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All students can learn languages.

Learning a foreign language is essential for all students.

Learning a language other than English enables students to understand better other cultures.

Students who develop an advanced proficiency in another language benefit themselves and society.

Acquiring a new language involves using previously acquired language skills within a context of meaningful and purposeful communication.

Multiple student variables affect how students acquire languages and the rate at which they acquire them.

Students who begin their study of another language in elementary school have a better chance of developing an advanced level of proficiency.