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Learning a Foreign Language

It is so important these days to be able to speak a language other than your own, may it be because it is a requirement for a certain job position, or because you married into a family that speaks a foreign language. Whatever the reason, knowing how to speak more than one language is very beneficial, and learning a foreign language at a young age is more profitable than learning it as an adult.

As a child, you are still in the developmental stage of life. You are still in the process of growing and learning new things including how to speak your own native tongue. Just as you are starting to learn about your own language, you can also learn another language alongside it. In the article "Learning Languages At a Young Age" on AbroadLangauges.com, it is stated that, "Exposing young children to a second language will allow them to optimize their learning potential and it helps them to shape their brains at their most flexible stage." When you are an adult, your brain is no longer developing, making the language learning process a little more of a challenge.

Also, learning a foreign language early provides you with more experience and practice. The sooner you begin to learn a second language, the more time you will have to practice it. This will ultimately lead you to better memorization of the language and you will be able to speak and understand it more naturally. As an adult, it will take much more time for you to adapt to speaking another language, since you are so used to just using your own.

Finally, learning a foreign language at a young age is more beneficial than learning it as an adult, because these young learners can grow up with a better understanding of the world. Also in the article "Learning Languages At a Young Age" on AbroadLangauges.com, it is stated that, "When people start to learn languages at a younger age, they tend to become people who have a better understanding of the world not only because they can communicate in more than a single language, but also for the reason that learning new languages can help them have better appreciation of other cultures."

In conclusion, I believe it is more rewarding to learn a foreign language at a young age than it is to learn it in adulthood. So many parents today understand the importance of their children learning a second language. For this reason, there are so many language courses for children these days, such as Muzzy from Early Advantage. There are so many benefits from learning more than one language as a child, which can become useful for people in the future. Learning a foreign language is possible when you are an adult, but it's a lot more difficult, and takes a lot more time to adapt to, which is why early learning is the way to go.

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