

Why We Should Learn Languages #1

What are the _____ of learning another language? You may think _____ answer is _____; we can communicate _____ people _____ backgrounds _____ speak other native languages _____. This is _____, but today, we have to _____ machine translation and _____ AI _____ years, computers can translate _____ most humans. The value of language _____ may _____. However, learning _____ speaking _____ languages _____ valuable. Learning _____ languages _____ more creative, _____, and _____ to other _____. _____ the values of learning another language?

What are the benefits of learning another language? You may think that the answer is simple; we can communicate with people from different backgrounds who speak other native languages than our own. This is true, but today, we have to think about this again. Due to the rapid development of machine translation and generative AI in recent years, computers can translate better than most humans. The value of language skills themselves may have decreased. However, learning and speaking different languages will still remain valuable. Learning foreign languages makes us more creative, flexible, and respectful to other cultures. What are the values of learning another language?

benefit	利益、恩恵	translate	翻訳する
due to	～のために、～が原因で	value	価値
rapid	急速な	decrease	減る
development	発展、進歩	remain	～のままている
translation	翻訳	flexible	柔軟な
generative AI	生成AI	respectful	敬意を持った
recent	最近の		

Learning another language makes us more _____. Many studies have _____ that bilinguals _____ higher _____ creativity _____ monolinguals. _____ bilingual person _____ a _____ word, a _____ brain becomes active _____ monolingual brain. For example, when Japanese speakers hear the word “_____” in Japanese, they _____ similar words _____ in Japanese, such as “_____”, “_____” and “red.” _____ bilinguals in Japanese and English hear the word, they also _____ related words in English, including “_____”, “post-_____”, and “social _____”. A _____ part of the brain is _____, _____ easier to _____ variety of ideas.

Learning another language makes us more creative. Many studies have shown that bilinguals score higher on creativity tasks than monolinguals. When a bilingual person hears a certain word, a larger part of their brain becomes active than the monolingual brain. For example, when Japanese speakers hear the word “post” in Japanese, they associate it with similar words and related ideas in Japanese, such as “poster”, “letter” and “red.” But when bilinguals in Japanese and English hear the word, they also associate it with related words in English, including “posture”, “post-war”, and “social media”. A wider part of the brain is active, so it is easier to come up with a variety of ideas.

score	得点する	including	～を含めて
monolingual	単一言語を話す (人)	posture	姿勢
certain	ある、特定の	post-war	戦後の
associate	連想する	social media	SNS
similar	似ている、類似の	come up with	思いつく
related	関連する	a variety of	様々な～

Why We Should Learn Languages #3

Learning a language is _____ learning its culture. Different cultures understand the _____, and these differences are often seen in differences in languages. For example, Japanese have different words for older and younger brothers. _____ shows that, in Japanese culture, _____ to know _____, _____ English culture doesn't _____ much. When you learn a _____ language, we often face such differences and have to _____ understand the cultural _____. _____ the same culture, people have different _____. So all of us _____. _____ understand, _____, and _____ people _____ different values. Learning another language _____ respect and understand various ideas and cultures.

Learning a language is equal to learning its culture. Different cultures understand the world differently, and these differences are often seen in differences in languages. For example, Japanese have different words for older and younger brothers. It shows that, in Japanese culture, it is important to know who is older than the other, while English culture doesn't care as much. When you learn a foreign language, we often face such differences and have to try hard to understand the cultural backgrounds. Even within the same culture, people have different ways of thinking. So all of us need to learn how to understand, accept, and get along well with people with different values. Learning another language helps us to respect and understand various ideas and cultures.

equal	等しい	accept	受け入れる
while	～している間に、～の一方で	get along with	仲良くする
care	気にする	various	さまざまな