

BELIEFS ABOUT LANGUAGE LEARNING INVENTORY (BALLI)

Read each statement on the following pages. Please respond to the statements as they apply to English language study.

Decide whether you agree or disagree with each statement. For example, if you *strongly agree* (SA), mark:

Strongly agree (SA)	Agree (A)	Undecided (U)	Disagree (D)	Strongly disagree (SD)
X				

Please respond to each statement quickly, without too much thought. Try not to change your responses after you choose them. Please answer all the questions.

	SA	A	U	D	SD
1. It is easier for children than adults to learn a foreign language.					
2. Some languages are easier than others.					
3. If I get to speak this language very well, I will have many opportunities to use it.					
4. It is important to repeat and practise a lot.					
5. I would like to learn this language so that I can get to know its speakers better.					
6. It's okay to guess if you don't know a word in a foreign language.					
7. Learning a foreign language is mostly a matter of translating.					
8. I believe that I will ultimately learn to speak this language very well.					
9. Learning a foreign language is mostly a matter of learning a lot of new vocabulary words.					
10. It is easier to read and write this language than to speak and understand it.					
11. Women are better than men at learning foreign languages.					
12. It is important to speak a foreign language with an excellent accent.					
13. If I learn to speak this language very well, it will help me get a good job.					
14. You shouldn't say anything in a foreign language until you can say it correctly.					
15. It is easier to speak than to understand a foreign language.					

16. Some people are born with a special ability which helps them learn a foreign language.					
17. Learning a foreign language is mostly a matter of learning a lot of grammar rules.					
18. It is easier to speak than to understand a foreign language.					
19. It is easier for someone who already speaks a foreign language to learn another one.					
20. New Zealanders think that it is important to speak a foreign language.					
21. If I heard someone speaking in the language I am trying to learn, I would go up to them so that I could practise speaking the language.					
22. People who are good at maths and science are not good at learning foreign languages.					
23. I have foreign language aptitude.					
24. It is necessary to know the foreign culture in order to speak the foreign language.					
25. Learning a foreign language is different from learning other school subjects.					
26. New Zealanders are good at learning foreign languages.					
27. I feel self-conscious speaking the foreign language in front of other people.					
28. If you are allowed to make mistakes in the beginning it will be hard to get rid of them later on.					
29. People who speak more than one language well are very intelligent.					
30. It is better to learn the foreign language in the foreign country.					
31. Everyone can learn to speak a foreign language.					

32. The language I am trying to learn is: 1) a very difficult language, 2) a difficult language, 3) a language of medium difficulty, 4) an easy language, 5) a very easy language.

33. If someone spent one hour a day learning this language, how long would it take him/her to become fluent? 1) Less than a year, 2) 1-2 years, 3) 3-5 years, 4) 5-10 years, 5) you can't learn a language in one hour a day.