

Report about learning foreign languages through the eyes of a young person

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How do you learn foreign languages? A few methods which you find are good. How would you like to learn foreign languages? A few tips! - Wie lernst du Fremdsprachen? Einige Methoden, die du gut findest! Wie möchtest du Fremdsprachen lernen? Einige Tipps! *

I have been learning foreign languages since elementary school, with English being the first one, followed by German in middle school, and currently French. I have never taken any courses outside of school lessons, but I have been doing my best to familiarize myself with the language more during my free time.

I think that learning foreign languages is an important experience in my life. Throughout the years, I have gained insight into how to effectively study new languages and how to improve on the ones I already know to some degree. I am certain that these experiences will surely come in handy in the future.

I find foreign languages to be an easy way to interact with cultures and people around the world within the comfort of my home. I often read both news and technical articles written in different languages. By doing so, I can study new vocabulary without making too much effort. With the worldwide increase in availability of the Internet and social media sites gaining even higher popularity, it is very easy to talk to people in other countries and learn about their culture, and enhancing at the same time your fluency in different languages.

Apart from those already mentioned, I have found several ways of making a particular learning process of a language easier. For example, it is a very popular method to use flashcards. Another method I have been using is "associations"; When I'm not doing anything, for example: taking the bus home or waiting somewhere, I try to find and name as many objects around me as I can in a chosen language. That way, I can increase my retention of newly learned words, and make it easier for myself in the future, as I won't have to search mentally for a particular word - I'll know what it is immediately. Another good method I found helpful in increasing my glossary is just by watching movies in the language you wish to learn, but with subtitles in one you're already accustomed to. This can also help with person-to-person communications, as you'll have less trouble trying to understand what the other person has just said. For grammar however, I prefer the classic approach of studying from a book and during the lessons in school. Using the methods previously mentioned, you can definitely learn some grammar rules, but nothing will come close to just having the different rules explained to you by somebody who knows the language.

I learn languages for fun, and because it is interesting for me to discover new cultures. This knowledge could surely be useful in the future, for example should I ever decide to study and work abroad. However, in everyday situations languages can also help, as you never know what person you'll meet the following day. With how fast globalization is occurring, it is becoming a necessity to know at least one foreign language.

Based on my experience, I think that learning new languages is an important task for everyone. It allows us to meet new people, discover new interests, and makes you open to other cultures and people of different nationalities. You are not limited by language barriers,

and can freely give your opinion on topics. You can also learn a lot just by interacting with people abroad, which can definitely give you a different perspective on many things.

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