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## **A learning of foreign languages is very important in our life**

**To learn a language is to have one more window from which to look at the world**

People cannot exist in the modern world without the knowledge of languages. Some people believe that children should begin learning a foreign language as soon as they start school. Others disagree. In my view, children should start study a foreign language as early as possible for two important reasons. First, young children easier memorize new words than adults. Scientists have proved that the foreign words easier to remember in a childhood age than in adult life. For example, when I was a student of the first grade in elementary school number 47 in my city Ufa, I saw a scientist film on TV channel "National Geographic", in which a famous professor said that a child can easy memorize new foreign words, and they do it better than adults. After that, I decided to learn a foreign language, which was english. This subject was an extra course, which I attend with my best friend Dinara. I and Dinara made cards with words, sang english songs, saw films on the lessons. Other classmates did not want to study english because they wanted to learn other subjects. Now I grew up. I met my classmates Sasha and Petya at a meeting organized in honor of the fifth anniversary of graduation. They told me that they have been studying English for 5 years already. It takes for them longer time than I have in my childhood. I started talking to them in English, and realized that their level is below mine, although I studied a language only 2 years when I was a child. My experience taught me that a learning a foreign language is easier in childhood than in adult life because you have a good memory of words. Therefore, it is easy to built your vocabulary. Did you know that our world has about 6,500 languages? Sadly, only 20 percent of Americans speak a language other than English, but I think there is a solution to this. Over the past couple years, I have begun to notice that in many schools in the U.S., including mine, students don't start the process of learning a new language until middle school. It would be extremely beneficial if schools instead thought about putting more money into acquiring bilingual programs for grammar school students.

The easiest way for someone to become bilingual is to start at a very young age, because their brain absorbs the sounds and rules of a new

language naturally just like their native tongue. The older you get, the harder it is to learn a language because you have to study grammar rules and work around your already developed first language.

Some people think that a child only has room for one language in their life, and that to learn a second one, they would find it confusing. This is not true and in fact some places, such as Switzerland, have students learn up to two additional languages and by the time they graduate high school many of them are even trilingual.

A new language is one of the most rewarding experiences for anyone, but even more so at a young age. “During the first three years of life, the foundations for thinking, language, visions, attitude, aptitude, and other characteristics are laid down. It would be a waste not to use a child’s natural ability to learn during his or her most vital years when learning a second language is as easy as learning the first,” says Ronald Kotulak, author of “Inside the Brain.”

Some of the most crucial benefits of being bilingual are that a child’s focus, memory, planning and multitasking skills are better than if they are monolingual. Children can also ignore distractions easier because the part of their brain called the “executive function” is stronger in bilinguals, and this of course would benefit their academic performance in the classroom.

A second language can also help when traveling, especially a common one such as Spanish or French. Vacations to foreign countries would be more enjoyable, and it would open people’s minds to the different cultures of the world. My mother and father are fluent in Italian and English, so I know what it is like to be around someone bilingual.

A few years ago, my family and I visited Italy, where most of our relatives live. It was an amazing experience, but I felt a little bit out of place not being fully proficient in the language. Now, I think about how different that trip would have been if I had been able to communicate better. Everyday activities like listening to local music, watching a movie, or just getting a cup of coffee would have been effortless if I had known Italian.

Bilingualism at a young age also leads to many advantages in the long run, such as getting into a good college and having more career options. A second or third language can boost your chances of getting into a more academically advanced institution. Foreign language SAT tests are a great way of standing out during the college admission process. It’s important to show them what you’re capable of, and it can

give you a head start by allowing you to complete the basic language requirement before other students. As the world is becoming more globalized, knowing a foreign language in business is also valuable. For example, someone who speaks Spanish has the advantage of communicating with people from 21 different countries worldwide. When applying for a new job, companies will certainly take this into consideration. If schools would teach languages from kindergarten through high school, more students would have the chance to go on to college, and have successful careers.