee yue yī yuè
February (= 2. Month)	are yue èr yuè
March (= 3. Month)	san yue sān yuè
April (= 4. Month) / etc, etc	soo yue / deng deng sì yuè / dēng dēng

9. How about Beijing roast duck?

Good evening.	Wan shang hao. Wǎn shàng hào.
We - reserved seats for 9 o'clock. (We reserved - 9 o'clock type seats.)	Wo men - ding le - joe dien der* - tsoor way. Wǒ men - dīng le - jiǔ diǎn - de* - zuò wèi.
seats for 9 o'clock (9 o'clock type seats)	joe dien der - tsoor way. jiǔ diǎn - de - zuò wèi.
This way, please.	Jur bien, tching. Zhè biān, qǐng.
This is - the menu.	Jur sher - tsai dan. Zhè shì - cài dān.
What would you like to drink? (You would like to - drink - what?)	Ni men siang yao - hur - sher mer? Nǐ men xiǎng yào - hē shén me?
We'd like to - drink - green tea.	Woa men siang yao - hur - loo cha. Wǒ men xiǎng yào - hē - lǜ chá.
flower blossom tea	hua cha huā chá
What would you like to eat? (You would like to - eat - what?)	Ni shang yao - chrr - sher mer? Nǐ xiǎng yào - chī shén me?
Do you like chicken?	Ni shi huan - gee row - ma? Nǐ xǐ huān - jī ròu - ma?
I like chicken.	Woa shi huan - gee row. Wǒ xǐ huān - jī ròu.
I like fish.	Woa shi huan - yoo row. Wǒ xǐ huān - yú ròu.
fish	yoo row yú ròu
shrimps	shia xiā
How about Peking roast duck? (Beijing roast duck - how about it?)	Beijing kao ya - zn-mer-yung? Běi jīng kǎo yā - zěn me yàng?
roast duck	kao ya kǎo yā
We'd like Peking roast duck and dumplings.	Wo men siang yao - Beijing kao ya - her - shway jao. Wǒ men xiǎng yào - Běi jīng kǎo yā - hé - shuǐ jiǎo.
What do you think of it? (Your feeling - how is it?)	Ni jue der - zn-mer-yung? Nǐ jué de - zěn me yang?
It tastes - fantastic!	Way dao - how geeler! Wèi dào - hào jí le!
Fantastic!	How geeler! Hào jí le!

* The particle 'de' (der) signifies an adjective, i.e. the kind of object.



10. Where do you work? (An informal chat)

What's your job? (Your - job - is what?)	Ni der - goong tsoor- shrr sher me? Ní de - gōng zuò - shì shén me?
I work for a bank. (I for - a bank - work.)	Woa wey - ee jar ying hung - goong tsoor. Wǒ wèi - yī jiā yín háng - gōng zuò.
for	wey wèi
a - bank	ee jar - ying hung yī jiā - yín háng
You - there - have worked - how long?	Ni - zai na lee - goong tsoor le - door jio? Ní - zài nà lǐ - gōng zuò le - duō jiǔ?
6 years	Leo nien. Liù nián.
How old are you? 28 years - old.	Are shrr baa - suey. Èr shí bā - sui
Are you married? (You - are married -?)	Ni - jeer hwn ler - ma? Ní - jié hūn le - ma?_
No, I'm - single.	May yo, woa - dan shun. Méi yǒu, wǒ - dān shēn.
Why do you ask? (You - why - ask?)	Ni - way sher mer - wern? Ní - wèi shén me - wèn?
Why...? (For - what...?)	Way - sher mer...? Wèi - shén me...?
older brother, younger brother	gur gur, dee dee gē ge, dì dì
older sister, younger sister	jer jer, may may jiě jie - mèi mei
my mother, my father	woa der ma ma, woader ba ba wǒ de mā ma - wǒ de bà ba
my wife, husband	woa der lao por, lao goong wǒ de lǎo pó, lǎo gōng
children, one - child	hai dse, ee gur - hai dse hái zi, yī gè - hái zi
a - son, a - daughter	ee gur - are dse, ee gur - nu are yī gè - ér zi, yī gè - nǚ ér
What are you doing tomorrow evening? (You - tomorrow evening - doing - what?)	Ni - ming tien wan shung - tsoor - sher mer? Ní - míng tiān wǎn shàng - zuò - shén me?
Would you like - to meet - ?	Ni shiang - chien mien - ma? Ní xiǎng - jiàn miàn - ma?
OK, where? What time?	Hao der, na a lee? Gee dien? Hǎo de, nǎ lǐ? shí jiān?
How about here? (Here - how about it?)	Jur lee - zn mer yung? Zhè lǐ - zěn me yàng?
OK, see you tomorrow. (OK, tomorrow see.)	Hao der, ming tien chien. Hǎo de, míng tiān jiàn.

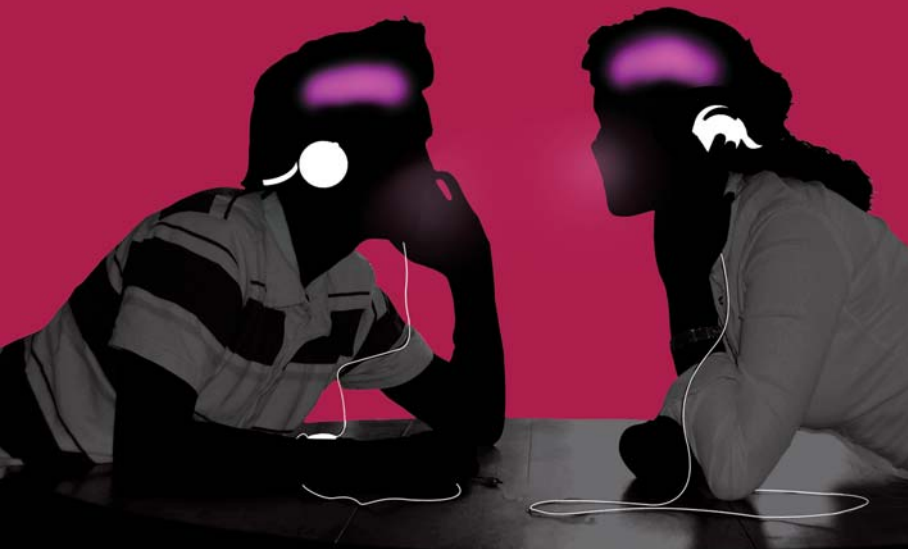
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The science behind earworms mbt®

1. How we learn

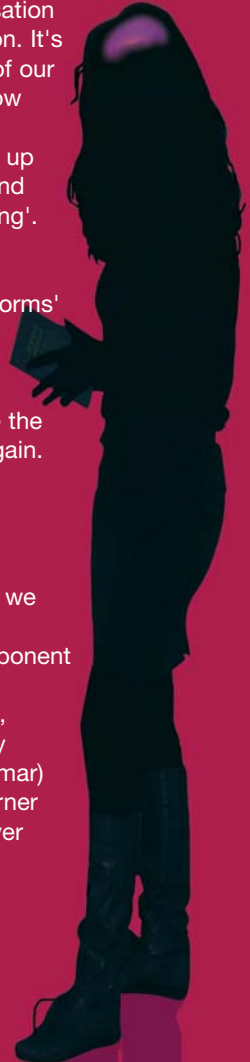
A large part of learning in general and language learning in particular is to do with the memorisation of words, facts and other significant information. It's a well-known fact that we use only a fraction of our brain power and traditional book learning is now recognised as not suiting every learner.

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