**Learning languages is the beginning but not the end**

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I have chosen this theme because I am fond of learning foreign languages. I think that knowing a language is the tooling of association, exchanging of opinions and mutual understanding of people in society.

The reasons for studying foreign languages are numerous. They can be grouped into professional and personal reasons. First of all, speaking a foreign language makes travelling an unforgettable experience because you will be able to understand better the beauties of the country you are visiting. Others learn languages to create more employment opportunities. But in the process of studying languages many people realize that learning a language has a beginning but has no end. So do I.

I would like to tell you about studying my first foreign language – English. I have been learning it since the age of five. At the very beginning I didn’t understand the significance of this subject. But when I grew older, I realized that English occupies a very important part in the life of the contemporary society. English is the language of politics and diplomacy, science and technology, business and trade, sport and pop music. That is why I decided to learn hard this language. First it was difficult for me to learn words by heart and my aim was only to have a good mark. Day by day English attracted me more and more because I liked to use my knowledge and perfect my speaking experience. Although, I have been learning English for many years already, I still can’t say that my speech is on a high level.

I would also like to look at this statement from the other hand. Everybody knows that English is an international language and many people all over the world learn it. For some of them it is enough to speak only one language, others don’t stop on one. They want more and learn two or more languages. As for me, I learn Chinese, Korean and of course Russian. A year ago I started to learn German. To my mind foreign languages enrich spiritual world of a person, enlarge his horizon and raise cultural standard.