

LANGUAGE FOR WRITING REVIEW - PRESENTING COUNTERARGUMENTS

Look at these counterarguments for an essay about whether students should study foreign languages. Choose the counterargument below that best completes each argument and write the letter A–E in the space. Not all counterarguments will be used.

- A One concern is that students might become confused about which language to use
- B Parents might worry that children would "lose" or forget their native culture
- C Some people would argue young children should focus on studying core subjects
- D The financial cost of language classes is likely to be a concern for many people
- E While asking children to learn an additional subject sounds like it could be hard

1. _____, but if children spent all their time on core subjects, they might get bored, and learning a new language could be made fun, which children would surely enjoy.

2. _____, in fact, studies have shown that the younger they are, the more easily children can learn things, so it would actually be better to have them start additional classes from a young age.

3. _____. In reality, young children make mistakes all the time in their native language, but these mistakes are an important part of learning, and so mistakes are, in fact, not necessarily a bad thing.

4. _____, but the culture in which children grow up will always be their dominant culture; and in any case, young students are often very open to new ideas and cultures.