

Culture and Language Learning

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- Languages *support the moral, social and economic initiation of young people into the culture and wider civilisation that surrounds them.*

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- *English language proficiency enhances the personal and intellectual development, and extends their understanding of other cultures through the English medium.*

(Hong Kong Curriculum Development Council, 2004)

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- *Language studies are cultural studies*
- *.....participate in English children's culture and literature through words, pictures, music, and movement.*
- *Norwegian Ministry of Education and Research 2007*

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- *Learning a foreign language is a liberation from insularity and provides an opening to other cultures. A high-quality languages education should foster pupils' curiosity and deepen their understanding of the world.*

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- *Language encodes and reflects its culture and learners cannot gain the same depth of understanding to engage with cultural difference through their own language*

Fernández (2007)

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Clapping games video clip

- www.tes.co.uk/teaching-resource/Primary-French-Deux-jeux-de-mains-6085164/