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Through language we penetrate from the mind and heart of one people to another, from one civilization to another, from the wisdom of one literature to that of another. By learning a foreign language, students become familiar with the literature, history, philosophy, art, and the economic and social conditions of the people who speak that language. Seven-eighths of the world's people do not speak English. Languages provide the keys for access to these other cultures and countries. Learning a foreign language helps grasp the nature, function, and social importance of one's own native tongue.