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### **Why is it important to learn foreign languages?**

Anton Czechow, a very famous Russian writer said "Without knowledge of foreign languages, people feel worse than without a passport". Was he right? Are foreign languages really important in our life?

Many of us think that learning a foreign language might not be as useful as it sounds. But learning a new language does not only improve our basic knowledge, it also helps us understand each other better when it comes to mentality, religion and traditions. We learn to appreciate other languages as much as we appreciate our native language. Knowing a foreign language is also a requirement when it comes to finding a good and stable job.

Nowadays, languages have gained a lot of advantages, so we ought to learn them because they have positive effects on us. Given the current financial situation in society, it is important to speak fluently more than one foreign languages and be flexible to work abroad. For instance, in some European countries it is necessary to understand and know languages because many youngsters who are about to take up a job, will have to travel abroad in case they won't find one in their own country. So they will have more options. Moreover, high school students must be provided with the necessary qualifications to be accepted by a foreign university and receive quality education. For

example, many countries all over the world have a lot expensive universities, so in case someone doesn't have the possibility to pay the tuition fees, they could take as a reward a scholarship because of his language skills. Knowing foreign languages also means enriching one's own culture, and it can help us integrate better into the society.

There are multiple reasons for learning foreign languages. Some learn to go abroad and start working there, others want to appreciate the various foreign languages like their native language. These reasons are different but they all have the same goal. When you learn a foreign language, you have a wider vision of the world. You can go around the world and have lots of fun with people of other countries. You can learn the traditions, the food and the habits of that country.

English is one of the widely spoken languages in the world. But there are also French, Mandarin, Spanish, Russian and Hindi which have lots of speakers.

Stop creating excuses and start learning. Words like polyglot and multilingual don't seem scary anymore. It is worth remembering that: "The limits of my language are the limits of my world"- Ludwig Wittgenstein. There are so many languages in the world and no one can learn all of them, but learning a foreign language, just one, can help in a lot of situations. At school, at work, in society, in other countries and so much more! It's not easy, but if you persist, you will do many amazing things. So you just have to work hard, and never forget:

**You can do it!**