

What does it mean when I learn another language?

Learning a new language will contribute to the development of global competence in understanding and appreciating the perspectives and worldviews of others. It builds capacity for appropriate and effective interactions with people from different cultures in mutually respectful relationships.

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I am literate.	I can read another language as well as my own.	I am creative.	I can think of interesting things to say and write in another language.
I have good communication skills.	I express information, ideas and opinions appropriately in another language.	I can solve problems.	I try a range of strategies to get my message across. I know where to go for help.
I have highly developed listening skills.	I can hear the details in what people say.	I look for and analyse patterns.	I find patterns to help me learn how the language functions.
I can think on my feet to express myself verbally.	I have practised a range of phrases and structures to use in different contexts.	I can multi-task.	I often have to think of several things at the same time to interact appropriately in the language.
I have a good memory.	I have learnt how to recall lots of words and phrases.	I am culturally aware.	I understand how different cultural perspectives can impact effective communication.
I can think logically.	I am often able to guess what words mean because of the context they are in.	I am open to new experiences and cultures.	I am curious and engage with other cultures to understand diverse worldviews.
I perform under pressure.	I recognise everyone can find communicating in another language a bit stressful at times.	I am international.	I appreciate diversity within, among and between cultural groups.
I am brave.	I am willing to risk making mistakes when using another language.	I have a growth mindset.	I am committed to continual improvement as my cultural and linguistic knowledge expands.
I am confident.	I know my language skills will improve with practice over time.	I know how to learn another language.	I can use these skills to learn other languages as required in the future.
I persevere.	Even if it is hard, I don't give up.		

Die Grenzen meiner Sprache bedeuten die Grenzen meiner Welt.

The limits of my language are the limits of my world. *LUDWIG WITTGENSTEIN*

And in relation to selected aspects of German

I can read words aloud and spell most words I hear with a high degree of accuracy.	German is a phonetic language. What you see is what you say and what hear is mostly what you write.
Long words don't scare me.	I can break them down into their parts and I can see the logic in their construction.
I notice when German changes in different contexts.	I look for patterns in language use e.g. cases, word order. I know there are different standards and varieties of German.