

CAN THE MASTERY OVER ‘MOTHER TONGUE’ FACILITATE EASY ACQUISITION OF ‘OTHER TONGUE’?

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ABSTRACT

This paper analyses a claim that if one has mastery over one’s mother tongue, one can acquire any foreign language easily. The premise behind such statement appears to be grounded in the translation and finding out of quick equivalents of mother tongue’s linguistic substance in the foreign tongue or second language. A theoretical attempt has been made to translate a sentence of Urdu in English, and discuss, in the light of it, whether it is easy to learn one language from the mastery of another language.

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