

## VInt Introductory Activities

**Text type:** TED talk

**Week:** 2

**Title:** 4 reasons to learn a new language

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### **Pre-listening Discussion Questions:**

1. Have you ever tried to learn another language, other than English? What methods did you use? Do you think you were successful?
2. What languages could you study in your high school? Are language courses popular with students in your home country?
3. Do you think that you can understand a culture better if you can speak and understand its associated language(s)? How do you think such language knowledge can help?

**Vocabulary Preview:**

Word	Meaning	Used in a sentence
diplomacy (N)		
recite (V)		
enticing (adj)		
fraught (adj)		
imbibe (V)		
idiomatic (adj)		
husk (N)		
pillar (N)		
gorge (V)		
diligent (adj)		
cut my teeth (phr)		
bourbon (N)		