

Being Bilingual Good for the Brain

Vocabulary:

exposure

-If you place someone or something in an environment that causes them to experience something, you can call this exposure.

consensus

-When there's a consensus, everyone agrees on something. If you're going to a movie with friends, you need to reach a consensus about which movie everyone wants to see.

ward off

-prevent the occurrence of; prevent from happening

adept (adjective)

-having or showing knowledge and skill and aptitude
-very skilled or proficient at something

suppress

-To suppress something means to curb, inhibit, or even stop it.

irrelevant (adjective)

-not related to the subject at hand

acquire

-To acquire means to get or come to own something.

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In an increasingly globalized world, being bilingual (or even multilingual) has many benefits. In children, for example, speaking two languages translates to higher math scores. In the world of business, an employer will likely offer a higher salary if he/she has a command of more than one language. And being bilingual generally also means exposure to more than one culture, bringing about the acceptance and understanding of others. However, did you know that bilingualism benefits the brain too?

You can see the whole lesson from your teacher, please ask them to send it to you before the class.

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