Bilingual children develop a better working memory -which holds, processes and updates information over short periods of time- than monolingual children, a new study has revealed.

The working memory plays a major role in the execution of a wide range of activities, such as mental calculation (since we have to remember numbers and operate with them) or reading comprehension (given that it requires associating the successive concepts in a text).

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