

# Beliefs About Language Learning Inventory (BALLI)

- Here are some beliefs that people have about learning a foreign language.
- Do you agree?
- Draw a circle around the number that matches your opinion:
  - 1 “I agree strongly.”
  - 2 “I agree.”
  - 3 “I have no opinion.”
  - 4 “I disagree.”
  - 5 “I disagree strongly.”
- Remember – there are no “correct” or “incorrect” answers.



	Language Learning Beliefs:	Opinions
1	Learning a language means acquiring a body of knowledge.	1 2 3 4 5
2	The teacher has this knowledge and must give it to the learner	1 2 3 4 5
3	Learning means organizing methods through experience.	1 2 3 4 5
4	Learning a language means learning structure and vocabulary.	1 2 3 4 5
5	Learning a language means having ideas about the language and testing them by speaking to other learners or native speakers.	1 2 3 4 5
6	The role of the teacher is to help learners become self-directed.	1 2 3 4 5
7	The role of the teacher is to share knowledge.	1 2 3 4 5
8	Language teachers should also learn a language.	1 2 3 4 5
9	Some languages are easier to learn than others.	1 2 3 4 5
10	People who speak more than one language are very intelligent.	1 2 3 4 5
11	Some people have a special ability to learn languages.	1 2 3 4 5
12	Chinese people are good at learning languages.	1 2 3 4 5
13	English is a difficult language to learn.	1 2 3 4 5
14	Children learn a new language easier than adults.	1 2 3 4 5
15	Women are better than men at learning a language.	1 2 3 4 5
16	People who are good at sciences are not good at languages.	1 2 3 4 5
17	It is best to learn English in an English-speaking country.	1 2 3 4 5
18	The most important thing is to learn the grammar.	1 2 3 4 5
19	I should only speak when I can say the correct words.	1 2 3 4 5
20	Studying for an hour a day is enough to learn a language fluently.	1 2 3 4 5
21	It is necessary to know the culture in order to speak a language well.	1 2 3 4 5
22	Everyone should learn to speak a foreign language.	1 2 3 4 5
23	Beginners should always be corrected.	1 2 3 4 5

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