

Learning a foreign language

Speaking a foreign language, it is claimed, improves the functionality of your brain in several different ways. Learning new vocabulary and grammar rules provides the brain with beneficial 'exercise', which improves memory. As well as exercising the brain, it is thought that learning a new language also presents the brain with unique challenges. **These** include recognising different language systems and ways to communicate within these systems. These skills improve your chances of success in other problem-solving tasks as well. It is said that students who study foreign languages do better, on the whole, in general tests maths, reading and vocabulary than students **who** have only mastered their mother tongue.

According to a study carried out by Pennsylvania State University, USA, multilingual people are able to switch between two systems of speech, writing, and structure quite easily. It has been proved that **they** are also able to switch easily between completely different tasks. One experiment required participants to operate a driving simulator while carrying out separate tasks at the same time. The experiment showed that multilingual participants were less distracted by the other tasks and therefore made fewer driving errors.

It is believed that language learning can also improve your decision-making skills. When you speak a foreign language, you are constantly weighing up subtle differences in meaning of a word or the way that an utterance is made. This process is then transferred subconsciously to other situations in which judgment is called for, and decisions have to be made.

Finally, learning a foreign language can also improve your ability to use your mother tongue more effectively. As you become more aware of the way that a language works, you begin to apply it to the language that you use every day. The skills you obtain from learning a foreign language, therefore, can make you a better speaker and writer in your own language.

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1. The article states that learning a foreign language presents the brain with two unique challenges. Write down these two challenges.
 - **recognising different language systems**
 - **recognising ways to communicate within these systems.**
2. There are many benefits of learning a foreign language. Write down two benefits from the article.
 - **improving your decision-making skills.**
 - **improving your ability to use your mother tongue more effectively.**
3. Quote the sentence which shows that the skills students get from learning a foreign language can make them better speakers and writers in their own language.
 - **The skills you obtain from learning a foreign language, therefore, can make you a better speaker and writer in your own language.**
4. Find phrasal verb in the text which means "done". (carried out)
5. What does the underlined word "who" refer to? (students)

1. The article states that students who study foreign languages do better in some general tests .Write down two of these tests.

-reading -vocabulary

2. The article claims that speaking a foreign language improves the functionality of someone's brain in several different ways. Write down two of these ways.

- Learning new vocabulary and grammar rules provides the brain with beneficial 'exercise', which improves memory. exercising the brain.

- Learning anew language presents the brain with unique challenges.

3. Quote the sentence which shows that multilingual people make small number o errors while doing separate tasks at the same time.

- The experiment showed that multilingual participants were less distracted by the other tasks and therefore made fewer driving errors.

4. Find a word in the text which means "any device or system that simulates specific conditions or the characteristics of a real process or machine. "

(simulator)

5. What does the underlined word "**they**" refer to? (**multilingual people**)

6. It is said that students who study foreign languages do better , on the whole , in general tests. Think of this statements and , in two sentences ,write down your point of view.

- I agree with this statement since learning foreign languages present the brain with unique challenges that improve students chances of success in general tests such as maths , vocabulary and reading .

1. A study carried out by Pennsylvania State University has come up with two findings about multilingual people. Write down these two findings.

- Multilingual people are able to switch between two systems of speech, writing, and structure quite easily.

- They are able to switch easily between completely different tasks.

2. The article specifies two benefits of the skills that someone obtains from learning a foreign language. Write down these two benefits.

- They can make you a better speaker and writer in your own language.

3. Quote the sentence which shows the effect of learning a foreign language on the ability to use a certain mother tongue.

- Finally, learning a foreign language can also improve your ability to use your mother tongue more effectively

4. Find a word in the text which means "something that is said such as a statement."
5. What does the underlined word "these" refer to? (**utterance**)
6. It is believed that language learning can improve your decision –making skills.
Think of this statement and, in two sentences ,write down your point of view.

I agree that hat language learning can also improve my decision-making skills. Because learning a foreign language makes you constantly weigh up slight differences in meaning of a word or the way that an utterance is made. Th3en, this process is transferred subconsciously to other situations in which judgment is called for.

7. Learning a foreign language may come up with some problems. Suggest three expected problems may students find while learning a foreign language.
 - **Learning grammar and vocabulary.**
 - **Speaking fluently.**
 - **Listening difficulty.**