

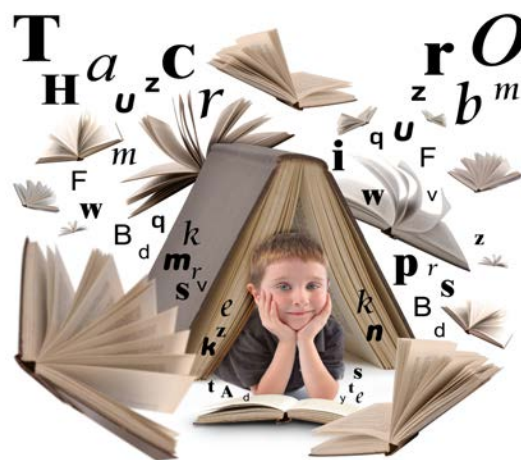
## Read the article and answer the questions.

Did you ever see the movie “Arrival”? It’s about an encounter with aliens. But more importantly, it’s about the magical experience of learning a new language. And while learning a new language does not generally allow you to see the future (as in the movie), it certainly opens up a new world to the learner. In addition, it has benefits for the brain. For example, research has shown that aging adults who speak more than one language are less likely to develop dementia. And the bilingual brain becomes better at filtering out distractions, and it improves creativity.



One benefit of learning a language is that it opens people's eyes to a way of doing things that is different from their own. Language learning inevitably involves learning about different cultures. Students pick up clues about culture both in language classes and through meaningful firsthand experiences. For example, they might visit countries where the language is spoken and interact with users of the language. Therefore, language learners develop new types of practical intelligence that will help them communicate across cultures. Students learn to think critically about differences between cultures relating to food, appearance, and conversation styles.

A second benefit of language learning is learning to be comfortable in unfamiliar situations. It's not difficult to see why this may be so. Conversations in a foreign language will at first include many unknown words. It wouldn't be a successful conversation if one of the speakers constantly stopped to say, "Sorry-I don't know that word. Let me look it up in Google translate." Encountering the unfamiliar helps students become less anxious in social interactions. Moreover, they usually become more optimistic, innovative, and open to taking risks. So, apart from improving communication and social interaction, these qualities help them get better jobs and higher salaries.



To conclude, learning a language has personal and social benefits for an individual. And it’s healthy for the brain. Moreover, knowledge of different languages is important in today’s world. It leads to open-mindedness and the ability to understand and accept different cultures. In addition, it helps companies compete successfully and work collaboratively with partners across the globe.

1. What are some of the benefits of language learning?

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2. How can language learning help students be more comfortable in different situations?

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3. What does "practical intelligence" mean?

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4. Why is the ability to communicate in more than one language important in today’s world?

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5. What do you think happens to the person who learns an alien language in the movie “Arrival”?

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6. What is the primary goal of language learning in your opinion?

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## Learning a new language

- 1 It opens up a new world to the learner. Also, it has benefits for the brain. Aging adults who speak more than one language are less likely to develop dementia. It helps a person filter out distractions and improves creativity.
- 2 They get used to dealing with unfamiliar situations. They get experience dealing with unfamiliar situations and “unknown” words.
- 3 Students develop practical intelligence when they experience learn different cultures. Students learn to think critically about differences between cultures relating to food, appearance, and conversation styles.
- 4 They become more open-minded and understand and accept different cultures. And the ability to communicate and good social skills helps students get better jobs.
- 5 She becomes sympathetic to the aliens culture and learns things she could not have learnt otherwise.  
(She learns things that can help the human race survive!!!)
- 6 Answers will vary.