

Hello! My name is **Emilia** and I enjoy learning languages because I think they can be very useful and interesting in day-to-day life.

My family is all from Poland, and I believe it is important for me to be able to communicate and share ideas with them. Also, I think languages are especially helpful when travelling and connecting with people from different backgrounds from around the world. Additionally, in the future, I would love to travel the world, possibly working as a pilot or flight attendant, or just travelling for the joy and interest of it, so learning to be able to communicate using different languages is important to me, not only to stay safe everywhere and be more aware, but to be able to meet more new people as well and form connections with loads more others.

As well, I think languages open up new perspectives and help you understand different cultures on a deeper level, and I think it's really satisfying to be able to speak more than one language as I find it both impressive and rewarding, and I know it is great for your brain and health. I've even considered becoming a translator one day, as I would love to help people overcome language barriers and help others solve problems.

Lastly, I enjoy how different languages sound and the challenges learning them can bring.

Swami:

Why languages are important in my life:

Early on in my life, I was exposed to language learning and travelling as I moved to the UK from Italy. This chapter in my life gave me no other choice but to learn English as a second language from scratch, at the age of 5, and shaped who I am today.

Being exposed to a new country with a different culture, different norms and values and a completely different language so early on influenced me in a way that is hard to describe. I was no longer only familiar with the Italian way of life, but I quickly adapted to the English one as well, and this sparked a curiosity for other languages and other cultures which I couldn't ignore even if I wanted to. Today, I can say that I am fluent in Italian and English and am approaching that level in French and Spanish too, having put my passion for languages at the forefront of everything I do.

If you were to ask me why I think languages are as fundamental as any other career path, I would tell you that language learning is a fascinating way to become an incredibly open-minded, educated and cultured human being. Language learning doesn't just consist of learning a language, it embeds communication skills and adaptability which employers are eager to be presented with, and you can absolutely pair your languages with different career fields, from politics all the way to fashion. So, if you think knowing foreign languages isn't a valuable skill to have, think again. You might need them on your next adventure...

Daniel:

Languages are important since they are personal to me and life. My upbringing involved a mix of Polish and English which allowed me to embed my families culture early in my life.

Hi, I'm Marnie,

Since learning a language, I have gained a wider perspective of the world and developed a better understanding of other cultures. This has meant that I'm able to build new relationships with other people and connect with them on a mutual level of empathy and respect. Being able to connect to new people like this is important as it enables you to learn something new from them but also share your own language and culture with others as well.

Learning a language will open doors for you like travelling and communicating with the locals and even getting jobs that allow you to work from all over the world.