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PROMPT:

Americans Should Learn a Second Language

Most Americans born in the United States do not speak a second language. They may have studied another language. However, they usually do not speak or understand it very well. They would have many advantages if they spoke two languages. For this reason, they should be required to learn to speak a second language well.

There are many benefits to learning to speak two languages. Learning more than one language helps develop children's brains. Children who speak two languages usually have stronger and more active brains than children who only speak one language. Learning another language will help children perform better in other subjects in school.

People who speak two languages also have better social skills. They are better at understanding how other people think and feel. They get along better with other people. Getting along with others is an important skill throughout someone's life.

Speaking two languages can help someone get a job. Businesses need people who can communicate with customers who speak different languages. The U.S. government and U.S. military are always looking for bilingual speakers. For example they want to hire people who speak Arabic or Chinese. However, very few Americans study Arabic or Chinese in school or university.

Clearly, speaking a second language is good for learning. It is good for getting along with others, and good for getting a job. All schools should require that American students learn to speak a second language. Everybody deserves to have the benefits and opportunities of being able to speak two languages.

Writing Directions: Read the passage above and write an essay about it. Summarize the main ideas of the passage in your own words. In addition, explain how one or more ideas in the passage relate (connect) to something you have experienced, seen or read, and/or learned in school.

Only a small part of your essay should summarize the passage, but make sure to include all the author's main ideas. Most of the essay should explain how one or more ideas relate to something you have experienced, seen or read, and/or learned in school.

Remember to review your essay and make any changes or corrections that will help your reader clearly understand your essay. You will have 90 minutes to complete your essay.

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This essay received the following score:

Critical Response: 3

Development: 3

Organization: 3

Word Choice: 3

Sentence Structure, Grammar, Mechanics: 3

The author of “Americans Should Learn a Second Language” discuss about american people who can and cannot speak an a second language. The author believes that, a second launguge helps to people to get more opportunities and skills. Most Americans students born in the United State and they speaks only in English. Because they studies only in one language. It’s hard for them to learn another launguage. However, a second launguage is good for their a future. If they could speak an two launguage, they could get more communicate with others and it helps them to be smarter.

I agreed with the authors idea. For example: in U.S. lives a lot of immigrants, who don’t speak English. If they go to shop or any bank, they will need to who can speak their launguage. So, that’s why companies needs emploes who can speak in many launguages to make comfort for their costumers. Known two launguage is not only about get a good job or make more money. It means, you’re smarter and strong person. Because learn a second launguage is not easy. For it have to work harder, needs more time and practice everyday.

The author discuss about only American people. However, I want to add more about one immigrant girl Kim. She came with her mother from China to the United State to get more opportunites. She couldn’t speak in English. She entered in school when she was 11 years old. She studied really hard and worked at the factory after school to help her mother. After many years hard work she became a doctor. I bring it as a example for all of us. Everybody able to learn a second language. It’s good for our bright future and our social skills.