

12 Foreign Language Acquisition

There are more than 6,000 languages in the world. Some languages such as English, French and Spanish are very common while others such as Andoa in Peru are rare.

Evidence shows studying a foreign language has positive effects. According to research, as people become older they might be able to reduce the effects of aging. Also, **bilinguals** score higher on **intelligence** tests, have greater memory, and have greater concentration. Language learners also learn a foreign culture. Of course, the greatest benefit of **acquiring** a foreign language is the ability to communicate with a greater number of people. Especially when traveling **abroad**, knowing more than one language can be very helpful. In this way you can talk with many people, learn about culture, and understand different ways of thinking.

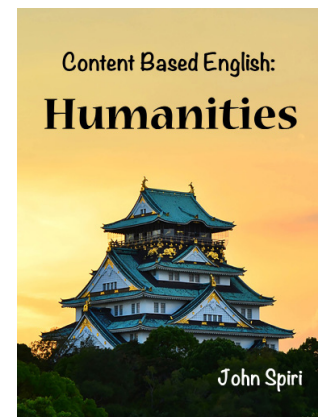
Check the above bold words and read the paragraph. Challenge words are in red.



total physical response
imitate
Simon Sez
passive
active
grammar translation



communicative
meaningful
practical
content-based
academic
authentic



repeat
parrots
audio-lingual
ranking
graded reader
frequency words

1	the	1000	screen	2000	sudden
2	be	1001	possibility	2001	gay
3	of	1002	examine	2002	plastic
4	and	1003	legal	2003	freeze
5	to	1004	recommend	2004	peer
6	a	1005	university	2005	tooth
7	in	1006	text	2006	exception
8	have	1007	direction	2007	excuse
9	it	1008	responsibility	2008	bet
10	you	1009	conversation	2009	plain
		1010	magazine	2010	crop