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## **MULTILINGUALISM: BENEFITS AND ITS CHALLENGES IN THE MODERN WORLD**

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**Abstract:** This article considers the importance, as well as the relevance of knowledge of two or more languages in the modern world. Polylingualism, as everyone knows, is the key to cultural exchange and gaining access to more knowledge. Exploring the multifaceted nature of multilingualism, delving into its advantages and the obstacles encountered in embracing linguistic diversity. By examining the cognitive, communicative, and cultural dimensions of multilingualism,

we aim to unravel its complexities and advocate for a more inclusive and linguistically diverse world.

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There are about 6,700 languages in the world and each of them is unique, despite the fact that some languages of the same language family are similar to each other. In a world where boundaries blur and connections transcend geographical limitations, multilingualism emerges as a powerful asset, shaping interactions, perceptions, and opportunities. The ability to speak multiple languages transcends mere communication; it embodies a gateway to understanding, empathy, and cultural enrichment. In this dynamic landscape of globalization and interconnectivity, the significance of multilingualism cannot be overstated.

This article explores the multifaceted nature of multilingualism, delving into its advantages and the obstacles encountered in embracing linguistic diversity. By examining the cognitive, communicative, and cultural dimensions of multilingualism, we aim to unravel its complexities and advocate for a more inclusive and linguistically diverse world.

Multilingualism is the ability of an individual speaker or a community of speakers to communicate effectively in three or more languages. It is not only a linguistic phenomenon, but also reflects the diversity of cultures and traditions. The benefits of multilingualism:

- **Improvement of Communication Skills.** The ability to communicate and interact with people of different cultures. Speaking different languages makes person more open to dialogue with other cultures and allows person to talk directly to people from other countries and backgrounds, which improves intercultural communication skills.
- **Increased Job Opportunities.** Expansion of professional opportunities, access to international labor markets and career opportunities. Multilingualism can increase a person's employability, since there are multiple career paths that require mastery over different languages.
- **Cognitive Advantages.** Multilingual individuals often exhibit enhanced cognitive abilities, such as better problem-solving skills, improved multitasking abilities, and greater creativity. The constant toggling between languages exercises the brain, leading to cognitive flexibility and sharper mental acui.
- **Cultural Enrichment.** Language is a gateway to culture. By learning different languages, individuals gain insight into diverse cultural perspectives, traditions, and

values. This fosters empathy, tolerance, and appreciation for the richness of human diversity.

We should not forget about the challenges of multilingualism, such as learning difficulties, the need for time and effort to learn several languages. Preservation of languages, the threat of extinction of minority languages due to the dominance of global languages. As I said at the beginning, there are 6,700 languages in the world, of which 40 percent are on the verge of extinction. Multilingual individuals often grapple with questions of identity and belonging, particularly in multicultural societies. They may face pressure to assimilate into the dominant culture or feel torn between different linguistic and cultural affiliations.

Samuil Marshak once said man has found words for everything he discovered in the universe. However, that is not enough. He called every action and condition. He defined in words the properties and qualities of everything that surrounds him.

The dictionary reflects all the changes taking place in the world. He captured the experience and wisdom of centuries and, not lagging behind, accompanies life, the development of technology, science and art. He can name any thing and has the means to express the most abstract and generalizing ideas and concepts.

Multilingualism is not just a skill, but also a valuable enrichment for each individual and for society as a whole.

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