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## THE ROLE OF FOREIGN LANGUAGE IN MODERN SOCIETY

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### Annotation:

This article examines the role of foreign language in modern society. It analyzes the theoretical and practical aspects of the necessity and importance of learning and knowledge of foreign languages. And also considered the practical benefits of knowing and using foreign languages.

### Introduction:

A couple of centuries ago, any intelligent person in Uzbekistan knew several foreign languages. Today, the presence of a diploma of higher education does not yet guarantee that its owner knows a foreign language. Nowadays, if you cannot connect a couple of words in a foreign language, then you can miss a lot in life. Young people often start earning money while still studying. They prefer to spend precious time on making money and gaining experience in the right field, rather than on useless and boring activities. After graduation, you need to pay attention to your career and building the right connections. And finally, as a reward for all the work, there is a chance to take the position that has been dreamed of for years. It is a typical situation. But large companies are usually important players in the international market, and one of the main requirements for applicants for leadership positions is knowledge of foreign languages. This is how successful and experienced specialists find themselves on student benches in foreign language schools. And if it were not for some couples skipping at the institute, they would already be working in the desired position and would not waste extra energy and money.

The borders of the world are now more open than ever. Everyone is moving somewhere. Some leave for the African republics and leave their calm and prosperous, but such a predictable homeland. Others get bored of the eternal race for happiness and prosperity, and they leave their friends, relatives, work and emigrate to where life is richer and safer. And yet it is not enough just to move to another country. It is necessary to settle there and take everything to the maximum from the new homeland. It is impossible to get used to new realities and become your own in a foreign country if you do not learn the language spoken by the locals. Even if you never leave your country, the borders of the world are just a convention if you know foreign languages.

Knowing a foreign language, you can read scientific journals in the original on a topic of interest to you. You can freely draw information from the Internet in a foreign language and communicate with colleagues from another country. If you love the culture of another country, then it will be useful to learn the language of the people who created works of art that delight and awe you. And how nice it is to listen to a beautiful song and enjoy not only the melody, but also the words. Or watch a foreign film without subtitles and voiceover. Knowledge of English, which has long become international, will help your communication with friends and colleagues if you work with an international team or make friends online with a wonderful couple from a distant country during your vacation. If you speak the same language, it will be easier for you to understand each other, even if this language is not native. Brain training.

Have you noticed that lately you have begun to forget elementary things and cannot concentrate on one thing for a long time? Learning foreign languages remarkably develops memory, trains perseverance, hearing and attention. You can do crosswords, you can dance flamenco, or you can start learning French, which you have been delighted with since childhood. It has long been known that if a person knows two or three foreign languages, then learning a couple more languages will not be difficult for him. Learn foreign languages and you will be able to boast of an excellent memory even in old age.

People learn a foreign language for a variety of reasons. But you should always be aware of your personal motivation. Why are you doing this? Answering the question correctly will make your classes more productive and allow you to achieve greater success. With the acceleration of the processes of globalization, more and more people come to the conclusion that learning foreign languages is necessary.

Nevertheless, this is a rather difficult task - in order to speak and write relatively fluently, even in a language that is close enough to your native language in grammar and vocabulary, you will need at least a year or two of intensive classes. So what is the purpose of learning foreign languages?

### **Materials and methods:**

For many people, the main goal in mastering a new language is professional necessity. Indeed, in large Uzbek cities, more and more employers are demanding knowledge of a foreign language, both for ordinary employees and for executives. Usually, English plays this role, but with the opening of new international companies, German, Spanish, French and even Chinese languages are becoming in demand. The main thing to consider is which one will be useful in your professional field. A foreign language can be studied in order to make it the main profession - to become a translator and teacher. At the same time, learning a rare language can even be a plus - your services will cost more than the same work done by an ordinary translator from English.

Also, study abroad can become a motive for learning a language. Again, potential students choose English most often for studying, since the high quality of education in the best English and American universities is known all over the world. But keep in mind that education in these countries is quite expensive. It is cheaper to get a profession at universities in Germany, France and the Czech Republic, but for this you need to know the local language. Some people study a foreign language in order to emigrate later. In this case, it is best to choose the language of countries with an active migration policy - Australia (English) or Canada (English or French).

And you need to understand that language is not everything. It is also desirable to have a specialty in demand in the desired country. A separate category is made up of those who learn the

language simply out of love for the history and culture of a particular country.

Indeed, knowledge of the language opens up enormous opportunities for learning about culture - from reading books in the original language to independent tourist trips with communication with the local population. Foreign languages are studied at school, then in higher educational institutions, in special language courses. Why is all this necessary? Isn't it possible to live your whole life in your favorite city in your own country, and when traveling abroad, use the services of guides and translators? Some do it. Others spend energy, time and money on learning the language of a foreign country. And they have their own reasons for this. As a matter of fact, there are only two reasons for learning foreign languages: practical and psychological. If the work involves business correspondence, telephone conversations in a foreign language or personal communication with representatives of a partner company, then knowledge of the language will be extremely necessary.

It doesn't matter if you like this language or you hated it since childhood, but you are 99% likely to learn it. Unless, of course, you want to lose your job. It so happens that fate has thrown such a trick that you find yourself in Norway or Vietnam. Even if you just have a work contract for only a year, or you are following your husband, who was sent on an overseas business trip, you are unlikely to allow yourself the luxury of not knowing a word of the language of the country where you are going. The better you know the language of the country where you live, the easier it will be to integrate into the local society. By mastering the language of a foreign country, you can better understand another mentality. And it will be easier to go to the store to shop. And if you fell in love with an amazing, unique person, the best in the world? Only there is one small problem - he is a foreigner and knows only "thank you" and "love" in Uzbek.

But this is not a reason to give up a great feeling. In this case, it will be especially easy to learn the language, because the teacher and assistant will be the one for whom everything was started. Psychological reasons do not imply an urgent need for language learning. If you have admired Japan, its culture and people all your life, then the desire to learn Japanese will be natural. If all your friends in your company know English and every vacation get together to visit New York or go to London for the Christmas holidays, then you will start learning the language so as not to stand out from the general background. As a rule, those who learn the language out of necessity do better at it. When you learn a language because it is so beautiful or because you are no worse than another, it can quickly get bored. After all, learning a foreign language is, first of all, work.

The process can be fun and interesting, but you still have to work and memorize a huge amount of information. But the results are worth it. Knowledge of another language allows you to expand the boundaries of your own world. It becomes bigger and brighter, more versatile and more interesting. If you try to go outside and ask this question: "Do I need to learn foreign languages?" to people passing by, you can hear: "Of course you need to!" The question is logical: "Why?"

As a result, the majority will either find it difficult to answer, or say general, little meaningful words, for example: "International language: Everyone speaks it." But what does "everyone speaks" mean? What language do we speak at work, at the University, at home? In English? Of course not in Uzbek. The American farmer speaks English, the German engineer speaks German, the French doctor speaks French. It turns out that the majority do just fine without knowing foreign languages, without feeling any need for them. But most foreigners speak several languages, and in our country few people know at least one foreign language. Interestingly, some fifteen years ago we also did just fine without mobile phones, and twenty-five years ago we felt great without computers. Can we now imagine our life without these things. we doubt it very much. So why do we buy a telephone, a TV set, learn to work on a computer, but do not know foreign languages. The answer is simple. We perfectly understand why we need a phone or a computer, but we have absolutely no idea what specific advantages and opportunities knowledge of foreign languages gives us.

What are these opportunities, and are there any real advantages for which it is worth spending a lot of money and time so precious for us to study foreign language. The first thing that comes to mind: Language is a means of communication. It is necessary for the transmission of information. But that's not all. The fact is that our language is inextricably linked with our thinking, as well as with imagination, memory and perception. It is impossible to conceive of anything without a language. We

think in language, or rather, we think in language. Uzbek - in Uzbek, Japanese - in Japanese, Spanish - in Spanish, etc. We think about what surrounds us, i.e. about reality. Therefore, we perceive and understand reality only through language.

Languages resemble mirrors in which reality is reflected, but there are many languages and they are all different, therefore each language reflects the same reality in its own way. So for the Uzbek "order" will be filled with one meaning, and for the German with another, the Indian with the word "snow" will associate one thing, and the Uzbek another, and so on. Even more interesting is the fact that language, which must be precise so that we can understand each other, actually turns out to be paradoxically imprecise and confusing. For the same reason that in addition to transmitting information, he must also participate in thinking. And since both reality and our ideas about it are constantly changing, the language must also be flexible, and therefore allow words to acquire new shades of meaning. Otherwise, a person will simply not be able to think and perceive something new for himself.

It follows from this that language is a gift that expands human abilities: thinking, perception, imagination and memory. But this same gift very often turns into our enemy, leading from misunderstanding to quarrels, conflicts and wars. Why? Because we do not use this gift, we do not pay attention to the language. We think without seeing it, forgetting that our thought is woven from the language itself. And only when faced with a foreign language, we suddenly begin to realize this, and again we discover both our own language and our thoughts. Language is a means that makes a person happy.

First, by studying a foreign language, we begin to better understand both ourselves and those around us. What's going on? Just before we come into contact with a foreign language, we believe that all words have only one meaning, which, by the way, is quite logical. Why does the subject at which we eat one more word besides "table" and, accordingly, why does the word "table" mean something else.

But in all languages, and Uzbek is no exception, most words have several meanings. The word "love" has some general meaning for everyone, but besides this general meaning, there are many additional ones that are different for different people. And when lovers say to each other: "I love you!", Very often they do not mean that they are putting different content in this word. Language is a means that turns a person into a Person with a capital letter!

Secondly, by studying and improving languages, we develop all our intellectual abilities. Only with the study of another language do we begin to pay attention to our own. After all, until we come into contact with a foreign language, there is no need for us to analyze our own, which means to delve into what we put into the words and phrases that we pronounce. We do not waste our time trying to figure out how we form our thoughts, how we form them into words, and whether we are expressing the thought that we actually had in mind. With the study of a foreign language, one way or another we have to separate words and thoughts, pay attention to our native language, and re-learn to express our thoughts in both our native and foreign languages. We seem to open up our inner vision, we begin to see shades of meanings, polysemy and difference of words.

A foreign language that is foreign to us awakens our native language and makes the thought work, to be clearer, more accurate and complete. Language is a means that reveals to us new riches and colors of the world. In addition, another language, reflecting reality in its own way, shows us it from a different side or in a different light than our own. There will be a feeling that our vision is becoming stereoscopic. We begin to see what people who know only one language do not see. This allows you to see the whole picture at once. Imagine that when you stand in front of your house, you see it from all sides at once: right, left, back, top, and even how X-rays are able to look inside and find out what is happening there. These are not even all the possibilities that knowledge of other languages can give you! And the more languages we learn, the richer our understanding of the world around us becomes. In addition to moments of self-improvement, you can look at the practical advantages and opportunities that are acquired through knowledge of a foreign language. After all, many are still more interested in what you can touch with your hands, which can bring real material benefits.

**Results and discussion:**

Modern world. Modern Uzbekistan and the world as a whole are rapidly changing before our eyes. Thanks to the development of science and technology, the concepts of time and space are disappearing. Now we can communicate with people living on the other side of the planet and in a matter of hours are able to get to anywhere in the world.

All borders are being erased, the world is transformed from the closed worlds of separate states into a single interconnected organism. We are entering the era of globalization. Therefore, the present, not to mention the future society, requires knowledge of foreign languages. Globalization is changing everything, including the economy, education and culture. Instead of an industrial economy, a post-industrial economy of knowledge and lifelong education comes. The modern world and society more and more need people who can think creatively, analyze and understand others. And a foreign language is one of the best tools to develop these skills.

Information. Whoever owns the information owns everything. This is a well-known phase. It becomes especially relevant in our time. And the one who speaks foreign languages, of course, owns more information. After all, it is not possible to translate all articles, books, films and Internet pages into Uzbek. For example, the volume of the English-speaking Internet is tens of times larger than the volume of its part. And if we remember that we live in the information age, that business on the Internet is no longer tomorrow, but today, then the conclusion becomes obvious.

Knowledge of one English language is already capable of opening doors to many previously inaccessible worlds. Knowledge of foreign languages will give you the opportunity to freely travel the ocean of information, discovering new continents and islands, meeting and meeting new people and their views on the world, keeping abreast of all events and making timely and correct decisions.

Education in Uzbekistan. Knowledge of a foreign language will help young people to enter a good university and get a prestigious profession, since most of the leading universities in many specialties introduce a foreign language as an introductory one. Knowledge of a foreign language will also contribute to obtaining a better education in the universities themselves, since most of them include in the program some courses taught in a foreign language, invite foreign teachers and send them for professional internships abroad.

The integration of higher education systems of all European countries, including Uzbekistan, is gradually taking place, and students receive additional opportunities for study and further work abroad. Student cultural exchange programs. In addition, while studying at the university, students can participate in numerous cultural exchange programs that allow them to live and work in the country of the target language.

And now thousands of Uzbek students, knowing a foreign language, take advantage of this wonderful opportunity, young people in our country got a real chance to study abroad, to enter foreign schools, colleges and universities. Studying in the UK, France, Germany, Switzerland, Spain and other European countries, as well as studying in Canada and the USA, is a good springboard for a successful career. After all, the diplomas of educational institutions of these countries are recognized all over the world, and their Universities occupy leading places in international rankings. It may seem that an ordinary Uzbek young man cannot afford such an education.

But, firstly, education is not paid in all universities. Secondly, in many countries, such as Germany, France, Sweden, Norway and some others, higher education is generally free. In other European countries, the cost of studying at universities is several times less than in the USA and Great Britain (from 500 to 2000 Euro). All you need for admission is to pass the exams well on a general basis and, of course, be fluent in the language of the country where you are going to study, because both the exams and the training itself are conducted there in your native language. In terms of housing costs, most of the Universities Abroad have campuses. In Uzbekistan, now only a part of universities provide a hostel, and even then there is not enough for all. If you decide to rent housing, then since, unlike Uzbekistan, most of the leading Universities in the West are not located in capitals or large cities, housing costs will not be as high as in the same capital. Scholarships and grants. In addition, most universities abroad in search of talented students provide scholarships and grants for study. Various

foundations, organizations or the Universities themselves announce a competition, and the winners receive grants or scholarships. Of course, not everything is as simple as it seems. Moreover, this is a fairly new phenomenon for Uzbekistan. But nothing is impossible. After all, thousands of foreign students annually receive these grants and scholarships. And all you need is excellent knowledge of your specialty and, of course, a foreign language.

**Career.** By going to any job site, you can see the requirements. Seeing them, it becomes clear that the more prestigious the job, the more important the foreign one is for the employer. This is a condition for the effective work of business in modern society. And if it is still possible to find a good job without knowledge of languages, although it is very difficult, then you can forget about moving up the career ladder without this knowledge forever. The employer will always prefer you a specialist who can speak English, and preferably several foreign ones at once.

**Journey.** But life is not limited to education and work. A person spends his time on other things: rest, travel, communication. Foreign does not bypass these spheres of human activity. Even a minimal knowledge of a foreign language will help you "feel good" in a foreign country: order food in a cafe or restaurant, get to the right place, order tickets, etc. If you are fluent in a foreign language, then you will be able to meet and communicate with new people from different countries of the world, getting great pleasure from it. And it will turn your vacation into a real delight.

**Entertainment.** Knowing the language, you can read novelties of fiction and professional literature. After all, not all the wealth of literature is translated into the Uzbek language. The choice of a book depends on the tastes of the translator, and you may never get a chance to read some of the works of your favorite author. And translation from one language to another is always an author's translation. After all, as you can see, all languages are different, and it is impossible when translating to fully convey all the richness of the meaning that the writer has put into his work. If, for the sake of interest, we take two translations of the same book and compare them, it will be surprisingly clear how they are not similar to each other, and there will no longer be any doubts whether to read or not read the works in the original. Knowing the language, you can watch films in the original. You can hear the natural voices of your favorite actors, and not the voice of the translator, who often voices both female and male roles.

And the wonderful play on words of a foreign language and their humor will no longer escape scrutiny. Indeed, quite often in translations of foreign films such lapses slip through, which simply change the meaning of what the actor had in mind when he uttered his phrase. Sometimes Uzbek swearing appears in films where it was even more absent in the English version, or vice versa, everything is so softened by censors that the film loses its flavor.

## **Conclusion:**

Knowledge intellectual education we think in our time, it is very important to know foreign languages. Some people learn languages because they need them for robots, others travel abroad, and for others it is just a hobby. People want to know languages, write to pen pals or chat with people from different countries, meet people that are more new and make friends. In addition, they want to read the original books of famous writers, read newspapers and magazines. This helps them learn more about different events, people's lives, customs and traditions.

Learning foreign languages broadens our horizons, people become more educated. In our opinion, languages are especially important for those who work in various fields of science and technology, politics. A foreign language helps you to learn your native language better. People who know many languages are polyglots. We know some of the names of polyglots: the German professor Schlimmann, the famous writer Shakespeare, the philosopher Socrates, and many others. Today, English has become an international language. About 300 million people speak it as their native language.

A saying by Johann Goethe: "Anyone who does not know foreign languages does not know anything about his native language." We think that knowing foreign languages today is necessary for every educated person, for every good specialist. Therefore, one need to learn foreign languages and discover many interesting things in life with them!

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