

Why is it  
important to  
learn foreign  
languages?



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It's important to learn other languages because maybe someday you'll have to go to different foreign countries to work and earn more money.

It's also important to learn languages to ask for directions in a foreign country if you get lost because not many people speak our language.

I'm now learning Italian and English and I hope to go to work to Italy or to America when I grow up.

Matteo Maričić, VI form



The world is full of foreign languages. How far do you have to go from your front door to know that it's true? Think about how many people and places you could discover, newspapers you could understand, books you could read, movies and TV programs you could understand, web-sites you could visit just by knowing another language.

Nowadays, knowing another language has many benefits. By learning other languages we are discovering new cultures and traditions. Knowing foreign languages later in life will help us to get a job that we want.

Remember you are never too young to begin to study a foreign language but it's also never too late!

Laura Janković, VI form



Foreign languages are very important to study because we can meet people from all over the world and learn about many cultures.

Travel and learn and meet people from all over the world. If you know the languages it's easier to communicate and there is no obstacle when you talk with other people from all over the world.

I love foreign languages and I'm trying to study as much as I can so I could speak with so many people without difficulties.

Foreign languages are very interesting for me. I speak Spanish, Italian, Croatian and English. I would also like to speak German, Japanese and Portuguese.

I love foreign languages very much!

Rea Petrc, VI from

If you move to a different country the language will help you to communicate with local community.

If your relatives or friends speak different languages, learning that language will help you to communicate with them and better understand their culture and their way of thinking.

Knowing foreign languages at work may increase your chances of finding a job or of going on business trips.

You may find information about subjects you're interested in foreign books or on the Internet.

A basic ability to speak a foreign language will help you to order food and drink, find your way around, buy tickets... Also, you can have a real conversation with the local people you meet who can be very interesting.

If you plan to study in a foreign university you have to know foreign languages.

You can easily read books, watch films, TV programs, listen to music in foreign languages.

It's fun learning foreign languages!

Dora Ivezić, VI form



Knowing more about foreign languages  
we know more about foreign cultures,  
traditions...

All of the languages are important to  
study, but three of them are spoken all  
over the world. Those are: Spanish,  
English and French.

I also heard one proverb. I think it says  
something like: "More languages you  
speak, more people you worth".

Foreign languages are important to  
study when we travel to the other  
country, where that foreign language is  
spoken. Studying languages help us to  
make good friends and that is one very  
important thing in our life!

Karlo Žakula, VI form



It's important to study foreign languages to  
get to know other cultures.

It's important to study foreign languages  
for better communication.

It's important to because some words are  
similar in different languages so it's easier  
to understand.

It's easier to connect with other people  
from different countries.

It's important for some signs in a case of  
emergency.

It's important for reading instructions of  
computers, cellphones...

It's important and it's fun learning foreign  
languages!!

Lina Škorić, VI form

I think it's very important to learn foreign languages, especially Spanish, French and English, because those three languages are spoken all over the world. If you are travelling a lot it's very important to speak English. This language is spoken all over Europe, North America, Australia and in some parts of Asia and Africa. If you know well one language, you can learn about the different cultures. You can even go to the university or find a job in a foreign country. You can make many friends and create friendships with people from there.

Many films are made in English and also it's easier to use computers or mobile phones if you know English. So, today, without English you can't learn many things and you miss a lot.

Lovre Marjanović, VI form

I think it's important to know foreign languages because if we travel around the world we need to know at least English, which is the international language. For me it's cute to know more languages and it's also important for communication.

Iris Mehmeti, VII form



I think it's important to learn foreign languages because it's easier to communicate with other people that don't speak my language. Also by speaking foreign languages one opens the door to a better understanding of different cultures and nations.

After all, it's a personal richness and satisfaction to speak as many languages as you can!

Gloria Govorčin, VI form



It's important to study foreign languages because in some way we have to communicate with the world. It's important because when we travel again we have to communicate with someone. It's important so that we could ask for help in a foreign country if we need one. It's important so we could communicate with other players if we play some sport. It's important so we could watch satellite programs.

It's important if we want to study in some foreign university.

It's important so that we could read books in foreign languages.

It's important so we could get a job in a foreign country.

It's important because it is said that you are worth as many languages as you can speak!

Dorijan Semenčić, VI form



Learning foreign languages takes time.  
You should know other languages.  
When you move to a different country,  
learning the language will help you to  
communicate with local people.  
Many people believe that to whatever  
country you go on holiday you can get  
by speaking English, but is better to  
know the original language because  
people get more confident and also you  
can have more fun. In a foreign  
language country knowing the language  
will help you out, i.e. order food, find the  
way...  
With the knowledge of a foreign  
language, you can meet better the  
culture of that country. Not knowing  
English means being excluded from  
many Internet sites, TV programs and  
world news.

Roko Marunica, VII form

Languages are important, very  
important for all people. More  
languages we know, more things  
we can do, with more people we  
can hang out.  
In 2013. Croatia will enter the EU.  
When we enter the EU, there won't  
be any limits to live in the different  
countries all across Europe. The  
only problem could be that we don't  
know all the languages.  
That's only one of many, many  
reasons why we must know more  
languages. Because of so many  
reasons I'm learning even four  
languages: Croatian, Italian,  
Spanish and of course English!

Ana Šoda, VII form

It's important to study foreign languages because if we visit some new places we can speak foreign languages, and understand something too.

If we watch foreign videos, films... we can understand it. For tourist guides is very important to know many languages, because they are working with foreign people and they are talking them about our country and they have to explain everything about the place they visit.

Speaking many languages you have a lot of knowledge and in this way you have more opportunity to find a job all around the world!

You can learn more about culture and customs of the states and more about the nations. Studying languages you get to know a lot of people and you find a lot of new friend. All the people say: "How many languages you speak that many people you worth!"

René Balint, VII form

I think it's very important to know foreign languages in the EU but also in other states of the world.

It's important because you can communicate to other people without difficulty. For example in the EU you must know at least English. I think 90% of people in the world speak English. Also, it's good because studying foreign languages your memory expands and when you learn foreign languages you also learn about the culture and so many other things of the state in with the language is spoken.

Enis Ibiši, VII form



I think it's important to study foreign languages because you can have a nice job in a tourist agency. When you go on trips you meet many people and you can found out something about their culture and their languages. As a matter of fact when you know many languages you have more possibilities in your life. When you go somewhere for example on a trip is good to know a foreign language so you can communicate with other people. If you know many languages you are have good qualifications to find any job and you can go to the university in a foreign country. It's good to know foreign languages because you will never stay without job. For example you can teach other children languages.

Ani Čudina, VII form

I think that it is important to study foreign languages because of many reasons. I will tell you some now:

- we are entering the EU, and Croatia will be surrounded by many other states and they said on TV that we will communicate much more with them and that will be more other languages written on the signs in the stores, restaurants and traffic signs.
  - it is good to know other languages because of school, if you go in some other state it is nice when you know the language of that state
  - my dream is to go to live to Germany when I grow up. Maybe many other persons have a dream of that kind
  - if nobody didn't and nobody does study foreign languages there would be no tourist guides, professors of foreign languages, translators and many others.
  - many people go to Slovenia, Italy or other countries to buy what they need to eat or wear and you can't go to other countries without knowing the language
- Well this is what I think about how important foreign languages are. I hope you think like me too!

Piera Bertolini, VII form



In my opinion, it's really good to know foreign languages. We have many reasons to know how to communicate with other people, and it is really useful. English is the business language so everyone should know it, it's the most spoken languages in the world. It's going to be easier for all of us to speak many different languages so that we would be able to work and live wherever we want. It is important to know and to communicate in other language. Knowing different languages can help you when you don't expect it at all. It is a hard work studying languages but knowing a foreign language opens many doors.

Lauren Cooper, VII form



I like to study foreign languages. I go to the Italian minority school. It's a multinational school and I am proud of this. I know a lot of languages: Croatia, Italian, Spanish and English. I think it's important to learn foreign languages. Our country has big problems such as unemployment, but when we become members of the European Union it will be easier to find a job. My dad travels all around the world and he needs to know foreign languages because he must understand people when he wants to buy something or ask someone for help. The tourist guides have to know a lot of languages too. You can't become a tourist guide if you don't understand the most important languages. Those are: English, Spanish and French.

Rea Stemberger, VII form



I think that it is important to study foreign languages, because if you want to travel or to live in other country you must know at least English, Italian, German and if you want you can study Chinese. For example: I'm Russian, I live in Croatia and I go to Italian minority school. I have to know English because I want to go to Britain to study; I have to know Italian because I go to Italian school; Croatian because I live in Croatia and Russian because it is my mother tongue.

Ivan Bystriyakov, VII form



I think it's very important to study foreign languages because we can communicate with foreign people. When I go on holidays to a foreign country it's very nice when I know language of that country because it's good to understand people who live there. If you want to live a different country you have to know or study a different language. If you know more languages you can make friends with different people from different countries.

It's important to know English because you can have a better future. Spanish, English, French and Portuguese are also important languages. You have to know foreign languages if you want to be a translator, teacher, doctor, hotel receptionist... even if you want to play a TV quiz show you have to know the most important foreign languages.

Sara Chelli, VII form



I think it is important to know many foreign languages. Today English is the most important language in the world. My opinion is that the best for me and others is to know many languages because we can connect, understand and get information from other people. If you want to work in other country it's important to know other language. For example, if someone wants to become a tourist guide he needs to speak different kinds of languages. If he is able to communicate with other people, he can do his job and he can guide tourists wherever he wants. I can speak four languages and that can help me a lot in my life!

Mia Vukušić, VII form