

Issue: _____

Pro	Con
1) Native language skills a) strengthens brain b) use own language better	1) Expense a) textbooks, tuition, tutor
2) Employment a) more job opportunities	2) Difficult courses a) all languages are difficult b) different writing, e.g., Arabic, Japanese, Russian
3) Literature a) read international literature	3) Time investment a) hours of study
4) Limited usefulness a) moving overseas? b) practice with whom?	4) Cultural sensitivity a) appreciate and understand foreigners

1. According to the information in the T-chart, which of the following is the issue?
 - a) Students should study a foreign language.
 - b) Studying a foreign language has many disadvantages.
 - c) Learning a foreign language isn't for everyone.
2. According to the information in the T-chart, which of the following is a counterargument?
 - a) Training your brain to memorize and retain words from another language will make it stronger.
 - b) The Japanese written language requires learning three alphabet systems.
 - c) When you learn a foreign language, your grammar improves in your own language.
3. According to the information in the T-chart, which of the following is an argument?
 - a) Most language-learning materials have a high cost.
 - b) It will take a student at least a year to learn basic vocabulary.
 - c) More and more businesses are looking for multilingual employees.
4. According to the information in the T-chart, which of the following arguments does NOT belong on the "pro" side?
 - a) Limited usefulness
 - b) Employment
 - c) Native language skills
5. According to the information in the T-chart, which of the following arguments does NOT belong on the "con" side?
 - a) Expense
 - b) Time investment
 - c) Cultural sensitivity