



Importance of Foreign Language for Non-Native Students

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Abstract: The purpose of this article is to clarify why learning a foreign language is important not only for linguists, but also for representatives of other fields. Scientific articles and monographs written on this topic were used as a scientific source for writing a scientific article. The importance of a foreign language is the object of study of this article, and why it is important for representatives of other fields is the subject of the article.

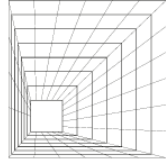
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Foreign language programs help to inspire greater cultural awareness. Studying different languages not only equips students with vital business skills, but also encourages students to explore new cultures, connect with native speakers, and travel. The advantages of learning foreign languages are mushrooming as the world becomes increasingly globalized and bilingualism is now perhaps the most useful real world skill to ever exist, rather than just being a nifty party trick. If you're thinking about making the effort to learn a foreign language rather than expecting the world to accommodate your mono-lingualism, you are a rare breed indeed. Blossoming into the impressive polyglot you aspire to be is 100% feasible with the right approach and mindset. Foreign language study is all about learning how to truly communicate and connect with others—an incredibly important life skill that can only be cultivated by interacting with people. When you master a foreign language, you can exercise your new superhuman power of being able to understand what someone is saying, recall the proper vocab and grammar, put that vocab and grammar into the proper context, and reply back—all on the spot and in a timely manner. You've connected. And that is what it's all about.

Literature Analysis And Methodology

Whether you love [learning language](#) or hate it, there are compelling reasons to put foreign language skills on your list for personal or professional development. Language skills are practical for your career and have benefits far beyond simple communication. Here's what you need to know to add a foreign language to your development plan today.

1. Improves native language understanding. Studying a second language helps students better understand their own native language. As students learn the grammar, structure, and quirks of a second language, they begin to notice "what they know" about their first language. This helps students command their first language with more skill.



2. Enhances analytical skills. Studying a foreign language may also improve analytical skills. To learn a new language, people engage with multiple cognitive strategies such as problem-solving and abstract concept visualization. This process [builds cognitive strategies](#) students can use in other areas.

3. Improves job prospects. A [2019 study suggested](#) that 32% of U.S. employers needed employees with second language communication skills, and one in four employers surveyed lost a business opportunity due to language challenges. Learning a second language can provide job-seekers with a stand-out resume.

4. Can help improve attention span and focus. Some evidence suggests that learning languages improves executive function and attention. Executive function is a set of skills required for everyday behavior—examples of executive functions include memory, flexible thinking, self-control. [A literature review](#) found evidence that suggested potential links between attention span, focus, and bilingualism or multilingualism. It might be the case that learning a new language helps to improve many executive functions.

5. Slows cognitive decline. A [long-term study](#) on monolingual and bilingual persons discovered that learning a second language seems to prevent cognitive decline in later age. The study began in the 1940s when participants were 11 years old, and speakers were retested between 2008 and 2010. Participants who became bilingual in those intervening years showed less decline in attention and cognition-related tests.

6. Builds multitasking skills. Current advice suggests multitasking isn't the most efficient way to complete tasks. However, job-seekers will definitely face some situations where multitasking is inevitable. Studying a foreign language could help [improve multitasking skills](#) because language switching helps to create new pathways as the brain switches from one language to another.

7. Improves memory. Learning a new language may contribute to better memory. Some studies conducted [on bilingual children](#) found them better at memory games than monolingual children. Other studies on new language learners—even those who hadn't mastered another language yet—showed a better capacity for memory tasks. It could even help [delay the onset](#) of memory-related age disorders such as Alzheimer's.

Discussion And Results

How does studying a foreign language benefit a career?

Language learning can directly benefit career searches, especially in a competitive job field. Organizations are increasingly integrated with the global economy; companies are now looking to internationalize and operate in areas where knowing a second language is not only beneficial, but also necessary.

In data science, for example, a company might need a data scientist who can read studies and documentation in Chinese. Another company may need speakers for a new office in Mexico.

In the United States, millions of people speak a language other than English at home. Companies that want to localize and are able to reach these speakers in their native language will have a competitive edge over companies that lack access to speakers of a local language.

What is the importance of language in education?



Language learning has been shown to have a host of benefits in education, including enhancing students’:

- Problem-solving skills
- Memory functioning
- Creative thinking
- Verbal abilities
- Communication skills

Listening abilities

Cultural awareness

Students who learn a second language tend to enjoy these cognitive benefits that, in turn, lead to higher academic performance and language abilities.

Conclusion

Students who can speak a second or multiple languages may also read studies and materials in a different language. They can help conduct research with global colleagues, and they have access to knowledge banks in multiple languages—unlike monolingual students who must rely on available translations. Translations take time, and a lot of valuable information can get lost in translation.

In conclusion, as the most spoken language in the world, English holds a huge part in the communication. International business goes well because of English. It helps people when they are using technology products although growth of technology increasing continuously.

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