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## **The role of foreign languages in the modern world**

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**Abstract.** The article deals with the problem of learning foreign languages and the role of English in the modern world. The authors point out that knowledge of at least one language is essential not only for professional, but also for personal life, as it opens a lot of doors and gives an opportunity to travel, to communicate with people from other countries, to attend international events.

The most efficient methods of learning foreign languages are described, and useful tips are given to those who want to master their knowledge of a foreign language.

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### **Introduction.**

By the end of the 20<sup>th</sup> century English had become a global language of culture, trade, politics and science. Nowadays more and more people begin to learn and use it. There are a lot of courses of English where people can master their knowledge. Teachers use various methods of teaching to motivate and interest their students in studying this language.

Unfortunately, many people do not want to learn English because of their own laziness. They don't even know that you don't have to sit over their textbooks for hours to learn how to write, read, and speak a new language. Awareness of the methods of learning English should encourage people to start learning a new and useful language for life.

The purpose of the study was to focus on the current trends of learning foreign languages, to find out the personal experience of the respondents and suggest the most useful methods of studying foreign languages.

### **Materials and methods.**

To achieve the purpose of the study we analyzed the articles on the topic, watched videos and tutorials, focused on current trends and personal experience of the respondents. In our study we interviewed five-year students of our university.

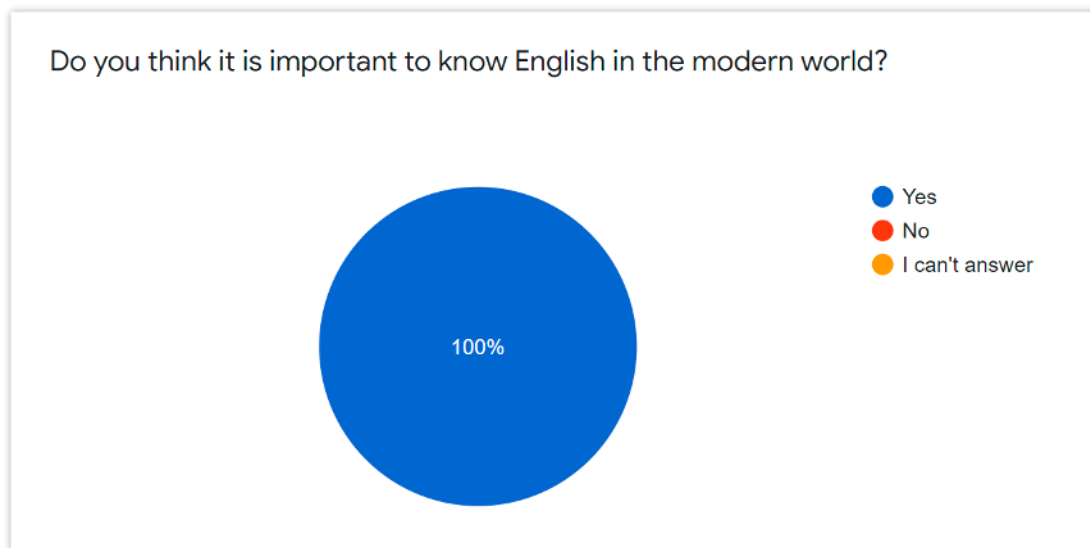
It is interesting to note that the majority of the respondents were not aware of the current trends in learning foreign languages, they used old methods, such as reading and translating texts, doing grammar exercises.

So, we are sure that our article is helpful as it gives information about new ways of learning languages. In our research we insist on the main goal of learning any language, that is to be able to speak this language and use it to achieve our goals in personal and professional life.

### **Results.**

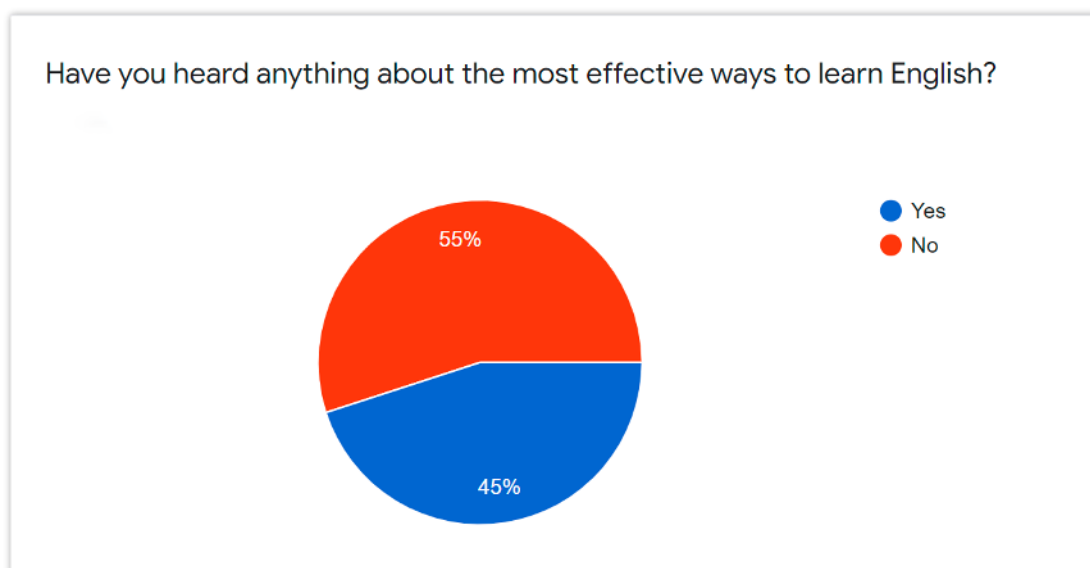
The results of our research are very interesting from the learner's point of view.

Firstly, we would like to point out that all the respondents of our survey agree that English is very important in the modern world (Picture 1). They know that this language is used all over the world and they want to learn it as an international language.



Pic. 1

Unfortunately, 55% of the respondents do not know anything about the most effective ways of learning English (Picture 2). They claim that it is impossible for them to learn it as it is difficult. Some of them say it is not interesting.

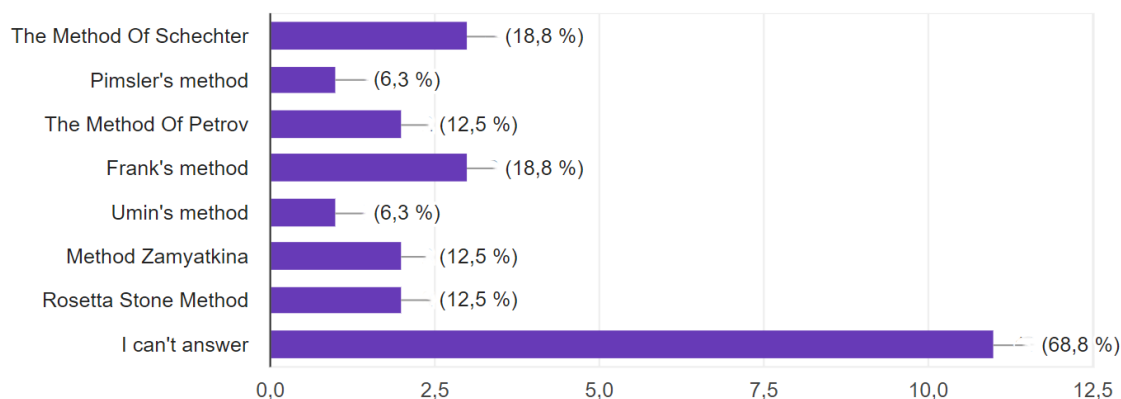


Pic. 2

Although there are a lot of methods of teaching and studying foreign languages, many teachers, especially school teachers, prefer to use traditional ways without paying attention to the main goal of any language, that is speaking, using a language as a tool.

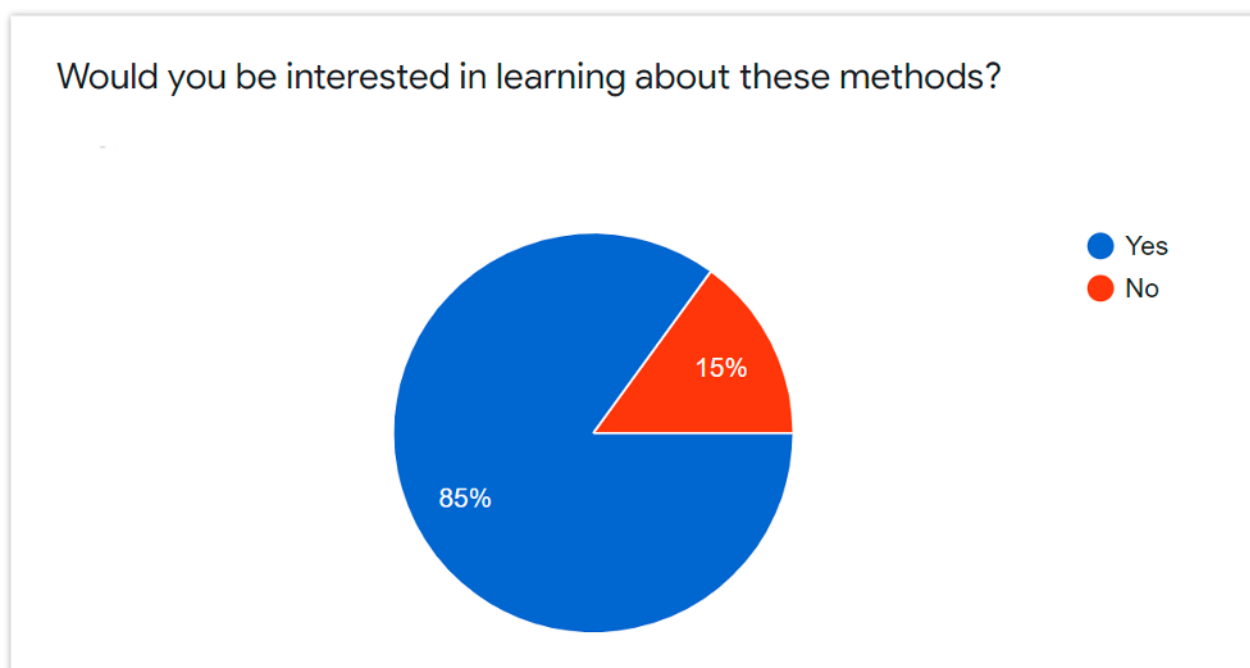
In the next picture (Picture 3) we presented the most well-known ways of learning a foreign language, developed by linguists and native speakers and used by teachers all over the world.

What ways of learning have you heard/known about?



Pic. 3

However, almost all the respondents wanted to know more about these methods (Picture 4). That is why we decided to explore and find out the distinction of all these methods.



Pic. 4

We watched some tutorials and read articles to understand the main features of each method. In our article we would like to stop on the most interesting, in our opinion, ways.

**The Method of Schechter.** The main idea of this method is that language learning starts from scratch and progresses gradually. Just as a child learns playfully and communicates, people can learn a new language. At the first stage students learn only words and phrases, and only after that the sentence structure is corrected. According to psychologists this system is one of the most successful and efficient.

**Pimsler's method.** Dr. Paul Pimsler developed a special system of thirty-minute lessons, designed not only for the perception of information, but also for its reproduction. Each lesson is voiced by two people: our compatriot and native English speaker. Thanks to this, as well as a special memorization technology, any student learns up to hundreds of English words and

expressions for each lesson. There are a lot of benefits in this system, one of them is its mobility as you can do the audio tasks anywhere. As a drawback we can speak about the lack of checking of pronunciation, as you do the tasks on your own and nobody listens to you.

The method of Petrov. Dmitry Petrov says that you can learn English in 16 hours. However, the author further clarifies that we are not talking about a masterful command of the language at the level of an indigenous resident of Great Britain, but about basic knowledge. His lessons are enough to survive in an English-speaking environment, explain your needs and understand the answer. Students are given necessary vocabulary on the topic and speech patterns and repeat these structures during the lesson. Thus, they memorize them and can use them in their further speech.

The described methods of learning English can really help you learn English on your own, but only up to a certain level. Do not forget that for effective use, you need to be able not only to understand a text and speech by ear, but also to master conversational skills.

At the end of the survey, we left a place where students could write their own version of how it is most convenient for them to learn English, and other languages too. And the most popular answer was " With the help of movies and TV shows". This way of learning covers three methods at once! Series help to learn new vocabulary, immerse in the language environment and contribute to a faster adaptation of the student in the English language.

### **Conclusion.**

No matter which method we choose, the most important thing is to feel passion about the language we learn, to understand the importance of your knowledge for your personal and professional life. Consistency and regular practice are the key to success. Remember this and you will succeed in mastering any language.

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