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HOW LANGUAGE SHAPES THE WAY WE THINK

Three major learning points:

- Every language has its own benefits.
- It shapes the way people explain situations
- Multiple languages mean multiple viewpoints



HOW LANGUAGE SHAPES THE WAY WE THINK

Agreements/disagreements

We agree that it's a good thing to learn multiple languages and it's a bad thing to only see things from an English point of view.
We disagreed that the Dutch language is disappearing in the Dutch schools.

What else

• We compared Dutch, English and Bulgarian language-wise.

HOW CULTURE DRIVES BEHAVIOURS

Three major learning points

- Different cultures have other values concerning personal space
- Friendships are different in different cultures
- When we're not aware of different cultural behaviour we can easily be frustrated or we can miscommunicate with each other



HOW CULTURE DRIVES BEHAVIOURS

Agreements/disagreements

- We cannot be aware of all the cultural differences
- We agree that we value personal space differently in different situations, disregarding culture.

What else

• We discussed the weirdness of being spoken to in public by old people. Bobbi found it very weird, Koen and Aranca were used to it.

CROSS CULTURAL COMMUNICATION

Three major learning points

- Acceptance and familiarity are important when being with other cultures
- Simplification of languages is carried out in different countries.
- The word "rules" have different meanings in different countries.



CROSS CULTURAL COMMUNICATION

Agreements/disagreements

- Following rules also depends on whether the majority of people are following them and police officers check this.
- We agree that Dutch people are complainers.

What else

• We learned that gestures can be opposite in different countries and can be carried with a learned language.