

What can Esperanto offer?

* To be able to directly and easily relate to people from foreign countries, it helps to have a common language. Those who use Esperanto have unfiltered and close contact with others, regardless of their native language.

* Among the books translated into Esperanto are great classic works and "pearls of literature" written in lesser-known languages, of which you otherwise would not have heard.

* Several studies have demonstrated the value of Esperanto in learning other foreign languages: briefly, studying Esperanto for a year and (for example) studying French for three years afterward results in a better command of French than studying French for only four years.

Language without exceptions?

The grammar of Esperanto has almost no exceptions and no irregular verbs. The sentence word order is free (and lets speakers of differently structured languages express themselves equally well). Every letter is always pronounced the same, and there are never any silent letters. You will recognize many word roots immediately.

One needs only a few months to begin speaking Esperanto.



* With the Passport Service - a network of hosts existing almost 50 years - you can stay at local people all over the world (in more than 90 countries) completely free of charge, getting familiar with the local culture and customs on your way, and create a bond with the community. Often you could find that you already have common friends with the host, and the communication is easy and on equal footing.

* There is some Esperanto event happening somewhere in the world on every day of the year. You can find anything at all in these events, from lectures on interesting topics to massage classes.

* By means of Esperanto, one becomes part of a keen world-wide community with a worldwide culture.

TEJO?

(World Esperanto Youth Organisation)

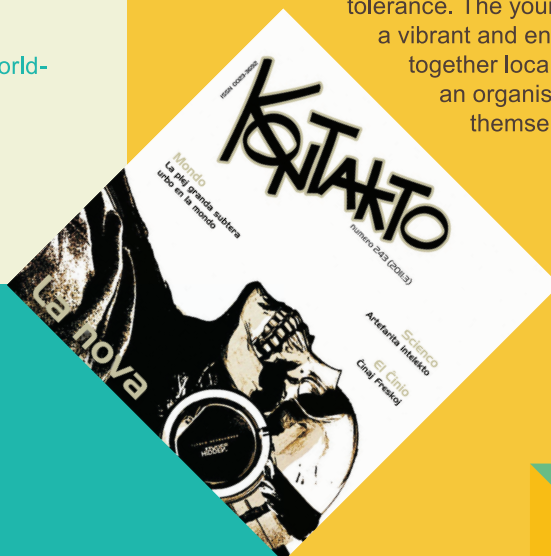
TEJO is the World Esperanto Youth Organisation. It brings young Esperanto speakers together from every corner of the world.

TEJO organizes many different events, where young people create new friendships, have fun, and experience the unique culture of Esperanto. TEJO conducts training in human rights, international communication, and tolerance. The young Esperanto speakers form a vibrant and energetic community, linked together locally and internationally into an organisation governed by youth themselves.

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There are songs, films, poetry, novels, magazines, theatre, cabarets, songs, rock, pop, and rap in Esperanto. Musical groups from many countries willingly use Esperanto in their songs. One can even swear!

Esperanto is used also within families, and there are children who speak it from birth.



international, neutral, democratic, easy to learn.

Used by people from over 120 countries. Those who learn it are usually young people who are open to other cultures, curious about different languages, and who like having personal contacts throughout the world.

It is not tied to any particular nation, ethnic group or state. Esperanto belongs to those who learn it. This is a big advantage for a language whose function is to be an equally accessible bridge among different peoples.

Thanks to the regular structure of the language, it is usually much easier to learn compared to other foreign languages. Everyone who learns Esperanto has a good chance of achieving near-native level and then be able to communicate on an equal footing with others regardless of language background

Leo Tolstoy: Six years ago I received a grammar and vocabulary of Esperanto; After no more than two hours of study, I could if not write, at least easily read it ... Those who are not Tolstoy will not need much more time though.

Xiao Peiliang, China: In my opinion, Chinese people learn Esperanto much easier than European languages. Those Chinese who have learned it also enjoy a huge advantage compared to other people when they study European languages.

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