

Language (语言)

1. What languages can you speak?

① Well, Chinese is my mother tongue/mother language (母语), English is my second language (第二外语), and I also speak a little Spanish, which is my third language (三外). But I have to say, I'm still learning, there's a long way to go (任重道远). My lousy Spanish (差劲的西班牙语) is still at a toddler's level (幼儿水平), haha!

② Well, Mandarin (普通话) is my mother tongue/mother language, English is my second language, and I'm from Guangdong Province, so I also speak Cantonese (广东话) on a daily basis with my friends and parents.

粤语是一门语言，不是方言。所以广东的宝贝们，你们都是三语宝宝哦！

2. What languages would you like to learn in the future?

① I would like to learn Japanese, because I love Japanese anime (日本动漫). My favorite one is called XXXX. My dream is to be able to watch it without subtitles (不带字幕能看懂).

② I would like to learn Korean. I went to South Korea multiple times and I really liked the culture there. It is similar to Chinese culture, but different in its own unique way. And I really like the sound of Korean. I think it's very cute-sounding (听起来很可爱). Plus, I like the K-pop culture, and my favorite band is XXXX. I'll be over the moon (极度快乐) if one day I can sing their songs fluently.

③ 或者某个国际友人来自于某个国家，因为想和 ta 更好交流，给 ta 惊喜，想学一点 ta 的母语。

3. How do you learn a foreign language?

① Well, my way of learning a foreign language is just like a child. I will immerse myself in this language (沉浸式学习) by listening to songs or watching movies or videos in this language. And I will repeat what I hear, and try to mimic the intonation and emotion (模仿语音语调和情感). And then over a certain period of time, I will start to get the hang of it (上手). It really works well for me (很适合我) and that's the method I would recommend to everybody.

② Well, my way of learning a foreign language is like a typical adult, very logical and 0 intuitive (非常有逻辑性, 一点都不直觉性). Normally, I will spend a lot of time on learning the grammar. First, lay a foundation (奠定基础) of grammar and then slowly build my vocabulary (建立词汇), and finally, I'll put vocabulary into sentence structures to form a sentence (制造一个句子). It's like math for me, and it's really lacking imagination, but it works for me.

4. How are languages taught and learned in your school?

In my school, we take English classes and Chinese classes. Well, Chinese is my mother tongue, so I don't have problems speaking or using it. But when it comes to learning English, I would say it is taught and learned in a very counterintuitive way (非直觉性的方式) in my school, AKA boring (换言之, 无聊. AKA also known as). It's definitely not the most suitable way for young students. For example, we spend a lot of time memorizing the rules, the grammar, the new words, but everything is done in a silent way. We don't really speak, let alone using it in conversations. It's really bad!

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