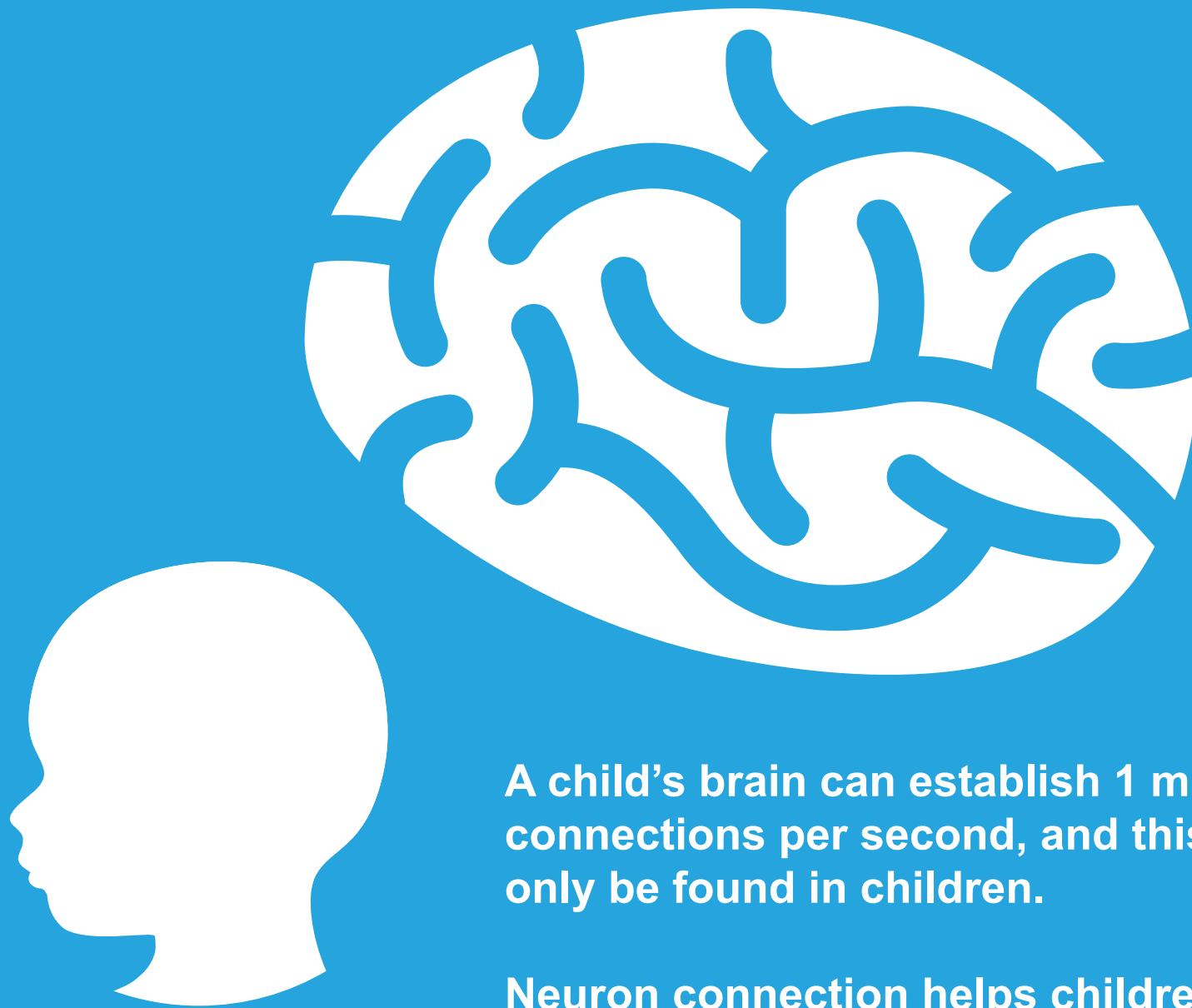


Ma-ma
Da-da!

Shall we speak
baby talk ?



**The brains of a 3-year-old children
are twice as active as an adult.**



A child's brain can establish 1 million neuron connections per second, and this speed could only be found in children.

Neuron connection helps children to develop brain function and learning ability.

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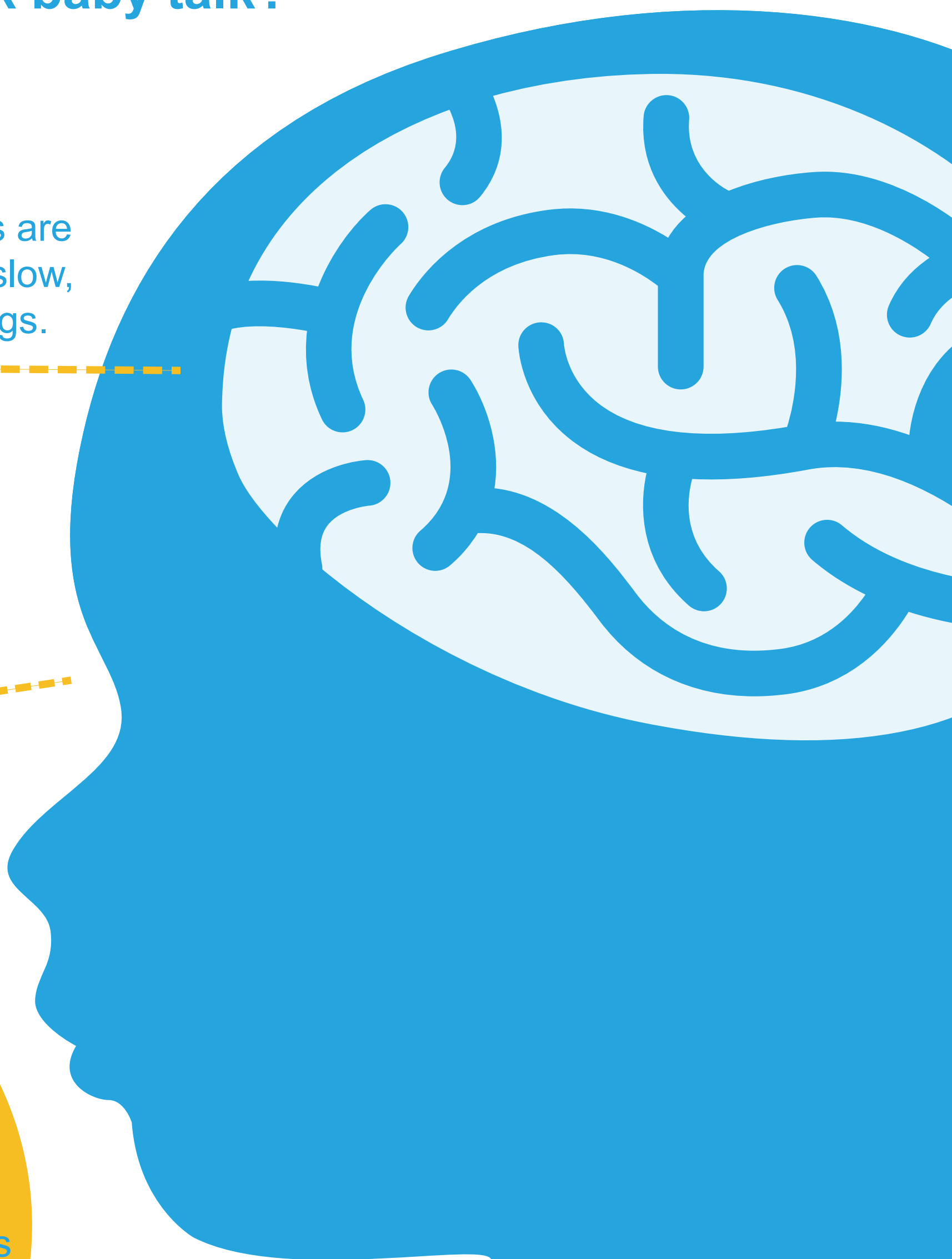
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Why do we need to speak baby talk?

Some studies indicate that babies are more focused and responsive to slow, melodic, and exaggerated wordings.

Not only does the baby can hear baby talk, they can also see the exaggerated expression of parents.



The benefits of baby talk



Can stimulate babies' brain. It helps to build language ability.



Interact with baby talk helps to build up a parent-child relationship.

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How to speak baby talks?

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Tip 1: Use simple wording.



“Have congee” or
“have tomato potato fish congee”?

Tip 2: Talk slowly,
baby talk isn't tongue twisters.



Tip 3: Baby talk is melodic.

—
smile

or

smile

Tip 4: Attract baby attention with
exaggerated expressions.



Practice makes perfect!

1. Spend about 15 minutes per day for parent-child interaction to practice baby talk with your baby.
2. Choose specific things to talk about. Objects like toys or pictures are good choices.
3. It is recommended to take away things that distract you and your baby (such as mobile phones) during the parent-child interaction. It helps you to focus on the conversation.
4. If you are not used to speak in an exaggerated tone, don't need to be nervous, practice makes perfect!

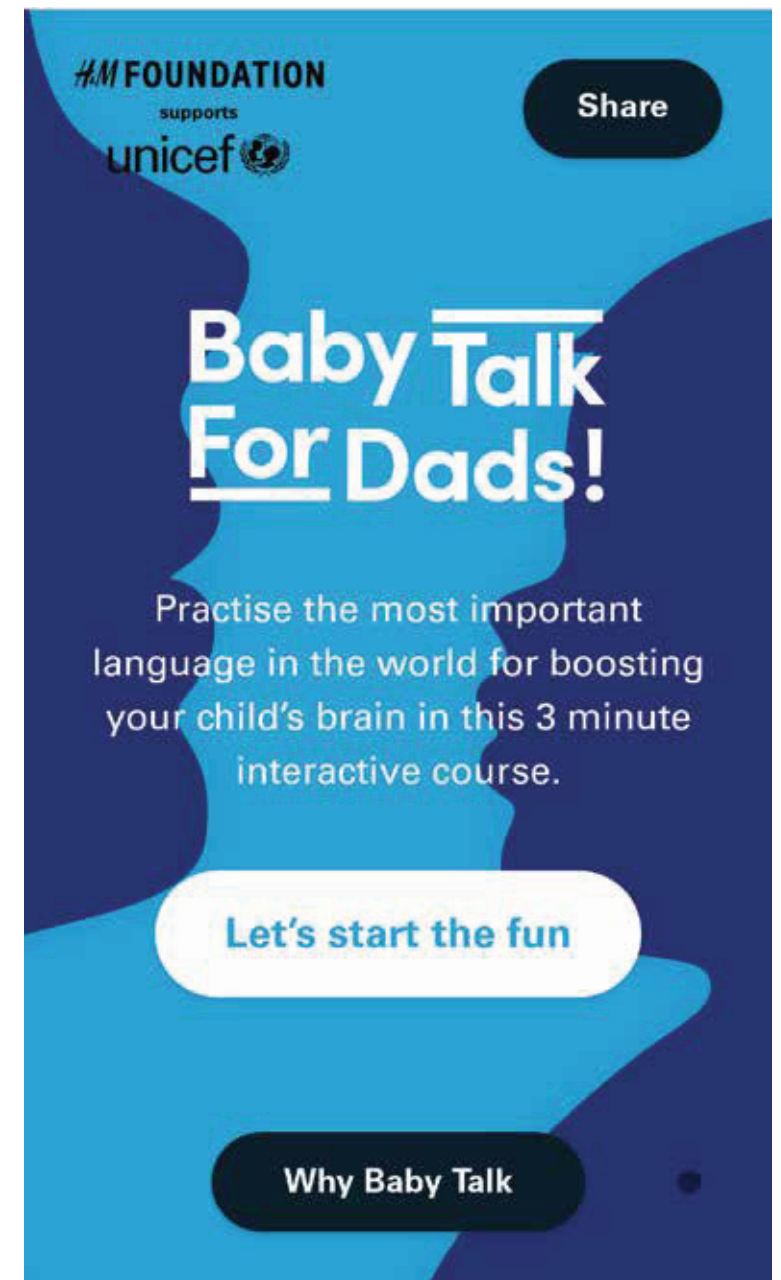


Baby Talk for Dads

To encourage dads to communicate with babies, UNICEF partners with H&M Foundation to develop an online tool, “Baby Talk for Dads”, which allows dads to practice baby talk. How do dads talk to babies? Watch the video now~



 Watch



Mini Parenting Master Class: Baby Talk

In the mini parenting master class, Dr. Marina Kalashnikova, who researches how babies learn language, explains what baby talk is and why it's the important.



 Watch



Find out more resources on Early Childhood Development



Recommendation

Early Childhood Development Leaflet
The leaflet provides tips for teachers, parents and child care worker to boost children's development



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