

## WHY SHOULD WE STUDY FOREIGN LANGUAGES?

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### **Abstract**

Turkish people have a saying, 'Bir insan, bir lisan' which means 'One person, one language'. The more languages we speak, the more intellectually we get enriched. The study of foreign languages is a necessity for modern times. We live in a time when people move more freely, share more with each other, establish relationships with people from different countries of the world. The world today, thanks to globalization is like a global village. Albania is not anymore the isolated country of Southeastern Europe. Albanians have emerged from the isolation that had closed them within their borders. We aspire to join the great European family and a good knowledge of the languages of these countries will approach us more with their culture and traditions. In my study, I will analyze the use of foreign languages before and after communism in Albania and the reason why we should study languages nowadays. Before in our country, few people could speak foreign languages. It was forbidden to watch foreign TV channels or listen to foreign radio stations. Many people were put in prison because of nonsense reasons. The use of foreign languages could bring wrongful conviction of innocents because the languages linked the country to the outside world. But today, the study of foreign languages is a requirement of the time. The more we can speak, better we can be integrated in different countries of the world. So, the knowledge of foreign languages is a bridge between nations and makes us to know better each other. The knowledge of foreign languages means progress, development. The world is changing each day. The technology is advancing and the borders, barriers that exist between nations are erased. The knowledge of foreign languages will make people and nations more capable to meet the challenges of this century. It will bring economic development, cultural understanding, academic benefits for students, enhanced career opportunities and why not a better world.

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