

### *Popular opinions about language learning and teaching*

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Indicate the extent to which you agree with each statement by marking an X at the appropriate point on the line between 'strongly agree' and 'strongly disagree'.

- 1 Languages are learned mainly through imitation.  
strongly agree    \_\_\_\_\_    strongly disagree
- 2 Parents usually correct young children when they make grammatical errors.  
strongly agree    \_\_\_\_\_    strongly disagree
- 3 Highly intelligent people are good language learners.  
strongly agree    \_\_\_\_\_    strongly disagree
- 4 The most important predictor of success in second language acquisition is motivation.  
strongly agree    \_\_\_\_\_    strongly disagree
- 5 The earlier a second language is introduced in school programmes, the greater the likelihood of success in learning.  
strongly agree    \_\_\_\_\_    strongly disagree
- 6 Most of the mistakes that second language learners make are due to interference from their first language.  
strongly agree    \_\_\_\_\_    strongly disagree
- 7 The best way to learn new vocabulary is through reading.  
strongly agree    \_\_\_\_\_    strongly disagree
- 8 It is essential for learners to be able to pronounce all the individual sounds in the second language.  
strongly agree    \_\_\_\_\_    strongly disagree
- 9 Once learners know roughly 1000 words and the basic structure of a language, they can easily participate in conversations with native speakers.  
strongly agree    \_\_\_\_\_    strongly disagree
- 10 Teachers should present grammatical rules one at a time, and learners should practise examples of each one before going on to another.  
strongly agree    \_\_\_\_\_    strongly disagree

- 11** Teachers should teach simple language structures before complex ones.  
strongly agree \_\_\_\_\_ strongly disagree
- 12** Learners' errors should be corrected as soon as they are made in order to prevent the formation of bad habits.  
strongly agree \_\_\_\_\_ strongly disagree
- 13** Teachers should use materials that expose students to only those language structures they have already been taught.  
strongly agree \_\_\_\_\_ strongly disagree
- 14** When learners are allowed to interact freely (for example, in group or pair activities), they copy each other's mistakes.  
strongly agree \_\_\_\_\_ strongly disagree
- 15** Students learn what they are taught.  
strongly agree \_\_\_\_\_ strongly disagree
- 16** Teachers should respond to students' errors by correctly rephrasing what they have said rather than by explicitly pointing out the error.  
strongly agree \_\_\_\_\_ strongly disagree
- 17** Students can learn both language and academic content (for example, science and history) simultaneously in classes where the subject matter is taught in their second language.  
strongly agree \_\_\_\_\_ strongly disagree