



Ten Reasons To Learn

A Second Language!

1. In many European countries, a second language is introduced in elementary school and a third is introduced at middle school. Job applicants who are proficient in at least two languages will have a distinct advantage in the global marketplace.
2. In the scientific fields, most universities and colleges require that you are able to read in a second language.
3. Learning a second language opens the door for communicating with people across the globe through the Internet.
4. Knowledge of a second language is essential in over 60 countries. Job opportunities abound with airlines, import/export companies, foreign relations, media outlets, marketing, and education.
5. Almost all of the English Language has its roots in Latin, German, French or Spanish.
6. The study of a foreign language enhances your grammar skills and increases your proficiency in English. Additionally, research has shown that the study of a foreign language improves scores on the SAT and ACT.



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7. Learning a foreign language enables you to travel in a foreign land, becoming more open to foreign cultures, foods, and geography.
8. Learning a foreign language increases your problem solving skills and improves your memory, self-discipline, and self esteem. Because progress is very easy to measure, you can quickly take pride in your new abilities.
9. Learning a foreign language and the geography associated with that language improves your overall understanding of world's geography.
10. Learning the culture of other countries helps us to understand our own with more depth, making connections with current and historical elements.

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Learning about world cultures, language and customs brings us a little closer.

The Five Cs of Learning a Foreign Language

1. Communication

Interpersonal

Interpretive

Presentational

Writing and Speaking

2. Culture

3. Connections

4. Comparisons

5. Community

Foreign Language Terms

FLES Programs focus less on the teaching of grammar, and more on understanding and speaking. FLES classes usually meet two to five times a week for 20 to 40 minutes at a time.

FLEX programs introduce students to a foreign language and culture and motivate them to pursue further language study. FLEX classes are usually conducted in English, with some basic communication in the foreign language.

Immersion is a program in which the students learn all "regular" subject matter via the foreign language. Students enrolled in an immersion program learn the language being taught at an almost-native proficiency by age 11. Some studies show that students initially lag behind their peers in core subjects, but ultimately catch up and often go beyond.



Society and Culture . . .

America is a country born of immigrants. Our culture is rooted in European history. Many Americans trace their family histories to Europe, Asia, Africa, and Central America.

Travel to these countries is very popular to learn, research and experience the culture and society of our forefathers.

Politics . . .

The United Nations (U.N) has six official languages and two working languages. Offices of the U.N. around the world require translators, employees and diplomats who have a significant background in pluralistic societies and cultures in order for the participants to understand and begin problem solving. Several large organizations that do humanitarian work involve people of many different nationalities. The Olympics, International Labor Bureau, the International Monetary Fund and the International Red Cross all have connections in many foreign countries.

Global Communication. . .

Knowing one foreign language often enables you to better understand another foreign language. This is especially true in the Romance Languages (Italian, French, Spanish, Romanian and Portuguese), which are derived from Latin.



If you are thinking of a career in business, science, technology or medicine, having a solid understanding of a foreign language will be key to connecting with colleagues across the globe. **Education . . .**

Math and verbal SAT scores are progressively higher as the years of study of foreign language increase. Scores can show gains of more than 100 points.

Children studying a second language can achieve higher standardized test scores in



reading, math, and language arts.

Economy and Business . . .

Foreign countries are our most important trade partners. Many of our agricultural products, man-made products and information services are exported. Companies based in a foreign country often have subsidiaries here in the United States. Conversely, many American companies have headquarters in foreign countries with whom they have partnerships.