

Languages

My first language is Pashto. The Pakistan national language is Urdu. All over Pakistan people speak Urdu. There are so many different languages in Pakistan. But in school and colleges they teach Urdu and English and speak in Urdu and English. In Pakistani school and colleges they teach other languages but people like most English.

I also learnt English in school and college. Some subjects in our school and colleges are in English. English is an international language. That way it is very important for all of us. English is used and spoken in every country. If we need a job or for high level studies, English is best. English help us every time and in every place.

I know a little bit of Spanish. But it is very hard for me. I think it is little bit like Arabic, because the Arabs ruled Spain for so many years.

Urdu and English are very different from each other, but Urdu also has tenses like English. In English there are three main tense Past, Future and Present and Urdu have also three main tenses.

It is very difficult for us. We first think in Urdu and then write it in English. English is different in Pakistan from U.K and USA. In Pakistan we read "H" in a different way and in UK they read in different way. The difference is between speaking. Urdu is right and reads from right to left and English is straight and right from left to right. In phone or mobile numbers if the first number is "0" in Pakistan we says Zero but in UK it Zero comes first they says "0"for the first number.

We use many English words in our language. Many things names we say in English. We say pen and pencil like in English.

Nowadays most Pakistani use English words in their language. They speak any language Urdu, Pashto, Punjabi they most use English words. They show that we are educated and modern people. Now English is a symbol of modernity and style.

Both English and Urdu have idioms, sayings which don't make sense literally but have a special meaning. In Urdu we say, "a monkey can't eat cookies", meaning it's no use giving something to somebody who doesn't know what to do with it, and "it is like playing music to a cow", when people can't understand what you mean.

If someone has no degree and high level education but he or she most speaks English, the people like them and think that he or she is a very modern and high educated person because they know English.

Most of people in Pakistan and also in other countries they put their children in English schools. They think their children have to learn the English.

Most people from Pakistan also from other countries they speak English in their home with their children. Some of the boys and girls don't know their own language because they speaks english in schools and also in their homes. But I think this is not a good thing. This is good and great thing to learn other languages but not forget our own language. Our national language is our identity. We don't forget our identity. We should respect all languages.

Many writers write their book in English because English is now the international language. Most people read English books of other languages. Most of English books translate into other languages. Because most people don't know English but they love different kinds of book from other countries. Most people like English novels, stories and books.

Conclusion: English language is not used only in schools, colleges and in job but it helps us in different parts of words. If you dont know other languages and it is hard to know and learn every language, if you know English it helps you in every step of your life. Now in the UK I realize that English is very important. If we want people to understand us and our religion and tradition we most communicate with other people.

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