**24.1 INTRODUCTION OF A FOREIGN LANGUAGE**

**Foreign languages provide a competitive edge in career choices:**

* The benefit of learning a foreign language is that one is able to communicate in a **second language. Foreign language study** enhances listening skills and memory.
* He/she participates more effectively and responsibly in a multi-cultural world if he/she knows another language.
* Foreign language study creates more positive attitudes and less prejudice towards people who are different.
* Analytical skills improve when students study a foreign language.
* Business skills plus foreign language skills make an employee more valuable in the market place.
* Dealing with another culture enables people to gain a more profound understanding of their own culture.
* Creativity is increased with the study of foreign languages.
* Graduates often cite foreign language courses as some of the most valuable courses in college because of communication skills developed in the process.
* International process is made easier and more pleasant through knowing a foreign language.
* Skills like problem solving, dealing with abstract concepts are increased when you study a foreign language.
* Foreign language study enhances one’s opportunities in govt., business, medicine, law, technology, military, industry, marketing etc.
* A second language improves your skills and grades in math and English.
* Foreign language study enhances listening skills and memory.
* One participates more effectively and responsibly in a multi-cultured world if one knows another language.
* Your marketable skills in the global economy are improved if you master another language.
* Foreign language study offers a sense of the past, culturally and linguistically.
* The study of a foreign language improves the knowledge of one’s own language.
* The study of foreign language teaches and encourages the respect for other people. It fosters an understanding of interrelation of language and human nature.
* Foreign language expends one’s view of the world, liberalize one’s experiences, and make him more flexible and tolerant.
* Foreign language expends one’s world view and limit the barrier between people, barriers cause distrust and fear.
* Foreign language study leads to an appreciation of culture diversity.
* One is at a distant advantage in the global market if one is as bilingual as possible.
* Foreign language opens the doors to art, music, dance, fashion, cuisine, film, philosophy, science etc.ete.
* Foreign language study is simply a part of very basic liberal education. To educate is to lead out, to lead out of confinement and narrowness and darkness.
* With the study of foreign language, English vocabulary skills increase.