

STUDY A LANGUAGE ABROAD WITHOUT A BROAD EXPENDITURE

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It is essential to study foreign languages in the modern world. Learning a second language opens up a ton of career opportunities. There are lots of ways that speaking two or more languages can improve your employment prospects.

The world is changing fast. More companies than ever are doing business in several countries around the world, but they cannot do it without hiring globally-minded people who can speak at least one foreign language.

Having good language skills provides a competitive edge and broadened employment prospects. But to truly understand a foreign language and become fluent, you need to learn the language abroad [1].

There is no better and more effective way to learn a language than to be immersed in a culture that speaks the language you are learning. You are surrounded by the language on a daily basis and are seeing and hearing it in the proper cultural context. Language learning happens most quickly under these circumstances [2].

But the problem is: traveling abroad to study a language costs a lot of money.

Considering the **actuality** of having good language skills and the evident need for language learning abroad, the **aim** of the research is to explore the possibility of decreasing the study travel expenditure.

How can you study a language abroad if you cannot afford to house and feed yourself, and pay for the language classes? It seems impossible, but it is not. Of course, you will have to save up the money for the ticket, but once you get to the target country, there are several ways to cut the costs.

It is the **task** of our research to elicit the most widely available options to fund a potential study travel abroad.

Due to the **methods** of monitoring and comparative analysis of internet resources [3; 4; 5; 6; 7; 8], the highly acceptable ways to cut the study travel costs are as follows:

- **Homestay language programs**

One of the best ways to learn a new language is to be fully submersed into that language. There is no better way of submersing yourself than with a homestay!

You will need to speak the native language of your host country, allowing you to improve your language skills. Your host family will also be pleased to help you practice your skills. Living situations in homestay programs range from basic room-rental arrangements to complete family immersion.

Homestays are often the cheapest accommodation option. You typically have your own room, but join the family for meals and take part in their daily routine. Homestay programs offer a "real-life" experience that is second-to-none [3; 4].

- **Volunteering**

Volunteering abroad is a great way to both improve the world and your language skills. When you volunteer in a community, you will be more than a traveler or visitor. You will become immersed in their world – and in their everyday chatter! You will earn the trust of those with whom you are working and living, which means more chances to connect and practice. If you find a good program, it will cost you little or nothing to sign up, and you may even receive free or discounted accommodation. It is not just an incredibly rewarding experience, but it is a great way to improve your foreign language [5].

- **CouchSurfing**

CouchSurfing is an online community in which people offer up their couches for travelers to sleep on – free of charge. Its goal is not to list free places to stay, but to encourage cultural exchange and international respect and understanding.

CouchSurfing fosters cultural exchange, and language is a huge part of culture. It offers an easy venue for meeting locals who speak your target language. If you are traveling abroad, stay with a local for free, and practice your new language to your heart's content [6].

- **WWOOFing**

This is an opportunity that pretty much anyone can take advantage of – no matter where you are from or what language you are trying to learn. WWOOF, which stands for World-Wide Opportunities on Organic Farms, is a work exchange program. Volunteers work 4–6 hours per day on an organic farm, in exchange for free room and board. The only cost is the WWOOF site membership fee, which is usually separate for each individual country.

There are WWOOFing opportunities in all corners of the world. By working on the farm with your hosts, you will be able to practice your target language

daily. You will have afternoons and days off to explore the surrounding areas, when you will also be able to chat it up [7].

- **Au Pair**

If you like kids, you should consider working as an au pair abroad. The family will likely speak their native language amongst each other, and you will be able to speak it when you leave the house.

The main benefit of working as an au pair is that you will be in a country where they speak your target language – while earning enough money to support yourself. Anyway, it is better to learn languages from kids. They use simple sentence structures and vocabulary, and you feel less worried about making mistakes [8].

On the grounds of the above research findings the following **conclusion** can be made: Though learning a new language is hard work, it doesn't have to be expensive. With a little effort of internet surfing, you, too, could be reaping the many benefits of studying a language abroad.

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