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## Latin as a Second Language

Many people believe that it is beneficial to learn a second language. Knowing two languages makes it easier to travel to foreign countries, communicate with people from other cultures, and conduct international business. Even if you do not learn to speak another language fluently, studying a language is a useful academic exercise because it requires concentration and logical thinking.

Some people choose to learn Latin, which is a dead language. Latin has not been spoken for over a thousand years. Nevertheless, schools in many different countries offer courses in Latin. Some argue that Latin can help English speakers build their vocabulary, since many English words are derived from Latin. Latin is also the basis for all of the modern Romance languages. If you already know Latin, languages like Italian and Spanish will be easier to learn. Nonetheless, if you choose to study a language that no one speaks anymore, many of the practical advantages of learning a second language are erased. This means you should think carefully about which language you choose to learn.

