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## **ROLE OF LANGUAGE IN HUMAN LIFE**

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### **Abstract**

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are able to do this due to advanced technology, but also because they share a common language. Language is the bridge which connects individual and the outside world. Language is closely related to the culture, you can only get to understand the person very well if you can speak his language. Due to the development of technology, our world today is the world of information with a fast speed of globalization. Thus understanding each other through language become an even more important issue. Language is like a vehicle that we use in presenting our ideas, thoughts, feelings, and opinion to the world. As Chomsky proves the purpose of language he said “the purpose of language is for communication”.

In this regard Krech also explained the major function of language form the following three aspect:

1. Language is the primary vehicle of communication
2. Language reflects both the personality of the individual and the culture of the society.
3. Languages make possible the growth and transmission of culture, and the continuity of societies, and the effective functioning and control of social group.

Language has crucial role in the life of every individual. The role of language in our lives is incomparable. It is not just restrained to being a means of communicating one’s thoughts and ideas to the rest, but has also become a tool for forging friendships, cultural ties as well as economic relationships. Throughout history, learned men have reflected on the importance of language in our lives. Language is an extremely important way of interacting with the people around us. We use language to let others know how we feel, what we need, and to ask questions. We can modify our language to each situation. For instance, we talk to our small children with different words and tone than we conduct a business meeting. To communicate effectively, we send a message with words, gestures, or actions, which somebody else



receives. The role of language in the life of the individual and for the human civilization can be stated as

follow:

*Vehicle of thought:* language is the vehicle of our thought. We think through language. Thought is called sub-vocal speech. The thinking process is disturbed if the individual has deficiency in language.

*Medium of expression:* Language is the medium of expression of our feelings and experiences. In other words we express our feelings and experiences through language. He expresses his feelings and experiences through signs and gestures.

*Medium of communication:* We communicate with one another through language. With the advent of the concept of globalization, people all over the globe communicate with each other and exchange ideas. Though technological advances have served as a medium for communication, you cannot deny the role played by language. Understanding of a common language has helped people to communicate, despite being from varied parts of the world. Language has become a major tool of communication between countries, cultural groups, various companies and organizations, communities and friends.

*Communication with other countries:* Different countries communicate with each other through language only. International community's exchange their views through English language because English is international language.

*Moral development:* Language is also connected to the moral development in a child. The process begins when the child is about 18 months old. The child learns the right and wrong by listening to what his parents or other adult authorities tell him. Imagine teaching the child the difference of right or wrong without the tool of language! Language is the code of our



consciousness and helps us see what we may be agreeing to and creating in our world. On an less than conscious level, every day we use language by confirming and denying circumstances.

*Developing and grooming one's personality:* Language aids in developing and grooming One's personality as a whole. Since learning a language is part of our knowledge, it becomes one of the key factors in competitiveness. In the advanced industrial society of today, the basic knowledge of a single or more language has become indispensable.

*Human developmental process:* Language is one of the key factors of our human developmental process, which sets us apart from the rest of the animal kingdom and knits a strong feeling of kinship amongst us. A baby is born without language, but even without formal training, by the age of five, the child knows several hundred words and grammar of a particular language. This is an inherent human tendency, which is extremely important for further growth. Any discrepancy seen in learning a language at such early stage might indicate certain illness in a child.

*Medium of literature:* Language is the medium of literature. All great literature are produced through the medium of language. Language thus helps us to read literature, understand and appreciate the work of great writers and poets.

So, Language is the divine gift of the God. It is language that distinguishes man from animals. Language is man's finest asset. To the philosopher, language may be the instrument of thought, for we think through language. Language is thought to have originated when early hominins started gradually changing their primate communication systems, acquiring the ability to form a theory of other minds and a shared intentionality. Languages evolve and diversify over time, and



The history of their evolution can be reconstructed by comparing modern languages to determine which traits their ancestral languages must have had in order for the later developmental stages to occur. A group of languages that descend from a common ancestor is known as a language

family. A human system of communication that uses arbitrary signals, such as voice sounds, gestures, or written symbols. The study of language is called linguistics. Human activity linked to language goes on widening in the manner of concentric circles. Generally speaking Language is a socially shared code, or conventional system, that represents ideas through the use of arbitrary symbols and rules that govern combinations of these symbols. Human speech is very much complicated. It cannot be explained from any single source. The first sound a child makes on coming into the world is one of discomfort, it is a cry, a reflex action and the child does not expect a response. In the developmental trajectory of a child, language plays an important role since it is connected with various aspects of a child's growth. Language is the medium of literature. All great literature are produced through the medium of language. Language thus helps us to read literature, understand and appreciate the work of great writers and poets.

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