**BENEFITS OF LANGUAGE LEARNING**

- **Test Scores**: Bilingual students do better on standardized tests in math, reading, and vocabulary.
- **Life Skills**: Bilingual children develop superior attention, mental flexibility, and memory.
- **Cognition**: Bilingual students outperform monolingual students in forming scientific hypotheses.
- **Longevity**: Onset of Alzheimer’s disease is delayed by 4–5 years in bilingual adults.
- **Healthier Brain**: Bilingual adults who get Alzheimer’s disease suffer less brain damage.
- **Better Recovery**: Bilingual adults are twice as likely to retain full brain function after a stroke.
- **College Success**: High school students who study languages do better academically in college.
- **Higher Earnings**: The additional lifetime earnings of a bilingual worker can be as much as $128,000.
- **Employability**: 88% of job recruiters say speaking more than one language is critical to business success.

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