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**Bilingualism as a means to overcome a language barrier**

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One of the most important aspects in perception and learning of foreign languages is a language barrier, which, as a rule, all people have despite flexibility of thought. A language barrier can be met in early childhood, when a child just learns to talk, as well as in adult everyday life, when people discover other languages.

The problem of a language barrier in communicating in a foreign language is closely related to a term "bilingualism."It should be noted that bilingualism helps to eliminate the above-mentioned linguistic and cultural barrier.

In particular, we consider the language situation in the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia), where the official languages are Yakut and Russian. The ratio of people speaking Yakut and Russian is alike. This is explained due to the cultural and historical conditions, and is often dependent on nationality. It is found that bilingual people speaking fluently Yakut and Russian perceive other languages quicker, as they have already passed complexity of a language barrier and realized it at earlier age, favorable for perception of other languages. It is also revealed that people speaking only one language have more difficulties in perceiving other languages.

Consequently, people with non-systematized language skills have a language barrier. That is, the more one becomes accustomed to speaking only one language, the harder it is for him to perceive other languages.

Thus, in order to eliminate a language barrier, it is necessary to increase the number of bilingual, trilingual people; to create conditions for development of the natural ability to speak not native language as their own languages. It is necessary to delve into the national specifics of a language being studied for its full perception and understanding.

The result of this work is revealing of the cause of a language barrier in intercultural communication and finding ways to resolve this barrier.