Argumentative Writing Task 1 (Week 7)

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**Directions:**

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

***With rapid improvements in machine translation and speech recognition technologies in recent years, we don’t need to learn other foreign languages.***

Please write an argumentative essay in about **300-350 words** to express your view based on your own knowledge and experience. Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.

“I’m not good at Chinese . But I like studying Chinese .” Zackberg said in Tsinghua on October 22 , 2014 . Though varieties of technologies which help us to translate are invented nowadays , it’s still of great importance to learn other foreign languages . **First of all** , learning other languages offers us an opportunity to know more cultural knowledge with regard to countries using that language . Equipped with the capability of speaking foreign language , we can get rid of translating technology and dive into the personal connections with foreigners while on a trip abroad or in our daily life . At the same time , learning foreign language also make us accept knowledge faster for getting over the language barrier and hence broaden our horizons . **On top of that** , it has impacts on our brain as well . According to a research conducted by a research group from Canada in 2010 , those who can speak more than one language are tend to suffer from Alzheimers Disease five years later on average than those who can’t . The switch between two languages seem to reinforce the executive functions of brain , said Giovanna Bubbico , the first author of this research . **Last but not least** , learning foreign language may guarantee you a rise in wages . Language expert and CEO Ryan McMunn stated that learning a second language boosts your salary anywhere from 10-15% . The reasons for the rise are clear . On the one hand , job seekers that come with being able to speak a foreign language are tend to stand out from the crowd and therefore catch the attention of hiring managers . In fact , 9 out of 10 European recruiters consider bilingualism critical to hiring new employees . Similarly , the chances are good that an employee equipped with ability to speak foreign language gets promoted . **All in all** , learning a foreign language would never be out of date and is a platform with better vision .