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## **FOREIGN LANGUAGE AS A MEANS OF INTERCULTURAL COMMUNICATION OF YOUNG PROFESSIONALS**

There exist more than 7,000 languages on the Earth nowadays. With the development of communications languages disappear at an average rate of one every two weeks, thus the number of living languages reduces. Approximately 2/3 of the world's population speaks 40 most common ones. The most widely spoken languages are Chinese, Hindi, English, Spanish, Arabic, Russian and Portuguese. Also, French is very common, but the number of those who believes it to be one's mother tongue is relatively small.

The term *intercultural communication* originating from English *cross-cultural communication*, *intercultural communication*, means communication as interaction and dialogue between representatives of different cultures. This communication includes both direct contact between people and their communities, and mediated forms of communication, such as language, writing, electronic communication.

Expanding the interaction of different countries, nations and their cultures takes place through the process of globalization, which is developing now. This happens through cultural exchanges and direct contacts between social groups, public institutions, social movements, through scientific cooperation, trade and tourism. Contacts with representatives of other cultures become our daily lives reality. Educational institutions are increasingly engaged in the exchange of students and schoolchildren, professionals organize joint projects and internships abroad, thus contributing to intercultural communication and dialogue of cultures.

Knowledge of several languages is now necessary, especially if the work involves cooperation with foreign partners, or if the em-

ployment requires knowledge of a foreign language. However, learning languages require a big commitment.

The role of foreign language in today's world is becoming more important for people who seek for the success in their career. Professionals will be more in demand at the labor market if they have knowledge of one or more foreign languages in their arsenals.

Foreign investments in the industry lead to creation of many joint ventures around the world. Knowledge of foreign languages facilitates communication with foreign partners and allows people to learn quickly about everything new that is happening in other countries and apply in their practice, ahead of the competitors.

The development of foreign partnership leads to the fact that the labor market requires professionals who, in addition to knowledge of main profession, know one or more foreign languages, are fluent and master specifically oriented vocabulary, are able to negotiate with foreign partners.

To keep abreast of the latest developments in the world of science and technology, it is necessary to be able to read articles in the original language. In addition, working with foreign partners is much easier if you have "first hand" information. The presence of such experts on the labor market will lead to strengthening the position of enterprises in the global market.

Thus, learning a foreign language is crucial not only because it is a tribute to fashion or a requirement of someone else, but in order to gain knowledge that is vital in today's society that is evolving towards total globalization. Knowledge of foreign languages is a key factor for competitiveness of a young specialist.

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## **SOME REASONS TO START LEARNING ENGLISH RIGHT NOW**

Many problems of the 21st century, such as war and peace, ecology, etc. cannot be solved without speaking the same language. To-