



THE IMPORTANCE OF LEARNING FOREIGN LANGUAGES IN TODAY'S GLOBALIZED WORLD.

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Annotation: *This article discusses the importance of learning foreign languages in today's globalized world. It highlights the role of languages in education, career development, and cultural understanding, while also addressing the challenges students face in mastering them. Relevant examples of leaders, scientists, and ordinary learners are included to illustrate the benefits of multilingualism. The article concludes by emphasizing that foreign language learning is a lifelong investment that promotes personal growth and global connection.*

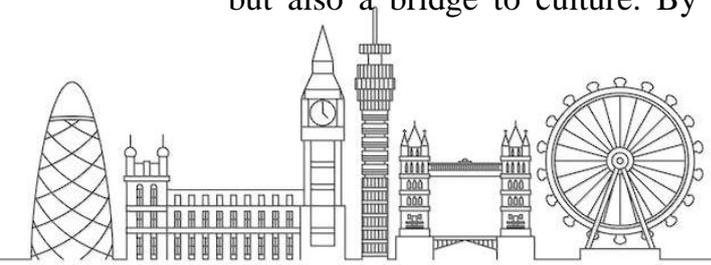
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Introduction. In the 21st century, globalization has connected people more than ever before. Borders have become less significant as communication, trade, education, and travel bring individuals from different cultures together. In this context, the ability to speak foreign languages is no longer a luxury but a necessity. Learning foreign languages equips students with valuable skills, enhance cultural understanding, and opens up doors to countless opportunities worldwide.

The role of foreign languages in education. Foreign languages play a key role in academic development. Students who study English, German, Russian, or other languages gain access to international research, scientific articles, and global literature. This broadens their horizons and allows them to exchange ideas with scholars across the world. For instance, many Uzbek students who learn English are able to gain access to world-class institutions and establish meaningful careers in their chosen field. Moreover, language proficiency improves cognitive skills, such as memory, problem-solving, and critical thinking. Albert Einstein himself admitted that learning different languages helped him view problems from new perspectives.

Career opportunities. In today's job market, knowing at least one foreign language is a competitive advantage. Employers often prefer candidates who can communicate effectively with international clients and partners. In fact, acquiring different languages fosters strong interpersonal skills, including communication, conflict resolution and emotional maturity, which are vital qualities in navigating the complexities of modern life. For example, Shavkat Mirziyoyev, the president of Uzbekistan, frequently uses foreign languages during international meetings to strengthen diplomatic relations.

Cultural exchange and understanding. Language is not only a tool for communication but also a bridge to culture. By learning foreign languages, people gain insights into





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traditions, values, and lifestyles of other nations. For instance, students who learn Japanese often discover cultural practices such as tea ceremonies or anime, which give them a deeper appreciation of Japanese society. This not only fosters unity and interconnectedness but also reduces the likelihood of potential misunderstandings and stereotypes between nations. Similarly, Uzbek students who learn Turkish can better understand shared cultural roots and historical ties between Uzbekistan and Turkey. Famous writers like Leo Tolstoy and Johann Wolfgang von Goethe emphasized that understanding another language means embracing another way of thinking.

Challenges of learning foreign languages. Despite the benefits, acquiring a new language can be challenging. Students often struggle with grammar, pronunciation, and fluency. For example, many learners find English phrasal verbs or French verb conjugations particularly difficult. Instead of complaining or giving up, students should embrace challenges as new opportunities for personal and professional growth. A good example is Malala Yousafzai, who mastered English while also speaking her native Pashto and Urdu. Her multilingual skills helped her become a global voice for education. Furthermore, modern technologies such as Duolingo, ChatGPT, virtual language exchange and Zoom-based classes has made the process easier and more engaging for today's students.

Conclusion. To conclude, learning foreign languages is an essential skill in today's interconnected world. It supports education, enhances career prospects, and promotes cultural understanding. Although it requires dedication, the rewards are long-lasting and life-changing. As Nelson Mandela once said, "If you talk to a man in a language he understands, that goes to his head. If you talk to him in his language, that goes to his heart." Therefore, every student should invest time and effort into mastering at least one foreign language.

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