

# Importance of Mother Tongue in Our Life

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## ABSTRACT

A word which is nearer to our mother, nearer to our soul is known as 'mother tongue'. The phrase "mother tongue" encapsulates the keen essence of one's innermost sentiments, elegantly articulated through the tapestry of words. It represents not mere communication, but the embodiment of heartfelt emotions transcribed into captivating prose. Indeed, it stands as a quintessential conduit for individuals to authentically express their thoughts. In its essence, the mother tongue epitomizes the language of maternal nurture, the very bedrock upon which a child's linguistic journey commences. According to Nelson Mandela - "If you talk to a man in a language he understand, that goes to his head. If you talk to him in his language, that goes to his heart." It is the native tongue, the cradle of linguistic genesis, from which sprouts the intricate tapestry of cultural identity and expression. The mother tongue assumes a pivotal role, serving as the cornerstone for the refinement of comprehension, conceptualization, and self-identification. Moreover, it stands as the key conduit through which individuals glean profound insights into their cultural heritage and historical lineage, fostering a deep-seated connection with their roots. Indeed, the nurturing embrace of one's native language cultivates a fertile ground for the development of linguistic prowess, imbuing learners with the capacity for nuanced expression and imaginative ingenuity.

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## INTRODUCTION

Mother tongue, the quintessential cornerstone of human existence, serves as the quintessence of our cognitive experience. It embodies a meticulously crafted system of arbitrary vocal symbols, facilitating seamless cooperation and interaction within societal constructs. Within the blend of societal evolution and cultural enrichment, the paramount significance of language cannot be overstated. Indeed, each linguistic dialect spoken across the globe assumes the sacred mantle of a mother tongue, resonating deeply within the core of individual identity. For the nascent mind of a child, the symbiotic relationship between mother tongue and motherland mirrors the sacred bond akin to that between child and maternal figure. Just as the physical nourishment derived from a mother's breast and the protective embrace of the motherland provide sustenance and shelter, so too does the mother tongue serve as the nourisher of cognitive development. In the immersive environment of familial embrace, guided by the nurturing presence of parents, kin and community, children organically assimilate their

mother tongue as the solid foundation upon which their cognitive faculties are honed. Thus, the acquisition of one's mother tongue transcends mere linguistic proficiency; it lays the mainspring of mental development, an unparalleled beacon guiding the trajectory of human cognition.

## Discussion :

Mother tongue is the language that we first learn and it is the language that we are most comfortable with. So it is known as our first language. It is also called as native language. The native tongue plays a very important role in a family as it falls under one of the basic family values. It is a the language that our parents, grandparents, elders, friends and society speak, so it is important for children to be able to communicate with them in their native language. According to M.K Gandhi- "The mother tongue is as natural for the development of man's mind as mother's milk for the development of infant's body." Acquiring proficiency in one's mother tongue, also

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referred to as the native language, holds paramount significance in a child's holistic development. For many people, their native language is an important part of their identity. It can be a source of pride and a connection to their heritage. Learning our mother tongue can help us to better understand our own identity. It can also give you a greater appreciation for the diversity of cultures in the world. There are some significance of mother tongue and they are as follows:

#### **Personal identify formation :**

Language, that majestic and illustrious medium, serves as the very essence of human existence, bestowing upon individuals the unparalleled ability to articulate the depths of their souls. Through its eloquent medium, individuals craft the very essence of their distinctive identities. The cherished mother tongue, revered with profound affection, stands as a beacon of cultural heritage, treasured and nurtured with utmost reverence.

#### **Intellectual development :**

Language serves as a transformative instrument, elevating the faculties of thought, ideation, expression, and comprehension within an individual. Through the acquisition and cultivation of one's mother tongue, individuals attain a profound grasp of nuanced complexities and foster mastery therein. This linguistic prowess not only facilitates comprehension of abstract concepts but also empowers the rectification of societal fallacies and misconceptions.

#### **Enriches cultural heritage :**

Mother tongue stands sentinel as the custodian of culture, safeguarding a state's rich tapestry of religious, philosophical, historical, and folk belief systems, alongside a plethora of cultural traditions. Through the vessel of its indigenous tongue, the cultural ethos of a state finds enduring preservation. This concerted effort in language and cultural heritage conservation has not only facilitated seamless integration but also fostered expansion, exchange, conservation, and development of these cherished traditions.

#### **Eloquent sentiments :**

The mother tongue serves as the unparalleled conduit for the vivid articulation of human emotions, a realm unattainable through any other linguistic avenue. The depth and intricacy of feelings effortlessly find resonance and manifestation solely within the framework of one's native language. Consequently, the instinctual conveyance of emotions through the mother tongue is ingrained within human nature. As the quintessential medium for the authentic expression of profound sentiments, it stands unrivaled in its capacity to capture the essence of the human experience.

#### **Buildout multilingualism learning :**

Education imparted in one's mother tongue serves as a foundational springboard, facilitating the acquisition of multiple languages with ease and comprehension. As individuals embark on the journey of learning new linguistic horizons, they instinctively tether these acquisitions to the familiarity of their native language. This pedagogical approach not only amplifies cognitive faculties but also unleashes untapped reservoirs of creative potential. Consequently, clarity of thought and heightened intellectual acumen emerge as hallmark attributes of such enriched linguistic endeavors.

#### **Acquisition of knowledge :**

Mother tongue stands as the quintessential vessel for the acquisition of knowledge, unparalleled in its capacity to convey the richness of understanding. Education delivered through the medium of the mother tongue embodies a profound and aesthetically pleasing journey. Students partake in a holistic educational experience, wherein knowledge is assimilated effortlessly and comprehensively. This pedagogical approach not only facilitates seamless comprehension but also propels the expansion of intellectual horizons to unprecedented heights.

#### **Enhances creative cognition :**

Mother tongue serves as a catalyst for the cultivation of human creativity, fostering the enrichment of individual mental faculties and the broadening of the horizons of knowledge. It catalyzes the awakening of consciousness and illuminates perspectives on life.

#### **Shape a good human being :**

In the democratic fabric of India, the raising of exemplary citizenship stands as a paramount imperative. The cultivation of a robust civic consciousness within a democracy demands meticulous reflection and eloquent articulation, attributes that find their fullest realization exclusively through the prism of one's mother tongue. It is through the native language that individuals can effectively engage in both leadership roles and the assimilation of pertinent policies, thereby nurturing a more informed and participatory citizenry.

#### **Techniques to promote mother tongue :**

- Parental Motivation- children love mother tongue by finding ways
- Leave second language to the outside world and speak to children only in your mother tongue at home.
- Devote time each day to reading and writing in mother tongue
- Tell stories and discuss interesting topics on your childhood, celebrations, develop both their oral and vocabulary skills.

- Provide a reward system and make learning mother language competitive among children.
- Watch TV series or favorite cartoons with them in the target language.
- Listen to songs in mother tongue.
- Send children to centers that offer courses and other types.
- Keep journals in home written in mother language.
- Communicate your expectations about your home language to your child's teachers. As professionals, they can encourage and support your child in keeping and developing their home language in many ways.

### Conclusion :

Neglecting one's own language and culture while embracing others isn't just an oversight; it's akin to a transgression. Those who disregard their mother tongue and cultural roots are often perceived as lacking sophistication and insight. Mastery of the mother tongue fosters a profound connection with one's cultural legacy, facilitates enhanced cognitive

growth, serving as a conduit for communal advancement and serves as a springboard for acquiring proficiency in all type of development. The learning of mother tongue opens up several new possibilities for an individual to explore the world and to express himself in the world. Hence, it's imperative that we actively promote the preservation and cultivation of our native languages and should respect it as our mother.

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