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Study Spanish

"I study Spanish at the University of Maine because I think that in today's globalized world it is of utmost importance to know a second language. We live in a world where we have the opportunity to share ideas with people across the world almost instantaneously and in order to take full advantage of this opportunity I want to be able to express myself in more than just English. Learning Spanish has opened the door for me to all of the cultures of the Spanish speaking world and new ways of thinking and has given me another way to express myself."

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If you talk to him in his own language, that goes to his heart.”
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