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## **Problems of Learning Languages in the Modern Society**

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**Abstract.** The article is devoted to the consideration of various ways of learning foreign languages. The authors used a complex of studying methods to study the problems of learning languages in the modern society. We paid our special to international student exchange as one of the most effective ways of improving the level of a language. For the purpose of our research, we conducted a survey of senior adolescents and students of University of Tyumen. Based on the results of the research, we offer the most effective and important strategies of learning foreign languages. We analyze the language policy of the University and its influence on the students' motivation and interest.

**Keywords:** foreign languages, teaching, learning methods, language exchange, international student exchange, language learning strategy.

### **Introduction.**

Learning foreign languages is very important in our life. Some people need it for their careers, while others need it for travel. Also, knowledge of languages expands our horizons, and broadens our mind. We meet new people, communicate, learn about the cultures of different countries and their traditions. We believe that the chosen topic is very relevant and will be of practical importance for students, because learning a new language is complex and individual. The aim of the article is to inform people about the methods of learning foreign languages. To achieve this aim, we did the following tasks:

1. conducted a survey of students on the topic of the project;
2. learnt the role of foreign languages in the life of students;
3. collected the information about learning foreign languages;
4. identified, analyzed and formalized the received results;
5. identified the most significant reasons for learning a foreign language.

### **Materials and methods.**

During our research we conducted the theoretical analysis of literature, we used the methods of observation and questioning.

Nowadays, the most popular language is English, as it is considered to be the language of science and culture. It is used for political meetings, international competitions and conferences, and so on.

If you take the BBC channel, it gives the following reasons for learning languages:

### \* Travel

Even a little knowledge of the language can change your attitude towards people from other countries. Speaking a different language helps break down barriers.

### \* Work and business

This can help give you an extra edge in your career if you work for an international firm or company with international clients or contacts.

### \* Music, film, art and culture

If you love literature, movies, or music from other countries, learning a language will help you evaluate and understand them.

A lot of people want to learn other languages, but there's no single universal foolproof method to learn a language. According to our own experience and our research results, each person should choose the way which works for them, trying different methods or, even a combination of them.

There are a lot of benefits of learning languages that help us develop our personal and working skills. We can point out such advantages as:

1. Increasing speed of learning other skills (for example, when memorizing new words, you will train your memory).
2. Improving mathematical abilities (this conclusion was made by the University of Massachusetts in 2007).
3. Language learning makes you a better listener.
4. Increasing a person's confidence.
5. Preventing potential brain diseases (learning a new language can delay the onset of dementia and Alzheimer's disease by 4.5 years, which is significantly more than modern medications can do).
6. Opening up new career opportunities.
7. travelling without any problems and difficulties.

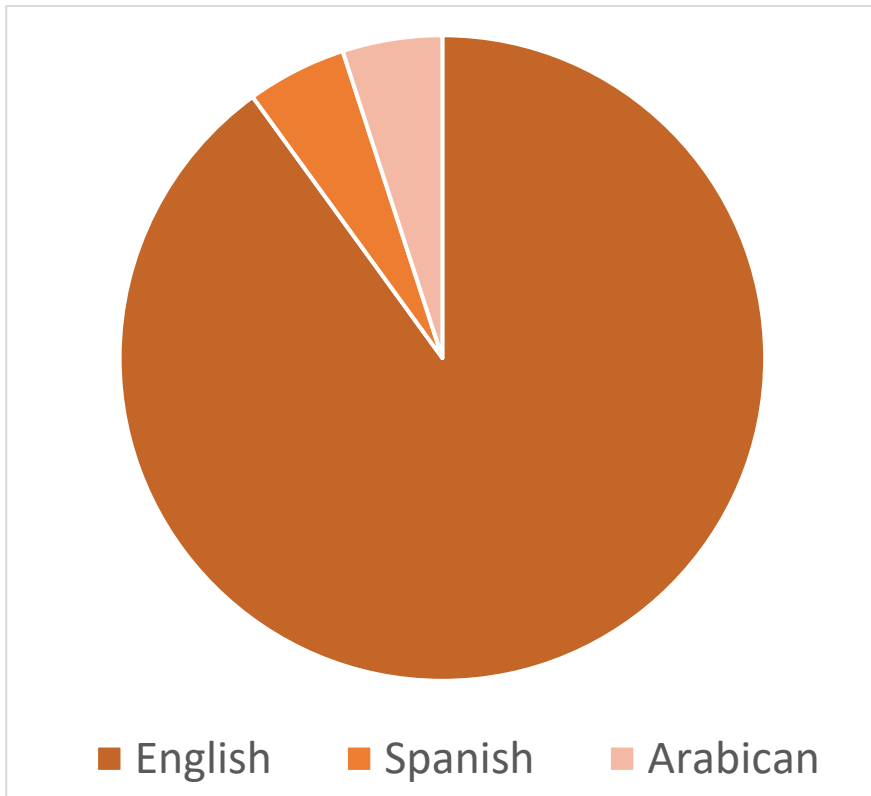
### **Results.**

The survey of senior students and adolescents, conducted at the university, showed the young people's attitude to learning foreign languages. The main attention is focused on the usefulness of foreign languages in our life. The research allowed us to identify the main methods of learning a language. One of the methods of learning languages, namely the international exchange of students, was studied in depth, as we believe that it is one of the most effective methods.

To find out the place of a foreign language in the life of young people we interviewed 15 teenagers and obtained the following results.

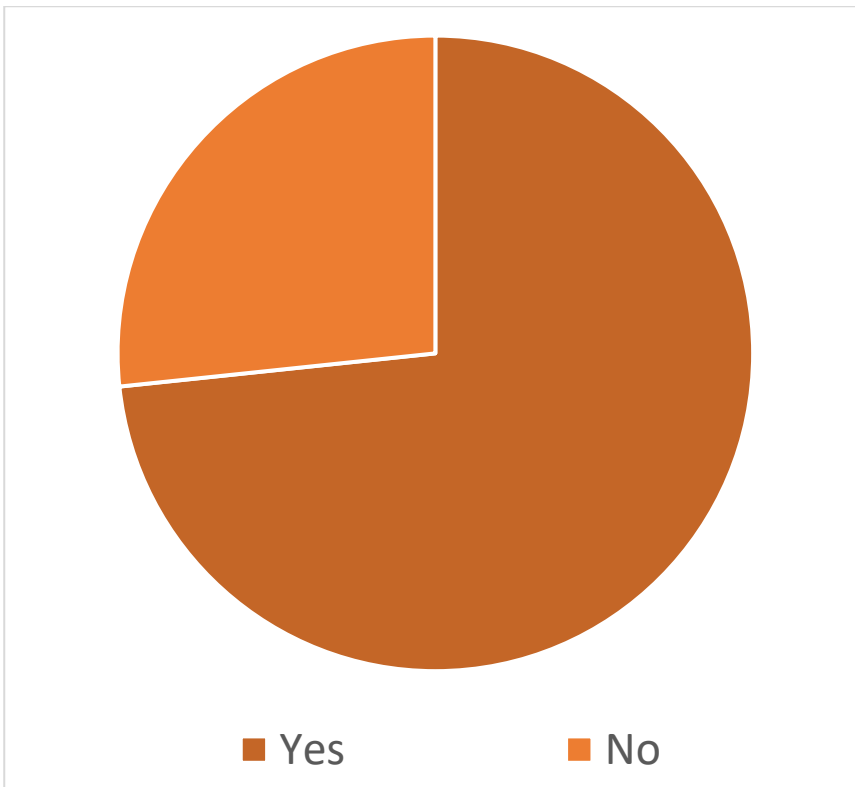
All the 15 respondents are studying English, but two of them study one more language besides English. 1 person is studying Spanish and 1 person is studying Arabic (look at Picture 1). It is also

interesting to note that many people do not want to limit themselves with only 1 language. They would like to master such languages as Chinese, Spanish, Turkish, German, etc.



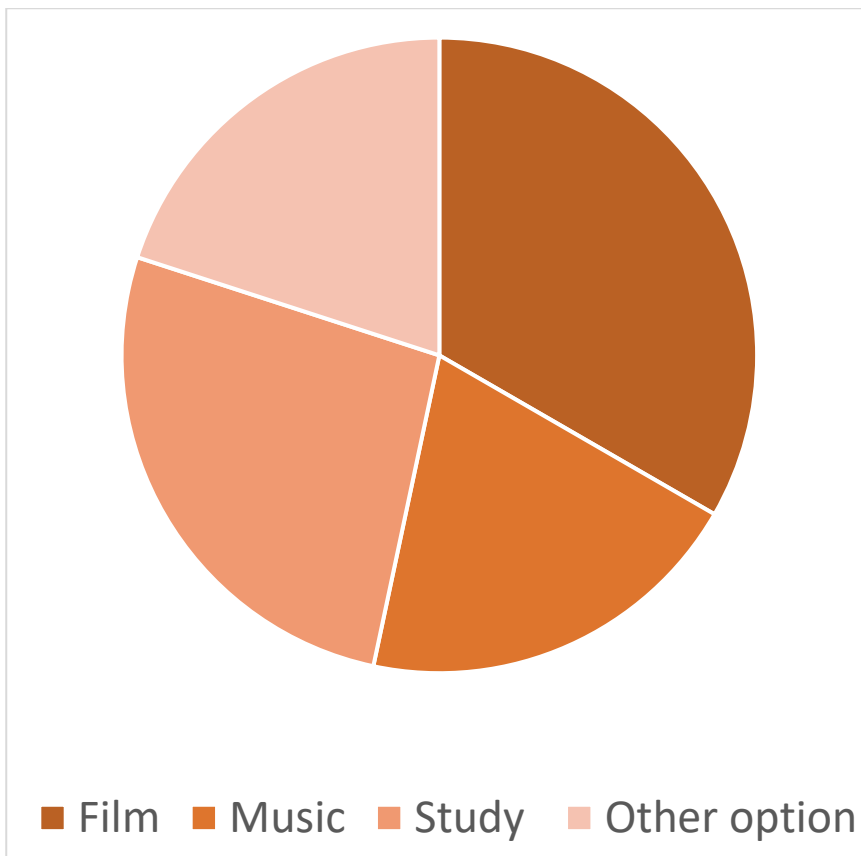
Pic.1

Picture 2 shows that 11 people believe that a foreign language will play an important role in their work, they will use the language in communicating with foreign colleagues, reading books and papers in English to be informed about what is happening in the world.



Pic.2

All the respondents prefer different methods of learning a foreign language (Picture 3). You can see that 5 students consider watching films in English with subtitles very effective. 3 respondents listen to music in foreign languages. Others use such methods as listening, memorizing, and Tutors.



Pic.3

Based on the results of the research we can give a few recommendations for those who want to learn a language quickly:

\* *Little and often is best.* Ten minutes every day tends to be more effective and manageable than a longer session once a week.

\* *Listen to music* in the language you need. For example, when you go to school or work.

\* *Visit a place* where you can apply your knowledge and learn new things.

You can go to another country on your own, but you can also use a special program of student exchange. These programs allow people to visit countries, improve their language skills, and learn something new. There are a lot of such programs, but we will speak about the most interesting ones. The first program we would like to draw your attention to is China campus network. It is for people who want to learn Chinese. In a language camp. Chinese is taught in an international group, people communicate with native teachers. They can learn not only how to speak, but also how to write in Chinese. Interesting tours are offered for the participants. Thus, the learners study the language penetrating into the culture of the country.

Another program is Bridge USA. This is a College and University Student Program. Foreign students have the opportunity to study at American degree-granting post-secondary accredited academic institutions, or participate in a student internship program that will fulfill the educational objectives

of the student's degree program in his or her home country. University/college students may engage in degree-granting programs until completion or non-degree granting programs for no more than 24 months. They also may engage in part-time employment under certain conditions, including good academic standing at their host institution. The students participate in academic training with or without wages or other remuneration during their studies with the approval of the academic dean or adviser and the responsible officer at their sponsor organization.

The program Camp in Hintersee is interesting, too. The classes cover the study of all aspects of the language, develop listening skills and conversational skills. Using new techniques and role-playing games in the classroom allows children to find contact with each other, actively participate in the learning process, and easily and quickly assimilate the material being studied. Such extracurricular activities as hiking in the mountains, organizing team competitions, excursions, allow children to consolidate their skills, teach them to quickly and correctly formulate and express their thoughts, and replenish their vocabulary.

All the mentioned above programs pay attention to a spoken language, the main skill necessary today. At the end of the programs all the participants get certificates indicating the level of a language knowledge.

### **Conclusion.**

Thus, in the conducted research we looked at different methods of learning foreign languages. All of these techniques have different principles of influence, but they all ultimately have one goal - the study of languages. An important role is still played by elective methods of language learning.

It depends on a person which method to choose, but one thing is still important: foreign languages play a great role in our life. We consume foreign languages in due measure every day. They greatly simplify our life. Knowledge of languages helps us both in communication and travel. It not only allows us to communicate with foreigners easily and get more money, but also expands the capabilities of the brain and even increases the ability to concentrate. At the moment, there is no universal method, since the effectiveness of a particular method depends on many factors. The main factor is a person's interest and motivation. Be interested and think about the benefits of learning languages.

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