

THE IMPORTANCE OF LEARNING FOREIGN LANGUAGES IN THE MODERN WORLD

У роботі розглядається важливість вивчення іноземних мов в умовах глобалізації та інноваційних технологій, доводиться, що володіння іноземною мовою є запорукою успіху в сучасному світі, де комунікація та обробка великої кількості інформації іншомовними стають стає все більш важливим, аналізується дослідження вчених з Лондонського університету, які встановили зв'язок між вивченням мови та розвитком гнучкого та оригінального мислення, підкреслюється роль англійської мови як міжнародної мови бізнесу, торгівлі, Інтернету, науки та мистецтва, а також обґрунтовується значення володіння іноземною мовою в розвитку світу.

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The author considers the growing importance of learning foreign languages in the context of globalization and innovative technologies, proves that foreign language proficiency is the key to success in the modern world, where communication and processing of large amounts of information in other languages are becoming increasingly important, analyzes the research of scientists from the University of London, which established a link between language learning and the development of flexible and original thinking, emphasizes the role of English as an international language of business, trade, the Internet, science and art, and substantiates the importance of foreign language proficiency in the development of the world.

Key words: *integration, foreign language, education, preschool education institutions, children, Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine, development.*

With the integration of society and the emergence of innovative technologies, the importance of learning foreign languages has become more important. If earlier such skills were needed mainly for employment, today there is no field of human activity where foreign languages are not used. Mastery of foreign languages is the key to success in the modern world, where communication in foreign languages and processing of huge amounts of information is becoming increasingly essential. Interest in learning languages remains high, as those who know languages know the world. Knowledge of foreign languages plays an important role in a person's life, allowing them to broaden their horizons, communicate with people from other countries, enter a foreign culture and view the world from a new perspective [1].

Recently, a major scientific study was conducted by scientists from the University of London, which found that learning foreign languages helps to develop flexible and original thinking. This conclusion is based on the link between gray matter activity and knowledge of several languages, which has been scientifically confirmed. It is said that the number of languages you know determines your personality. That is, the more languages you learn, the better. Every language is an opportunity to open up new worlds and perspectives [2].

For example, English is the official language of international business, trade, the Internet, science, and the arts. It occupies 80% of the business language space. More and more often, we come across English in communication with colleagues and work partners, as well as in leisure situations. Knowledge of English is becoming a necessity when filling out questionnaires, writing resumes, and in business and private correspondence. It is taught in kindergartens, schools and universities, and there are numerous courses and trainings. In some countries, even math and other subjects are taught in English. But this does not diminish the importance of learning other foreign languages [3].

German is considered one of the key languages for international communication and is used in the fields of technology and finance. Over the past five years, the demand for German language skills has grown significantly, leading to an increase in the number of German partners and investors. Goods from Germany, such as furniture, electronics, and cars, are actively imported, which creates a need for specialists with the ability to communicate with these suppliers. Knowledge of German is also very useful in the offices of German banks, especially in European countries, where it is much more widely spoken than English.

Mastering a foreign language gives you the opportunity to learn more about and explore the history and culture of different countries and peoples. Knowledge of a foreign language can help you keep abreast of events in the world, expand your ability to communicate with different people, and learn about their culture, customs, values, and traditions. Knowledge of foreign languages significantly increases the chances of successful employment. Today, almost every employer expects job candidates to have at least a basic level of foreign language skills. Knowledge of foreign languages provides a significant competitive advantage over other applicants for any position. If you dream of success, you need not only to receive information, but also to be able to comprehend, analyze and draw conclusions on your own [4].

Life is unpredictable, so foreign language skills can come in handy at any time, especially if you intend to travel abroad. Among the key benefits of learning foreign languages, many Ukrainians pointed to the following factors: the possibility of employment abroad (57%), getting a better job in Ukraine (49%), the possibility of getting an education abroad (47%), the possibility of using the language at work (37%) or during a vacation abroad (31%). Therefore, learning a foreign language is a unique opportunity to travel the world freely, comfortably and confidently, without fear of being misunderstood [5].

At a meeting at the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine on the problems of teaching foreign languages in preschool education, it was stated that a promising way to provide the preschool education system with foreign language specialists is to train preschool teachers with the right to teach foreign languages. This leads to new tasks in the formation of preschool children's communicative competence, and also increases the demand of the pedagogical community for educational and methodological literature as a means of professional training of preschool teachers to teach children foreign languages from an early age. Important factors in this process are the level of their professional training, theoretical, methodological and practical skills, which directly affect preschoolers' interest in the language, level of language proficiency and general communicative competence.

At the current stage of development of the educational system of Ukraine, a number of requirements have been formulated for a teacher with the right to teach a foreign language:

1. must have in-depth knowledge in their field and be able to model the educational process to achieve its high efficiency;
2. must be creative;
3. must be familiar with rational methods of organizing training and implement them in practice of working with children;
4. use effective teaching methods and techniques to achieve the set goals.

In this regard, a modern teacher needs to be familiar with the main provisions of the state policy of Ukraine in the field of preschool education in general and foreign language teaching in particular. It is also important to have an understanding of the peculiarities of a child's personal development, his/her key areas of life, and especially the level of cognitive interests that determine the technology and specifics of teaching foreign languages in preschool institutions.

Future specialists who will teach a foreign language to preschool children should remember that due to the age characteristics of children of this age, characterized by increased mobility, it is important to use game methods that promote the child's natural development.

Recently, the number of hyperactive children with limited attention span has been increasing, which requires high professionalism from teachers. This implies a constant demonstration of ingenuity and associative thinking for the effective teaching of these children. The

educational process with such children is more complicated than with high school students because of their peculiarities.

Learning a foreign language by preschoolers not only helps them master the basics of foreign language communication, but is also an effective means of development, education and personal formation of a child.

In today's world, where the Internet is available almost everywhere, the ability to communicate with people from all over the world is becoming more and more common. However, for such communication, it is necessary to have at least a basic knowledge of foreign languages. I believe that successful foreign language proficiency requires continuous learning and greater globalization in higher education. Learning foreign languages has a significant educational, upbringing, and developmental potential that helps students prepare for future challenges and is a key element in shaping an educated and developed personality.

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