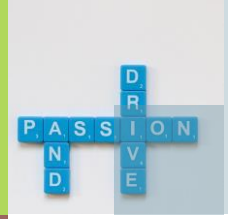
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Do you think it's important to learn another language? Why? Why not? Work in pairs and compare your ideas.

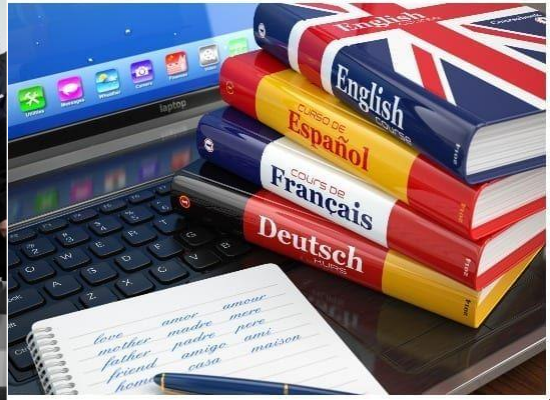














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/ˈneɪʃən/ noun



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nation

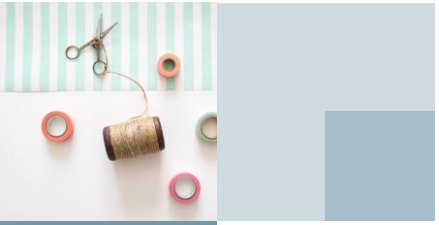


a country, especially when thought of as a large group of people living in one area with their own government, language, traditions, etc.:

e.g., The whole nation watched the ceremony on television.

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repeat





/ˌɪntərˈækt/ noun







interact

if people interact with each other, they talk to each other, work together etc

Lucy interacts well with other children in the class.



repeat

/ɪmˈplɔɪmənt/ noun





employment

the condition of having a paid job

- She is still looking for full-time employment.
- She was offered employment in the sales office.





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repeat

/ˌɑːpərˈtuːnəti/ noun



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opportunity

a chance to get a job or improve your situation at work



- Several workers took the opportunity to retire early.

- have opportunity

I was lucky enough to have the opportunity to travel.

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repeat

/weɪdʒ/noun





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wage

[singular] (also wages [plural]) money you earn that is paid according to the number of hours, days, or weeks that you work

- The workers asked for a 20% wage increase.
- He earns a good wage.



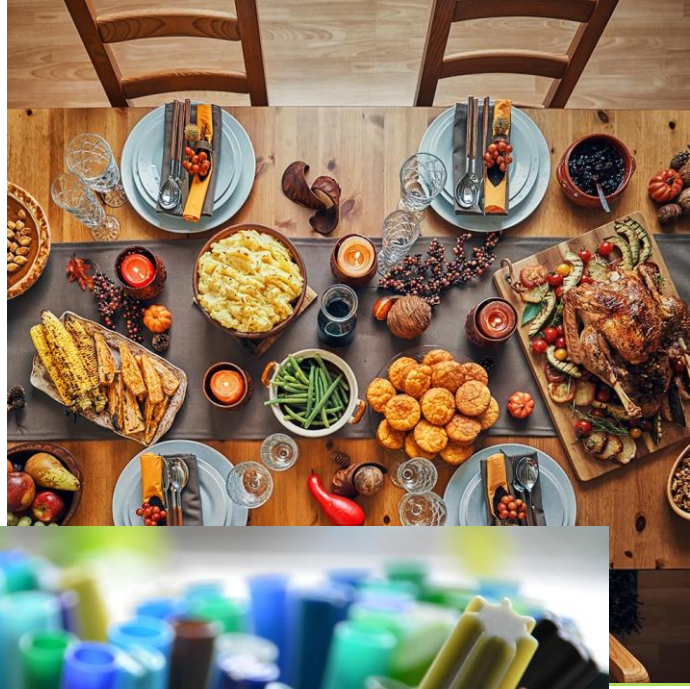


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repeat

/vəˈraɪəti/ noun









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a variety of something

a lot of things of the same type that are different from each other in some way



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Read the text and choose the best title.

1 Why it is important to learn another language
2 If you don't learn another language, you won't find a good job
3 Everyone should learn English

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Did you know that if you learn a foreign language, it can help you improve your math skills and your grades in other subjects? And the longer you study, the more you will improve. It doesn't matter which language you choose, learning it will make a difference to you and to the way people see you.

You can't understand another culture until you can "enter" that culture. And how can you "enter" a culture if you can't communicate in their language? We live in a world where nations need to interact with each other – in business, politics, and social life. A person who can communicate in other languages can bring cultures together and help create global understanding.

Knowledge of other languages will also bring employment opportunities. This isn't the main reason for learning a language, but it's true that you will be able to ask for a better wage, too. Business is only one area of employment where people need language skills. Government offices, the travel business, engineering, communications, education, international law, publishing, advertising, entertainment, and scientific research are all areas that need people with foreign language skills.

When you learn a language you use a variety of learning skills. You improve your creativity and thinking skills such as problem solving. As language learners learn to deal with new cultural ideas, they can change to fit in with a fast-changing world. They learn to understand and accept different lifestyles and traditions. Research shows that knowledge of other languages helps students' understanding of their native language, too.

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COMPREHENSION

3 Read the text again and decide if the sentences are true or false. Correct the false sentences.

1 You won't do well in math until you've learned another language. False. Learning another language can improve your math skills.
2 Only some languages will make a difference to your life and the way others see you.
3 You can understand another culture even if you don't speak their language.
4 The main reason for learning a language is to get a good job and more money.
5 Engineers and scientists don't need foreign language skills as much as businessmen and women do.
6 Language learning helps people deal with change and new ideas.
7 If you want to understand your own language better, it can help learn a foreign language, too.



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Let's analyze the text.

deal with sb/sth
= to take the necessary action, especially in order to solve a problem **SYN** *handle*

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Fit in
= if someone fits in, they are accepted by the other people in a group

- I never really fitted in at school

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Native language/tongue

= the language you spoke when you first learned to speak

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VOCABULARY

8 Match the words in the box with their meanings.

culture	employment	foreign
interact	~~international~~	law
native	wage	social

1 involving many different countries international

2 having a job _____

3 referring to a country you don't live in _____

4 referring to your home country _____

5 a country's traditions and customs _____

6 the money you earn from a job _____

7 a rule in a country _____

8 communicate _____

9 relating to other people in a friendly way _____



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VOCABULARY: Communication

4 Complete the questions with the words in the box.

international	employment	~~foreign~~	native	
culture	interact	social	wage	law

1 Is it true that some people can speak a foreign language just as well as their _____ language?
2 Are there good _____ opportunities for people who speak more than one language?
3 Do language teachers earn a good _____ in your country?
4 Do you have a busy _____ life on weekends?
5 Is it true that the language people speak can tell you a lot about their _____?
6 Have the Internet and the telephone made _____ communication much easier?
7 Do tourists _____ better with the native people if they learn some of the language?
8 Is it against the _____ in your country for sixteen-year-olds to quit school and start working?

A different language is a different vision of life.
Federico Fellini, Italian movie director (1920–1993)

? Which of these languages do people still use, and where?
Latin Sanskrit
Gaelic Nubian

Talk together

5 Work in pairs. Ask and answer the questions in Exercise 4.

Homework

- work on the summary of page 88.
- Go online and search about advantages of learning a new language.



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