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### *Why Learn a Second Language?*

Every language has its own story. By learning a new language, we can open our views to entirely new perspectives and help us see more of the world. Languages are often thought of as separate, while in reality they can be combined to create a new environment. Words themselves are used to describe what we notice, but sometimes they can be so unique that it is hard to describe in another language, so translation is not always necessarily accurate. Learning that new second language can expand your vocabulary and allow you to express yourself more. Even when words sound or mean the same thing in two languages, they can have completely different connotations in different languages, completely skewing their meaning or implied meaning. Languages often open history about a new location, giving you new insight into how people view different aspects of life or certain locations.

Translation often is flawed, as to get the same effect of the words you must change them entirely to still get the right feeling instilled into the audience. Views of the world are embedded into language, whether the specific vocabulary used, the pronouns, and different grammatical and pronunciation rules apply to all. Translation may give the literal meaning of a sentence from another language but can completely sever it from all the cultural meanings behind it that can't be translated directly. Fluency in a second language allows you to understand both views, while only knowing one language may leave you wondering how you even have a view.

I agree with almost the entirety of this article! While I personally am not fluent in a second language, I would love to learn one (French and maybe German). As Ansary said many times, learning a second language can open you to new views of everything. Learning a new language could help me understand new cultures and allow me to better understand people when traveling (which I hope to do much more in the future). Being fluent in two (or more) languages is never a bad thing, it can help you communicate with a much bigger audience of people, let alone improving cognitive skills and even shielding against dementia in old age. The only part of the article I do not agree with is when Ansary says business often is in multiple languages – it seems like a lot of business is often in English but knowing another language can still be helpful!