“There are many kinds and degrees of language competence, and all  
have benefits. Knowing a language well enough to get by in the day to  
day is very different from knowing a language well enough to read  
sophisticated texts, write, develop adult relationships, exercise one's  
profession, move effectively in a range of contexts, and adapt quickly to  
new situations. Though everyone knows these differences exist,  
the current public idea of language has no way of talking about them,  
just as it has no way of talking about the many kinds of language

learning”. (Mary Louise Pratt 2003)