

學習外語非常有用。今年我在大學學習三種語言：日文，西班牙文和中文。一邊學一個外語，一邊學別的外語有點兒難，可是又好玩又有意思。只要你學外語你就了解別的文化。不論你是誰，如果你學外語學得好，就可以跟很多人交流。

因為我媽媽是來自哥斯達黎加的，所以她說西班牙文說得很流利。我從我媽媽那兒學到了很多的西班牙文。她說的西班牙文和住在西班牙的人說的有點兒不一樣。例如，在西班牙語中的“你”是“tú”。“Tú”是普通的方式說“你”。不過，我媽不說“tú”。她就說：“vos”。“Vos”是哥斯達黎加人說的“tú”。說什麼取決於你在哪裡旅行，當地的方言變化很大。因為西班牙文是一個浪漫的語言，很容易讓我學習。如果你說英文，你可以很容易地學習西班牙文。

除了西班牙文以外，我也學習日文。日文和西班牙文不同，但類似於中文。日文不使用英文字母，使用漢字，有兩種：平假名，片假名。學習日文可能對英文是母語的人很難。不過，從中學開始我就一直在學習日文，所以現在對我來說不太難。在日語中，禮貌是非常重要的。例如，有許多不同的方式說：“你是誰？”你可以說：“誰だ？”或“誰ですか？”或“どなたですか？”。都有一樣的意思，但最後一個例子是最有禮貌的。

相比于西班牙文，中文和日文比較相似。但是，中文僅使用漢字。閱讀中文有時是很難的，因為我習慣了看有平假名和片假名的漢字。中國的發音也很困難。英文，西班牙文，日文，都沒有聲調。

不知道你喜歡不喜歡學外語，可是我真的喜歡。學外語可以是比較難，可是也很好玩。除了日文，中文和西班牙文以外我不知道我可以不可以別的學外語，可是我想試試。有空的時候，你也把別的外語學一下！

It's very useful to learn foreign languages. This year in college I'm learning three languages: Japanese, Spanish and Chinese. Studying one foreign language while also studying another is a bit difficult, but also fun and interesting. As long as you learn a foreign language you can understand different cultures. No matter who you are, if you learn a foreign language well, you can communicate with many people.

Because my mother is from Costa Rica, she speaks Spanish fluently. I learned a lot of Spanish from my mother. The Spanish she speaks and the Spanish spoken by people in Spain is a little different. For example, in Spanish, "you" is "tú". "Tú" is a common way to say "you". However, my mother doesn't say "tú". She says "vos". "Vos" is how Costa Ricans say "tú". What is said changes depending on where you travel, and there can be a big change in local dialect. Because Spanish is a romance language, it's easy for me to learn. If you speak English, you can easily learn Spanish.

In addition to Spanish, I'm also learning Japanese. Japanese and Spanish are different, but it's more similar to Chinese. Japanese does not use the English alphabet, it uses Chinese characters, of which there are two types: Hiragana and Katakana. Learning Japanese for a native speaker of English might be very difficult. However, I have been learning Japanese since the beginning of high school, so it is not too difficult for me. In Japanese, politeness is very important. For example, there are many different ways to say: "Who are you?." You can say: "Who da?" or "Who desuka?" or "どなたですか?." They all have the same meaning, but the last example is the most polite. Compared to Spanish, Chinese and Japanese are relatively similar. However, Chinese only uses Chinese characters. Reading Chinese is sometimes difficult, because I'm used to seeing hiragana and katakana characters. Chinese pronunciation is very difficult. English, Spanish, Japanese, have no tones.

Learning a foreign language can be rather difficult, but also very fun. In addition to Japanese, Chinese and Spanish, I'm not sure if I can learn another foreign language, but I want to try. In your free time, you can also learn about other languages!

有用 - Yǒuyòng- useful

交流 - jiāoliú -exchange

當地 - dāngdì - local

方言 - fāngyán - dialect

變化 - biànhuà – change

浪漫的語言 – Làngmàn de yǔyán – romance language

容易 – Róngyì – easy

漢字 – Hànzì – Chinese characters

平假名 - Píng jiǎmíng – hiragana

片假名 – Piàn jiǎmíng – katakana

禮貌 – lǐmào – polite

習慣 – xíguàn – used to

發音 – Fāyīn – pronunciation

聲調 – Shēngdiào – tones