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Multilingualism is very common nowadays and monolingualism is rather the exception. This lecture will consider the conditions and effects of multilingualism at different stages of life, among children, adults and the elderly. How are several languages represented in the human brain? Does 'the sooner the better' necessarily apply to the acquisition of two or more languages? Do you lose a second language in old age before your native language? Does multilingualism prevent cognitive decline in old age? New research results will be presented on these questions and some myths about multilingualism will be dispelled.