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THE IMPORTANCE OF CULTURAL IMMERSION IN LANGUAGE LEARNING

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Abstract:

The role of cultural absorption in the process of language learning is incomparable. The language is studied not only by a set of words and grammatical rules, but also by its worldview, values, customs and historical experiences of a particular people. Culture as an integral part of language allows language learners to gain a deeper understanding of language, applying it naturally and effectively. Therefore, the process of cultural absorption in language learning requires a broader and more meaningful approach to language than just technical learning.

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Cultural absorption helps language learners understand the context of language, that is, in what situations words and phrases are used. Each language has its own distinct cultural codes through which the meanings within the language become richer and deeper. For example, phrases used in greeting, thanking, or expressing dissatisfaction are unique in each culture. Through cultural absorption, such subtle aspects of the language being studied are realized, and the language learner assimilates not only words, but also their place in the cultural context. Cultural absorption helps language learners understand the pragmatic rules of language. Pragmatics studies how communication within a language is carried out, that is, the meaning of words and phrases changes depending on the place and situation of their use. Culture, on the other hand, manifests itself as a determining factor for these very situations. For example, the meaning of a word or phrase may vary across cultures, which may cause confusion for language learners. Through cultural absorption, the skill of understanding these differences and using them correctly in communication is formed.[1]



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Cultural absorption makes the language learning process more interesting and effective. Language learning does not consist only in memorizing grammatical rules or increasing vocabulary wealth, but also involves discovering a new culture, exploring its customs, art, literature, and way of life. This increases the motivation of the language learner, increases interest in the language, and makes the learning process more meaningful. Familiarity with culture helps the language learner to feel within the language environment, which serves to assimilate the language naturally. Cultural absorption develops communicative competence of language learners. Communicative competence is the ability to use language not only grammatically correct, but also culturally appropriate. Through the study and absorption of culture, the language learner understands the cultural differences that arise in communication, takes them into account and thus builds effective and culture-appropriate communication. This helps the language learner to be successful in the social and cultural environment. Cultural absorption prevents stereotypes and misconceptions in language learning. Language learners can often have inaccurate or simplified perceptions of the language culture they are learning. This leads to misunderstandings in the dialogue. Through the process of cultural absorption, the language learner realizes the true culture, its complexities and identities, free from stereotypes and errors. This increases the quality of language learning and helps to be more specific and effective in communication.[2]

Cultural absorption forms intercultural communication skills in language learning. Today, as the world is coming together in the process of globalization, communication between representatives of different cultures is increasing. Through cultural absorption in the process of language learning, the learner develops skills to effectively communicate with representatives of other cultures, respect their values and habits, and understand and accept cultural differences. This makes it easier not only to learn the language, but also to adapt to a completely new culture.[3]

Cultural absorption helps to understand the historical and social context of language in language learning. Each language was formed during its historical development under the influence of various cultural, political and social processes. Through the study of culture, the language learner understands these processes and



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has a deeper understanding of the meanings and methods of use of the language. This serves to more fully and accurately assimilate the language. Cultural absorption also has a positive effect on the personal development of the language learner in language learning. The study of culture expands a person's worldview, increases openness and willingness to understand when communicating with others. This makes language learning not only an academic process, but also a means of personal growth and development. Through cultural absorption, the language learner develops the ability to adapt to and appreciate a new culture. Cultural absorption increases the effectiveness of teachers and educational programs in language learning. While teaching culture is an integral part of language lessons, students acquire the language more naturally and efficiently. When teachers organize classes taking into account the cultural context, the interest of language learners increases, which tends to apply the language more in practice. This ensures the success of the language learning process.[4]

Cultural absorption is one of the most important factors affecting the language learning process. Language is not just the sum of words, but also the culture, tradition, values and worldview of people associated with it. Therefore, taking into account cultural absorption in the process of learning a language helps to master the language deeper and more efficiently. Cultural absorption is a key component of the language learning process, which ensures the language learner's perception of language attitudes, culture of language use, and values expressed through language. Cultural absorption makes the language learning process more natural and effective. When a language learner understands the cultural context of the language they are learning, he realizes not only the lexical meaning of words, but also the situations in which they are used. This allows the language to be properly applied in real-life situations. Through cultural absorption, the learner explores the identities of the language, such as greeting order, hospitality culture, celebrations, typical forms of communication, and many other cultural aspects. This knowledge does not limit language learning to just grammatical rules and vocabulary, but helps to understand it more broadly and deeply. Cultural absorption increases motivation during language learning. Learning a language can often be a difficult and long-lasting process. But the process of learning a culture related to



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language will be more interesting and exciting. Through culture, the language learner discovers new worldviews, learns the way of life, traditions of other peoples. This increases interest in learning and makes the learning process more vibrant. Through cultural absorption, the language learner perceives language acquisition not only as a technical process, but also as a means of communicating with people, realizing their lives.[5]

Cultural absorption is also of great help to Language teachers. The organization of classes in a cultural context attracts the attention of students and ensures their active participation. Incorporating elements of culture into classes allows students to learn the language more naturally and more interestingly. For example, when holidays, traditional food, folk tales, songs and other cultural elements are used in classes, students learn the language in a real-life context. This ensures that the learned knowledge is remembered for a long time. Cultural absorption also plays an important role in the development of communication skills in the process of language learning. Learning a language does not only consist in speaking words correctly or knowing grammatical rules, but also requires taking into account cultural aspects in communication. Understanding cultural differences and taking them into account makes communication more effective, reducing misunderstandings. For example, a form of greeting that is typical in one culture can be perceived awkwardly or incorrectly in another. Through cultural absorption, the learner becomes successful in communication, knowing such subtle aspects. Cultural absorption helps to understand the pragmatic aspects of language in the process of language learning. Pragmatics teaches the correct application of language in accordance with the situation. Culture, on the other hand, is one of the main factors determining these situations. For example, formal and informal forms of communication, levels of politeness, ways of joking, subtleties in speech depend on culture. If the learner does not know these aspects, he or she may misuse the language or make a mistake in communication. Therefore, cultural absorption is important in the correct and effective application of language.[6]



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Conclusion:

In conclusion, cultural absorption is an integral and important part of the language learning process. It provides a deep understanding of language not only technically, but also in its cultural and social context. Through cultural absorption, language learners learn to apply language naturally and effectively, develop intercultural communication skills, and contribute to their own personal as well as social development. Therefore, it is necessary to pay great attention to cultural absorption in language learning, which ensures that the language learning process is successful and meaningful.

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