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THE PLEASURE OF LEARNING LANGUAGES

Nowadays at the beginning of 21st century, in media and computer era, being a native English speaker presents a bunch of obvious advantages. Those who grow up speaking English can be understood almost everywhere in the world among scholars and educated people. English is world media language, the speech of cinema, TV shows, pop music and computers. It is also the most important language for politics, sports, science and newspapers. Everywhere in civilized world people must know the pronunciation of many English words, names of places and people, titles of songs and so on. The usage of English language is so widely spread all over the world that nobody can deny that English is the true

The advantages that result for this almost primary necessity (learning English) are still greater when one's mother tongue doesn't have Germanic roots. As a result of fewer similarities between languages, efforts to learn English represent greater challenges, increasing intellectual curiosity, providing more pleasure in the discovery of new concepts and ideas. Thinking that way, having a native language that without Indo-European roots can be still better, because when people learn English they must go beyond the limits of they strict concepts of grammar, sentences structure, sounds, pronunciation, direction of writing, declensions, syllabic concepts, verbs conjugation, plurals and so on.

Those whose mother tongue uses an alphabet other than Latin enjoy yet greater advantages. To use computers, to connect to internet addresses, to send email, one needs to know the Latin alphabet. Latin characters are always present, even together with other alphabets, in most computer and cell phone keyboards around the world. All internet sites and email addresses currently use only the Latin alphabet. This forces educated people who use computers to have at least a little knowledge of the Latin alphabet. People who must learn another alphabet go beyond the sounds of their mother tongue. Such person will realize, for example, that there are some sounds that may be represented by different, unfamiliar letters.

Even considering that most of the words in European languages with either simple or sophisticated meanings, are monosyllabic or bisyllabic, there is some pattern that confirms that nouns for well known things are generally shorter.

To summarize, to non-English speakers the almost universal necessity of English learning, is a leading advantage, because it stimulates scholars to learn at least one foreign language. The pleasure of learning languages is something that helps people to open their minds to languages diversity and so to diversity in general.

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