THE MORE LANGUAGES YOU KNOW THE MORE HUMAN YOU ARE

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The aim of the thesis is to demonstrate the importance of multilingualism. The tasks are to study current resources about the subject of the paper in order to get readers interested in studying foreign languages and developing polyglotry.

The study object is the ability of population to learn and to be able to succeed in multilingualism.

The methods of observation, classification, generalization, description are used in this paper.

The scientific novelty of the presented work is that for the first time the author tried to systemize information about benefits of learning a new foreign language and advantages of speaking a second language.

Results and discussion. Multilingualism is the use of more than one language, either by an individual speaker or by a community of speakers. It is believed that multilingual speakers outnumber monolingual speakers in the world's population [2]. Multilingualism is becoming a social phenomenon governed by the needs of globalization and cultural openness [3]. Owing to the ease of access to information facilitated by the Internet, individuals' exposure to multiple languages is becoming increasingly frequent, thereby promoting a need to acquire additional languages. People who speak several languages are also called polyglots. Whereas, polyglotism is the ability to master, or the state of having mastered multiple languages.

Learning new languages is not just an opportunity to get you a nice job. Not even the cultural benefits are the extent of it. Being a polyglot is more of a mental exercise that can serve as a tool that will in turn make you more aware and comfortable into using your own language, forming thoughts into sentences and helps you to express yourself more.

There are some benefits which come along with learning a new foreign language. They really stand out and make you give another thought into engaging yourself in such a journey.

Positive effect on intellectual growth. This is actually quite understandable but nevertheless it must be mentioned here. Being a polyglot, learning a new language, and the whole idea of multilingualism, makes you more efficient in tapping into your intellectual capabilities and gives your brain the exercise it needs in order to develop furthermore.

You first start with learning words and associate one term with another in your brain. Afterwards this expands into learning phrases, ways to order the words into meaning and as soon as you know you have made quite a lot of an intellectual growth. The brain soon starts to associate between other things in life, build the similar pattern when approaching problem solving and this process continues even outside the classroom.

An interesting outcome of studies during the early 1990s however confirmed that students who do successfully complete bilingual instruction perform better academically [1]. These students exhibit more cognitive elasticity including a better ability to analyze abstract visual patterns. Students who receive bidirectional bilingual instruction where equal proficiency in both languages is required perform at an even higher level. Examples of such programs include international and multi-national education schools.

Improves the understanding of your own language. This is quite interesting phenomena. People start studying second language, and the polyglots overall tend to make better sentence constructions in their own native language, and choose their words more aptly and suitably.
Therefore these people start to become more eloquent over time, and their whole spectrum of words in their own language, as also their usage of the language itself, becomes more and more expanded and sophisticated.

Languages are highly valued in the workplace. Speaking a second language has numerous employment benefits. Being polyglot means that there are more job opportunities depending on which languages you speak. Communication in the workplace is important, and more companies, especially those with international offices, are considering bilingualism a high priority.

Fast growing fields such as tourism, journalism and translation put great value on bilingual employees. Additional languages on the resume could have your application moved to the top of the pile and give you a better chance at getting the job, even if you aren’t as qualified as another monolingual applicant.

Speaking more than one language makes you more open minded. Have you ever heard the bilingual quote «To have another language is to possess a second soul» by Charlemagne – a medieval emperor who ruled much of Western Europe from 768 to 814. One of the benefits of being polyglot can mean that you see the world in different ways. Some even say that speaking two different languages can sometimes feel like having two different personalities.

Bilinguals are used to constant change. This means that they are usually less affected by changes in the environment, and more open minded to new things and new experiences, because they have more than one view of the world already.

Being bilingual opens up social and cultural opportunities. Speaking other languages lets you interact with different people and understand the nuances of another culture. This means you might have more opportunities to make friends, explore different hobbies and better understand your favorite foreign music, film and literature.

Travel can also be cheaper and more rewarding when you speak the language of the country you are visiting. You will not be limited to staying in expensive foreigner hotels, eating at restaurants where the staff speaks English or traveling with a tour group.

Instead, you can find your own way and experience the country the way a local would. You might enjoy cheaper access to museums because you do not have to pay for a foreign-language guide, and you will certainly have more opportunities to meet people, engage in conversation and learn about the culture.

Conclusion. There are numerous benefits to gain from speaking a second language, from professional and personal, to health benefits. Moreover, learning a foreign language is just fun and fascinating.

As well as becoming proficient in more than one language gives you numerous advantages, therefore try to learn an additional language besides your mother language.

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