

Significance of Language in Human Evolution

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ABSTRACT

Language is the only and only important tool of communication in the modern world. It is impossible to develop of personality of individual without interaction which is only possible with help of language. Economic, cultural and social relationship between different regions are mandatory in the globalised world. Language helps to connect an individual with unknown world. Language transports ideas, thoughts, feelings, and opinions throughout the whole world. It is very important tool in evolution of human being and technical and scientific development of the emerging world. Ability to communicate in more than one language commercial and industrial world is the need of every individual and region. Communicating directly with new clients in their native language is one of the first steps to founding a stable international business relationship.

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IMPORTANCE OF LANGUAGE IN HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Language is the divine gift of the god. It is language that distinguishes man from animals. Language is man's finest asset. To the philosopher, language may be the instrument of thought, for we think through language. Language is an extremely important way of interacting with the people around us. Without language we cannot communicate with people. As it is a vital tool for communication. It is true that human being is living in such a world where there are different language are spoken and he is globalized and therefore it is compulsory to know about these languages. By learning more than one language it could open many career doors, it can help us progress in our career, we can gain awareness of other cultures and it can increase our understanding and knowledge towards language. The knowledge of the languages the economic, cultural and social relationship between different regions knowing different languages. Learning process of a language provides opportunities to human beings to enhance the skill of listening, speaking, reading and writing and to express themselves with full confidence.

A large portion of world population is able to communicate and exchange ideas with each other due to their common issues with help of common language. Language is the channel which helps to connect an individual with unknown world. Language transports ideas, thoughts, feelings, and opinions throughout the whole world. As Chomsky proves the purpose of language he said "the purpose of language is for communication". Krech also explained that language is a tool to transmit information, learn knowledge, express feelings, emotions, and ideas, construct social identity. As we all know that language plays a great role in the process of transmitting knowledge. Today, every person tries to learn different languages to gain more and more knowledge of this globalised world. Language is a living and dynamic tool by which we try to discover methods of sharing our thoughts, expressions, feelings even in backward and traditional societies. In fact language is continuously creating new words in order to define a new concept.

Human being is differentiated from other living beings only with a gift of quality of speech. He thinks, feels, judges, and expresses only through language. Human being utters some sounds and these sounds are conventionalized and recognized as common usage and provide the social aspect of a language. Life without language will be very difficult.

The role of language is widened with the increasing scope of human activities. No activity of the modern world cannot be expressed without language. Language is very necessary for understanding the every aspect of disciplines of art or science. Learning of language is compulsory requirement for attaining any employment, to communicate with people and to interact with unknown world. Many companies and institutions are now in need of those people who know more than one language. As many companies encourage their employees to sharpen their language skills. Language is the means which allows one to share information, and to communicate thoughts, beliefs, concepts, attitudes and emotions. Today it is compulsory for students to choose additional language along with English like French or Spanish in the schools. A person who knows more

than one language he or she is appreciated by the society and is understood have extra knowledge. A person having knowledge of more than one language can travel anywhere and it is easy for him to communicate with foreign people more confidently. In the age of globalization, Indian are also trying to learn French, Spanish, German, English language. As English has become the second language now, so it has become need of the day to learn this language. It has become more important to be able in communicating multiple languages in the global business community. Knowledge of the local and international language is the first requirement for communicating directly and indirectly with others and founding a stable international business relationship.

Learning to communicate fluently in multiple languages provides additional job security. Learning a new language is not only learning grammar or vocabulary, it is learning new sounds and expressions. As we all know that many companies want to increase their business so they connect their companies to other country companies, so for that they need many different kinds of employees who can communicate in different languages and understand other cultures. A person who knows different languages, he has more chances to establish him successfully. It will reward him in his career development. It is need of a person living in foreign country to gain the knowledge of local language. Language skills provide important tool for understanding and regulating children's emotions. We can communicate our feelings and emotions only through the knowledge of different languages. It is very helpful in foundation of our identity and career. For example, knowledge of English language play an important role in development of international trade and business, socio-cultural relationship, exchange of technique and science. In this globalization age, we feel helpless in interaction with the people speaking different languages.

Language has important role in the life of every individual. The role of language in evolution of human life is incomparable. It is not only the means of communication, medium of transport of our thoughts and ideas, but it is also a tool for establishment of social, cultural and economical relationship with other. Language is an only one and important way of interacting with the people around us. It is the medium to express ourselves and try to understand the feeling of others.

ROLE OF LANGUAGE IN THE LIFE OF THE INDIVIDUAL

- Language helps in shaping and development of overall personality of an individual. It is key factor who makes eligible to compete with others in society and knowledge of more than one language have become compulsion for us to establish in modern and advanced society.
- In the age globalization, people exchange their thoughts and ideas throughout the world. Many advanced tools are being used as a medium for communication, but the role of language in communication cannot be denied at all. A common language helps people to communicate and understand each other living different parts of the world.
- Language is also a major tool for communication. It help to communicate between two and more different countries, cultural groups, organizations, communities.
- Language is very helpful in human developmental process. Language is a tool which separate human being from the rest of organisms. It strengthens the feeling of socialism and relationship among a group of people. A child tries to utter many words of a particular language from his birth. This is an inherent human tendency, which is extremely important for his further growth.
- Language have also played important role in the moral development. A child learns about right and wrong values by listening to his parents and other members of his society. We cannot imagine the learning of child about right and wrong in absence of language. Language also helps us to learn about acceptance and recognition of our thoughts which become moral values of our society latterly.
- Learning process of a language is one of the best predictors of a child's later performance in school. A child with better fluency in language and speaking capacity has benefitted throughout his life.

SIGNIFICANCE OF LANGUAGE IN HUMAN EVOLUTION

Means of expression

Expression is process where thoughts are conveyed in form of words. Language is the means of expression of our feelings and experiences. Human being and other animals can express their feelings and experiences through signs and gestures, but understanding and clarity of these signs and gestures is most important which is not available in most cases. Thus language plays important role as means of expression.

Medium of communication

We communicate with one another through language. With the advent of the concept of globalization, people all over the world communicate with each other and exchange their ideas. Many technical and scientific instruments and tools are being used as a medium for communication, but the role of language in communication cannot be denied. A common language helps people to communicate and understand each other living different parts of the world. Language has become a major tool of communication between countries, cultural groups, various companies and organizations, communities and friends.

Convey of thought

Thought is called sub-vocal speech. Language is the only tool for convey of our thought one to other. We think through language. It cannot be denied that animals can also think without language but they cannot convey their thinking. Although animal cognition may be impressive but it lacks the special power of thinking which can be possible only through its conveyance. The process of thinking is possible without language but is disturbed if the individual has deficiency in language.

Moral development

Moral development is process in human life through which we learn that how we should treat with other people regarding their respect, welfare and rights. Language plays a great role in the moral development of a child. The process begins when the child is about 18 months old. The child learns the right and wrong by listening to what his parents and adult members of his society tell him. We cannot imagine the learning of child about right and wrong in absence of language. Language also helps us to learn about acceptance and recognition of our thoughts which become moral values of our society.

Personal Development

Language helps in shaping and developing our personality as a whole. Since learning a language is part of our knowledge, it becomes one of the key factors in the modern age of competition. The basic knowledge of a single or more language has become indispensable in developed and developing countries and it is sign of good personality.

Human developmental process

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Language and literature

Language is the medium of literature. All great literature are produced through the medium of language. Language thus helps us to read literature, understand and appreciate the work of great writers and poets.

Language and civilization

Language contributes to the growth of our civilization. All traditions, traits, concepts and moral values goes from one age to another with help of language. Some civilizations are unknown and undiscoverable due to lack of a simplified and legible language.

Role in Social Development

Social Development is process by which we learn to that children learn what is acceptable and what is not acceptable. Social development provides the foundation of self recognition and acceptance of individual by others in the society. Language plays an important role in this process, which separate human being from other animals sets us apart from the rest of the animal kingdom and knits a strong feeling of kinship amongst us. Children's social development affects all other areas of development. A person is able to express ideas and emotions with help of language in a social group which is a key for his establishment in society Socialization strengthen the relationship of child with outside world speaking different

languages. During this process of socialization, development of language is most important because it is the major tools for the communication with others. Therefore there is the close relationship between the development of thought and the development of language. It develops within a social context and depends on social development of an individual. According to Chomsky, 1976 "Children are preprogrammed and have an innate ability to acquire language. The infant and young child need appropriate language models and constant feedback as they attempt to communicate." External speech of a child is the first step in the development of his thoughts. Vygotsky's theory emphasizes that importance of communication with others is a major factor in the development of a child's language, which stimulates the development of thought.

CONCLUSION

Thus, it is very clear that language has played an important role in the evolution and development of human being. Without language, there is not so much difference between man and animal. As a tool of communication, language has been the major tool for the transfer of ideas and thoughts, economic, social and cultural developments, exchange of scientific and technical knowledge; development of civilization and culture, enrichment of moral values etc. To sum up, it can be said that the world would be vacuum and everyone would be unknown to each other without existence of the language.

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