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The Relationships between EFL Students' Cultural Intelligence, Emo-Sensory Intelligence, Language Learning Strategies, and English Language Achievement

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Abstract

The present research was targeted toward examining the relationship between cultural intelligence (CQ), emo-sensory intelligence (ESQ), language learning strategies (LLS), and students' language achievement (LA). A number of 300 EFL Iraqi students studying at the English Language Department of AL-Qadisiyah University, Iraq was selected through convenience sampling. The participants filled out the cultural intelligence questionnaire, emo-sensory intelligence scale, and the language learning strategy inventory. Students' final scores were used as a means through which their language achievement could be gauged. The data were analyzed using Pearson Product-Moment Correlation and Structural Equation Modeling (SEM) analysis. The findings indicated a significant relationship between ESQ, CQ, learning strategies, and students' language achievement. In addition, it was found that CQ and language learners' strategy could directly predict the language achievement of Iraqi EFL learners. ESQ, could only predict language learners' achievement through the mediation of language learning strategies.

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Introduction

Intelligence has been a subject of debate since the beginning of civilization (Mohammadi & Modarresi, 2023), and Plato (1963) could hardly have predicted that his classification of individuals into cognition, emotion, and sense in his Republic would serve as a source of inspiration. Students who possess a higher intelligence quotient (IQ) tend to excel academically (Binet & Simon, 1905a, 1905b). According to Goleman (1995), emotional intelligence (EQ), which has the potential to control cognitive capacities and drive actions, surpasses IQ and performs a stronger role in the world and education than those who believe IQ is more significant. Furthermore, according to Lombard (2007), sensory intelligence (SQ), which is defined as knowledge of our basic sensory wiring, regulates IQ and EQ in accordance with embodied movements. In order to reconcile SQ and EQ, the current research examines sensory emotions and explores emo-sensory intelligence (ESQ) since it is one of the critical aspects of our daily experiences.

According to Thanasoulas (2001), language and culture are intertwined since culture helps people recognize not only the speaker and listener but also the subject of the discussion. Scholars conducted a thorough study of intercultural theory and intelligence approaches, which resulted in the early conceptualization of cultural intelligence (CQ). Based on Livermore (2011), CQ is the same as other intelligences, but it concentrates on having the skills needed to succeed in today's worldwide, interconnected society. Livermore (2011) further highlights how CQ works in conjunction with other forms of intelligence (IQ and EQ) and elaborates on the reasons some people thrive in diversified cultural settings while others may struggle. Research has identified several factors that can influence the selection of learning strategies and ultimately impact the achievement of second or foreign language learners. According to Gardner and MacIntyre (1993), language learning strategies have a complicated link with other individual qualities, including attitudes, intelligence, motivation, aptitude, and anxiety. According to Oxford (2003), beliefs, personality, personal circumstances, and learning strategies.

While there is much research that evaluates emotions and senses separately (e.g., Rouby et al., 2016), few studies have addressed how they interact. Several research studies have looked at the way sensory inputs can shape and affect individuals' cognitive processes (e.g., Pishghadam et al., 2016; Pishghadam et al., 2021). Hearing, seeing, or feeling anything can provoke a wide range of emotions in people, impacting how they see the world.

The other aspect of the present study deals with the essential role language learning strategy plays for a language learner. Studies have identified some factors that may affect the strategy's choice and implementation (Gardner & MacIntyre, 1993). Kussin et al. (2018) conducted a study on language learning strategies (LLS) and explored teachers' viewpoints regarding the strategies language learners use in their learning journey. Based on the findings, language learners have the potential to improve their adoption of strategies and expand their subject knowledge (schemata) to facilitate future progress in the language. Accordingly, they suggested that educators must integrate strategy instruction into their lesson plans.

The current research is an attempt to explore the role of CQ and ESQ as mediators of the relationships between language achievement and language learning strategies. This might add to the existing knowledge about CQ, ESQ, and language learners' strategy among Iraqi EFL learners living in one of the Middle Eastern nations. As a result, the current study examines the following research questions:

RQ1. Are there any significant relationships between ESQ, CQ, strategies, and EFL students' language achievement?

RQ2. What is the best predictor of EFL students' language achievement: ESQ, CQ, or students' strategy?

1. Review of Literature

1.1. What is Emo-sensory Intelligence?

Plenty of our identification of the outside world is made with the senses. According to Thomson et al. (2010), conceptual association forms what we perceive and triggers an emotional response. The word mom, for example, conjures up ideas of love, joy, and hugs. Our reactions to different noises, sights, scents, tastes, and sensations are also varied. This viewpoint was echoed when color-emotion connections were investigated by Pishghadam and Shayesteh (2017). In the mentioned study, colors were used to confirm how effectively participants could detect, mark, and manage their emotional responses to hues. They developed a three-fold model of emo-sensory after researching the variations in the participants' reactions, which finally resulted in a new concept of emo-sensory intelligence (ESQ).

The evolutionary definition of intelligence has expanded its scope, turning it into a complex and multifaceted concept. ESQ emerges as a combination of EQ and SQ (Akbari & Pishghadam, 2022; Ebrahimi et al., 2022; Naji Meidani et al., 2022). ESQ involves sensitivity to emotional responses triggered by sensory inputs. It focuses on the ability of a person to identify, describe, monitor, and regulate emotions evoked by sensory experiences. This ability enables individuals to guide their actions and establish effective communication through the integration of emotions and sensory perception (Shirzadeh & Jajarmi, 2023).

1.2. Cultural Intelligence: Conceptual Frameworks and Sub-dimensions

Researchers conducted a thorough study of intercultural theory and intelligence approaches, which resulted in the primary conceptualization of CQ. It is an intellect that shares the same fundamental roots as other intelligences. However, as Livermore (2011) and Tabatabaee-Yazdi and Baghaei (2022) mentioned, it highlights the required skills for being successful in today's interconnected, globalized world. They also stressed that CQ complements other types of intelligence (IQ, EQ), describing the reasons certain people exhibit higher levels of success in culturally diverse contexts than others. The explanation for this stems from the fact that social norms vary from one society to the next.

Earley and Ang (2003) coined the term "cultural intelligence," and defined it as "a person's ability to properly adapt to new and different cultures, that seems to be, for unfamiliar settings due to cultural background" (p. 9). Early and Ang (2003) proposed a multidimensional model

of intelligence entailing four sub-dimensions, namely motivational, metacognitive, cognitive, and behavioral intelligence (Ward et al., 2011).

1.3. Learning Strategies

As mentioned by Hismanoglu (2000), language learning strategies—specific acts, behaviors, strategies, or methods—enable language learners to pick up a second/foreign language. It is universally understood that language learners utilize various strategies to enhance their language acquisition during the learning process. Therefore, the assumption that language learners utilize identical effective language learning strategies and should be guided towards the same approach for success is not viable. Various factors, including learning style, personality, age, motivation, gender, self-concept, excitement, life experience, and anxiety, significantly influence how language learners acquire the target language. Consequently, these individual factors necessitate a tailored approach to language instruction that acknowledges and accommodates learners' diverse needs and preferences to promote successful language learning outcomes. As mentioned by Oxford and Gkonou (2018), learners gain from adopting methods, which are defined as conscious, learner-controlled ideas and behavior used to develop specific skills and general competency. Oxford and Gkonou (2018) mentioned that learning strategies involve:

- (a) predicting what will actually occur next in a story or news program using previous knowledge of culture and language,
- (b) interacting with somebody to learn culture and language to communicate more productively in the language,
- (c) integrating logic, intuition, and facts with cultural experience, and
- (d) posing inquiries to a native speaker to obtain a deeper grasp of the language.

1.4. A Brief Review of Intelligence, Learning Strategies, Culture, and Language Achievement

Hasanzadeh and Shahmohamadi (2011) analyzed the relationship between learning strategies and emotional intelligence. Their results illustrated that for both girls and boys, there was a substantial association between overall EQ and learning processes. Furthermore, no correlation was found between students' EQ and their subject of study.

Regarding language achievement and its relationship with learning strategies, not only were Gardner and Lambert (1965) able to identify second-language skills related to language-learning aptitude, but they were also able to define the relationship of intelligence with language learners' achievement.

Regarding the advantages of knowing about culture, Genc and Bada (2005) reported that taking a lesson in culture increases ELT students' cultural sensitivity to both native and target societies. Their study demonstrates how some solid facts offered by the study's participants can support the arguments made by language teaching specialists advocating for the inclusion of a culture class in language learning and instruction.

2. Methodology

2.1. Participants

The study entailed 300 EFL Iraqi students (150 males and 150 females) studying at the BA level at the English Language Department of AL-Qadisiyah University, Iraq. The choice of students' selection was based on convenience sampling due to the accessibility criteria. The main reason for choosing Iraqi EFL learners was to do a contextual analysis in one of the Middle Eastern nations and investigate their cultural and emotional intelligence, the strategies they adopt in their learning, and their level of language achievement. All participants were originally from Iraq, and their mother tongue was Arabic. They ranged in age from 19 to 23. The instructional approach adopted by the university highlights promoting students' communicative skills in English. It should be mentioned that in the years of teaching English to sophomore, junior, and senior levels, English language teaching subjects are dealt with thoroughly and in detail.

2.2. Instrumentation

The following instruments were used to collect data.

2.2.1. Cultural Intelligence Questionnaire

For the purposes of the study, Iraqi English language learners filled out the CQ questionnaire (Appendix A). The scale assessed CQ and was similar to the one employed to measure an individual's IQ. Individuals with higher CQ scores were considered to possess a greater ability to adapt to and thrive in diverse cultural environments.

The CQ questionnaire was designed and validated by Ang et al. (2007), comprising 20 items that assess various cultural intelligence subscales. The subscales include meta-cognitive CQ with 4 items (statements 1-4), cognitive CQ with 3 items (statements 5-10), motivational CQ with 5 items (statements 11-15), and behavioral CQ with 5 items (statements 16-20). Learners in the study provided their responses to each item using a five-point Likert scale, where the scale ranged from strongly agree (1) to strongly disagree (5).

2.2.2. Language Learning Strategy Inventory

The language learning strategy inventory serves two primary purposes. Firstly, it aims to provide individuals with a deeper understanding of their strengths, weaknesses, and preferred approaches to language learning. Secondly, the inventory is designed to identify and explore effective strategies that can assist language learners in successfully acquiring a new language. This inventory consists of 50 items (Appendix B). It was developed and validated by Oxford (1990). He carried out extensive literature reviews on language learning strategies, suggesting that they can be classified as memory strategies (strategies for remembering language), cognitive strategies (strategies for acquiring linguistic skills), compensation strategies (strategies for dealing with minimal understanding), metacognitive strategies (strategies for dealing with students' emotions), and social strategies (strategies that entail communication with others).

2.2.3. Emo-Sensory Intelligence Scale

The ESQ scale was developed by Pishghadam et al. (2020). To meet the aims of the study, this scale was used to collect data on ESQ based on a five-point Likert scale, ranging from 1 to 5, indicating very little to very much, respectively (Appendix C). The scale encompasses six senses, namely visual, auditory, kinesthetic, tactile, smell, and taste. Each of these senses is associated with the measurement of six specific sense-induced emotions, which include fear, sadness, disgust, anger, happiness, and surprise.

2.3. Procedure

2.3.1. Data Collection

The study was initiated during the academic year 2021. Before administering the surveys, the researchers gave a brief overview of the study to all participants, addressing any concerns that students had about the study. The time of the last three sessions of the semester was dedicated to the administration of the questionnaires. Learners were given 40 minutes' time to fill out each questionnaire. The researchers benefited from students' final scores upon their approval and analyzed their language achievement in association with their level of intelligence (ESQ and CQ) and their preferred learning strategies. It should be pointed out that all participants involved in this study ensured the confidentiality of their answers to the questionnaires.

2.3.2. Data Analysis

The researchers conducted Pearson Product-Moment Correlation to answer the first research question and measure the links between ESQ, CQ, learning strategies, and language achievement of Iraqi EFL learners. Answering the second research question involved running a set of SEM analyses to explore the power of ESQ, CQ, and learners' strategies in predicting their language achievement.

3. Results

The first research question addressed the issue of finding the relationship between ESQ, CQ, language learning strategy, and language achievement. To answer the research question, the researchers did descriptive statistics and ran a correlational analysis.

3.1. Descriptive Statistics

In Table 1, descriptive statistics (mean and standard deviation) were provided for language achievement and the ESQ, LLS, and CQ scales.

	Min	Max	Mean	SD
ESQ	390	574	503.29	40.99
Visual	65	93	82.41	6.33
Auditory	63	95	83.08	6.46
Olfactory	64	103	85.43	7.74
Taste	63	98	85.11	7.80
Touch	65	95	82.93	6.80
Kinesthetic	65	97	84.33	7.06
LLS	74	131	111.22	15.86
Memory Strategies	11	25	19.98	3.58
Cognitive Strategies	19	36	30.90	4.45
Compensation Strategies	7	17	12.94	2.21
Metacognitive Strategies	12	26	20.82	3.40
Affective Strategies	8	18	13.15	2.32
Social Strategies	8	17	13.43	2.36
CQ	47	93	76.32	10.81
Metacognitive	6	19	14.13	2.69
Cognitive	16	29	21.72	3.30
Motivational	12	24	20.10	3.10
Behavioral	12	25	20.37	2.79
LA	60	85	73.24	5.71

Table 1. Descriptive Statistics for Language Achievement and ESQ, LLS, and CQ Scales

3.2. Reliability Estimates

The internal reliability of the six-part ESQ questionnaire was investigated using Cronbach's alpha. The results of the study revealed that the alpha coefficient for the overall scale was 0.75. For the LLS scale, which consisted of 50 items, the alpha coefficient was 0.94. Similarly, for the CQ questionnaire, the alpha coefficient was 0.94. These estimates indicated that all surveys had acceptable reliability coefficients.

3.3. Correlational Analysis

The researchers employed Pearson product-moment correlation to find probable correlations among the variables. According to Table 2, significant correlations could be found among certain variables.

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ESQ and its subconstructs were significantly correlated with LLS (r = .68, p < 0.01), and all its subconstructs (i.e., memory strategies [r = .62, p < 0.01], social strategies [r = .54, p < 0.01], compensation strategies [r = .49, p < 0.01], cognitive strategies [r = .67, p < 0.01], affective strategies [r = .53, p < 0.01], and metacognitive strategies [r = .59, p < 0.01]). ESQ was also correlated with CQ (r = .13, p < 0.05) along with some of its subconstructs, including metacognitive (r = .16, p < 0.01), motivational (r = .14, p < 0.05) and behavioral (r = .13, p < 0.05). Moreover, LLS showed a significant correlation with CQ (r = .25, p < 0.01) and all its subconstructs, including metacognitive (r = .25, p < 0.01), cognitive (r = .17, p < 0.01), motivational (r = .24, p < 0.01). LA was significantly correlated with ESQ (r = .21, p < 0.01), LLS (r = .26, p < 0.01), CQ (r = .71, p < 0.01), and all their subconstructs.

		7	3	4	5	9	7	8	6	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
1. ESQ	1																			
2. Visual	.96																			
3. Auditory	*96 [.]	**68.	1																	
4. Olfactory	.97* *	.91**	.92* *	1																
5. Taste	*96. *	.95**	.91* *	.96	-															
6. Touch	.97* *	.88	.95*		.94**	-														
7. Kinesthetic	.98	.98	.92*	.93*	.98**	.91**	1													
8. LLS	.68*	.64*	.66*			.66**	.67**	1												
9. Memory	.62* *	.59*	.61*	.61* *	.61**	.61**	.61**	.87**	1											
10. Cognitive	.67* *	.64*	.65*	.66* *	.66**	.65**	.66**	.93**	.80**	1										
11. Compensation	.49**	.47**	.49**	.49**	.47**	.48**	.48	.81**	.69	**69.	-									
12. Metacognitive	.59**	.55**	.57**	.58**	.57**	.57**	.57**	.87**	.71**	.73**	.74**	-								
13. Affective	.53**	.51**	.49**	100	.51** .53**	.50**	.53**	.81**	.64**	.74**	.53**	.61**	-							
14. Social	.54**	.50**	.53**	.52**	.53**	.53**	.53**	.81**	.56**	.75**	.59**	.68**	.70**	1						
15. CQ	.13*	.10	.15**	$.12^{*}$.12*	.15**	.13*	.25**	.18**	.22**	.23**	.24**	$.20^{**}$.24**	1					
16. Metacognitive	$.16^{**}$.13*	.17**	.14*	.12*	.17**	$.16^{**}$.25**	.19**	.22**	.23**	.25**	.21**	.21**	.92**	1				
17. Cognitive	.06	.04	.08	.05	.06	60.	.06	.17**	.14*	.15*	$.18^{**}$	$.18^{**}$	60.	$.16^{**}$.89**	.79 ^{**}	1			
18. Motivational	$.14^{*}$.11	$.16^{**}$.13*	.13*	$.16^{**}$.13*	.26**	$.16^{**}$.24**	.22**	.25**	.23**	.26**	.93**	.83**	.74**	-		
19. Behavioral	.13*	.13*	$.16^{**}$.11	.11	.15*	$.12^{*}$.24**	$.18^{**}$	$.20^{**}$.20**	.22**	.21**	.23**	.89**	.75** .	.68**	.82**	1	
20. LA	21^{**}	.21**	.22**	.20**	.19**	.21**	$.20^{**}$.26**	.17**	.21**	.22**	.23**	.27**	.27**	.71**	. **69.	.63**	.66**	.62**	1

Table 2. Correlational Analysis for the Relationships between the Variables

**. Correlation is significant at the 0.01 level (2-tailed).

*. Correlation is significant at the 0.05 level (2-tailed).

2.4. SEM Analysis

The researchers ran structural equation modeling (SEM) using Amos to check the predictive power of the independent variables. & Three models (Figures 1, 7, 3) wereproposed for the prediction of the students' language achievement. The bootstrap analysis of mediation was performed for the indirect effects. Goodness of fit indices were indicative of fit models (see Table 3).

2.4.1. Model 1

The first model (Figure 1) verifies the power of ESQ, LLS, and CQ in predicting the students' LA. As Figure 1 illustrates, ESQ and LLS do not predict the students' LA directly. However, CQ is a positive predictor of LA ($\beta = .37$, p < 0.05).



Figure 1. The Schematic Representation of the Relationships among ESQ, LLS, CQ, and LA

2.4.2. Model 2

The second model (Figure 2) verifies the power of ESQ, mediated by LLS, in predicting the students' LA. As illustrated, ESQ does not predict the students' LA directly. However, mediated by LLS, ESQ is a positive predictor of LA ($\beta = .62$, p < 0.01). LLS is also a positive predictor of students' LA ($\beta = .92$, p < 0.01).



Figure 2. The Schematic Representation of the Relationships among ESQ, LLS, & LA

2.4.3. Model 3

The third model (Figure 3) verifies the power of CQ, mediated by LLS, in predicting the students' LA. As Figure 3 illustrates, CQ predicts the students' LA directly. Moreover, mediated by LLS, CQ is a positive predictor of LA ($\beta = .05$, p < 0.05). LLS is also a positive predictor of LA ($\beta = .19$, p < 0.05).



Figure 3. The Schematic Representation of the Relationships among CQ, LLS, & LA

Goodness of fit indices were measured using Amos to assess if the models fit the data. Table 3 presents the results, including Root Mean Square Error of Approximation (RMSEA), Comparative Fit Index (CFI), relative chi-square (χ^2 /df), Tucker-Lewis Index (TLI), and Standardized Root Mean Squared Error (SRMR). According to the criteria employed in this study, χ^2 /df values were set at less than 3 (Ullman, 2001). The TLI and CFI values should exceed .90. Additionally, the RMSEA and SRMR values should be equal to or less than 0.08 (Browne & Cudeck, 1993).

Models	χ²/df	Df	CFI	TLI	RMSEA	SRMR
Model 1 (Figure 1)	2.28	106	.98	.97	.06	.03
Model 2 (Figure 2)	1.81	53	.99	.98	.05	.03
Model 3 (Figure 3)	1.83	38	.99	.98	.05	.03

 Table 3. Goodness of Fit Indices for the Models

3. Discussion

As for the purpose of this study, two kinds of intelligence (ESQ and CQ) and learning strategies of Iraqi EFL students have been examined by the researchers. To do so, the researchers aimed to find the relationship between these variables and find which one of these variables could best predict students' achievement. Therefore, the researchers administered a number of questionnaires (including ESQ, CQ, and LLS) to a group of EFL Iraqi students.

With regard to the study's findings, there was a significant relationship between the variables. The was a relationship between ESQ and the subcategories of CQ (motivational, metacognitive, and behavioral). There were different relationships between language learning strategies, CQ, and English language achievement. The study provided empirical evidence confirming the hypothesized relationships among these variables.

The findings related to the second research question regarding the three SEM models proposed in this study manifested that except for ESQ, which did not predict students' LA directly, CQ was regarded as a positive predictor of LA in the first model. This may be due to the learners' high interest in being culturally immersed in the English language. As far as the researchers are concerned, many Iraqi English language learners are interested in learning the target language culture (i.e., English), and they try to acculturate with Americans, and this could be one of the best goals that they set in their minds. The more immersed you are in the target culture, the better you can learn its language.

The second model could only indirectly confirm the connection between ESQ and language achievement. This may imply that using successful classroom strategies while learning a foreign language is the only way for learners to gain greater academic achievement in terms of their English language abilities. The researchers acknowledged that to be competent in gaining ESQ and attaining success in terms of language skills, learners may first need to learn about some effective strategies of learning (compensation, memory, metacognitive, affective, cognitive, and social). However, further research is necessary to validate and strengthen this claim.

The third model represented the power of CQ in predicting LA. It was reported that when mediated by LLS, CQ is the best in predicting the language success of Iraqi EFL learners. It is assumed that in the process of learning a foreign language like English, students make use of language learning strategies to be able to learn about the cultural aspect of the target language, and as a result, they learn the language more effectively.

Because culture is entrenched in the setting where the learner lives, it is considered that culture has an impact on the language acquisition processes utilized by a second and foreign language learner (Nouraey, 2022). As reported by Oxford (1990), factors, including the level of learning, maturity level, the degree of knowledge of learning strategies, task characteristics, sex, culture and native language history, the goal of learning, character qualities, and motivation, affect the frequency and kind of learning strategies used. The observed results provide support for Oxford's (1990) argument that culture plays a vital role in influencing the quantity and nature of language learning. The findings of Riley and Harsch's (1999) study prompted further research on the impact of culture on language learning processes. In the present study, as Iraqi EFL learners are not comprehensively familiar with Western culture, their CQ was lower than expected, and so this construct could not be regarded as the best and main predictor of students' achievement in their language learning.

Altogether, engaging in cross-cultural experiences can indeed be beneficial in a language learning journey. However, to maximize the benefits of such experiences, incorporating deliberate cultural instruction and analysis can enhance the language learning process. Likewise, to put findings in the perspective of different language-learning contexts, a comparative study would be required. Also, this study suggests that future research employ evaluation tools that more specifically encompass the four fundamental language skills, including writing, speaking, listening, and reading. All in all, as this study was conducted with a limited number of Iraqi participants, more intricate analyses would be possible with a greater sample size from diverse cultural and geographical backgrounds.



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Appendices

Appendix A. Cultural Intelligence Scale (CQ)

Directions:

This section contains items. Please read each item and indicate whether you:

(1) Strongly disagree, (2) disagree, (3) neutral, (4) agree, (5) strongly agree

		1	2	3	4	5
1	I am conscious of the cultural knowledge I use when interacting with people with different cultural backgrounds.					
2	I adjust my cultural knowledge as I interact with people from a culture that is unfamiliar to me.					
3	I am conscious of the cultural knowledge I apply to cross-cultural interactions.					
4	I check the accuracy of my cultural knowledge as I interact with people from different cultures.					
5	I know the legal and economic systems of other cultures.					
6	I know the rules (e.g., vocabulary, grammar) of other languages.					
7	I know the cultural values and religious beliefs of other cultures.					
8	I know the marriage systems of other cultures.					
9	I know the arts and crafts of other cultures.					
10	I know the rules for expressing non-verbal behaviors in other cultures					
11	I enjoy interacting with people from different cultures.					
12	I am confident that I can socialize with locals in a culture that is unfamiliar to me.					
13	I am sure I can deal with the stresses of adjusting to a culture that is new to me					
14	I enjoy living in cultures that are unfamiliar to me					
15	I am confident that I can get accustomed to the shopping conditions in a different culture.					
16	I change my verbal behavior (e.g., accent, tone) when a cross- cultural interaction requires it.					
17	I use pause and silence differently to suit different cross-cultural situations					
18	I vary the rate of my speaking when a cross-cultural situation requires it.					
19	I change my non-verbal behavior when a cross-cultural situation requires it.					
20	I alter my facial expressions when a cross-cultural interaction requires it.					

Appendix B. Strategy Inventory for Language Learning (SILL)

Directions

This form of the STRATEGY INVENTORY FOR LANGUAGE LEARNING (SILL) is for students of English as a second or foreign language. You will find statements about learning English. Please read each statement and tick the response (1, 2, or 3) that tells US WHETHER YOU OFTEN USE A GIVEN STRATEGY (1) OR SOMETIMES (2) USING IT OR NEVER (3)

- 1. Often
- 2. Sometimes
- 3. Never

Answer in terms of how well the statement describes you. Do not answer how you think you should be, or what other people do. There are no right or wrong answers to these statements.

	OFTEN (1)	SOMETIMES (2)	NEVER (3)
PART A: MEMORY STRATEGIES		(2)	(3)
Q1. I think of relationships between what I already know and new things I learn in English			
Q2. I use new English words in a sentence so I can remember			
Q3. I connect the sound of a new English and an image of the word to help me remember the word			
Q4. I remember a new word by making a mental picture of a situation in which the word might be used			
Q5. I use rhymes to remember new English words			
Q6. I use flashcards to remember new English words			
Q7. I physically act out new English words			
Q8. I review English lessons often			
Q9. I remember new words or phrases by remembering their location on the page, on the board			
PART B: COGNITIVE STRATEGIES			
Q10. I say or write new English words several times	17		
Q11. I try to talk like native English speakers.			
Q12. I practice the sounds of English.	4		
Q13. I use the English words I know in different ways.			
Q14. I start conversations in English.			
Q15. I watch English language TV shows or go to movies spoken in English			
Q16. I read for pleasure in English			
Q17. I write notes, messages, letters, or reports in English			
Q18. I first skim an English passage (read it quickly) then go back and read carefully.			
Q19. I look for words in my own language that are similar to new words in English.			
Q20. I try to find patterns in English.			

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Q21. I find the meaning of an English word by dividing it		
into parts that I understand. Q22. I try not to translate word-for-word.		
Q23. I make summaries of information that I hear or read in English.		
PART C: COMPENSATION STRATEGIES		
Q24. To understand unfamiliar English words, I make		
guesses.		
Q25. When I can't think of a word during a conversation in		
English, I use gestures.		
Q26. I make up new words if I do not know the right ones in		
English. Q27. I read English without looking up every new word.		
Q28. I try to guess what the other person will say next in		
English.		
Q29. If I can't think of an English word, I use a word or		
phrase that means the same thing.		
PART D: METACOGNITIVE STRATEGIES		
Q30. I try to find as many ways as I can to use my English.		
Q31. I notice my English mistakes and use that information		
to help me do better.		
Q32. I pay attention when someone is speaking English.		
Q33. I try to find out how to be a better learner of English.		
Q34. I plan my schedule so I will have enough time to study		
English.		
Q35. I look for people I can talk to in English.		
Q36. I look for opportunities to read as much as possible in		
English.		
Q37. I have clear goals for improving my English skills.		
Q38. I think about my progress in learning English.	ترو ک	
PART E: AFFECTIVE STRATEGIES	12	
Q39. I try to relax whenever I feel afraid of using English.		
Q40. I encourage myself to speak English even when I am		
afraid of		
making a mistake. Q41. I give myself a reward or treat when I do well in		
English.		
Q42. I notice if I am tense or nervous when I am studying or		
using English		
Q43. I write down my feelings in a language learning diary.		
Q44. I talk to someone else about how I feel when I am		
learning English.		
PART F: SOCIAL STRATEGIES		
Q45. If I do not understand something in English, I ask the other person to slow down or to say it again.		
other person to slow down of to say it again.		

Q46. I ask English speakers to correct me when I talk.		
Q47. I practice English with other students.		
Q48. I ask for help from English speakers.		
Q49. I ask questions in English.		
Q50. I try to learn about the culture of English speakers.		

Appendix C. The Emo-Sensory Intelligence Scale

Gender:	Age:	Marital status:	Occupation:	Residential area:
Educational	backgrou	nd:	Field of study:	
Place of livit	ng:		Educational level:	

Please read the items below and choose numbers 1 to 5 based on the instructions given below.

very little = 1, little = 2, average = 3, much = 4, very much = 5

I kn	ow (can distinguish) sounds that make me feel	1	2	3	4	5	Example
1	sad						
2	Surprised						
3	Delighted						
4	Disgusted	1					
5	Enraged						
6	Frightened	>					
Exp	ressing my feelings toward sounds that are	1	2	3	4	5	Example
7	surprising is hard for me						
8	frightening is easy for me						
9	delighting is hard for me						
10	saddening is easy for me	0					
11	enraging is hard for me		6	2			
12	disgusting is easy for me		1				
	n control and monitor the sorts of sounds that have the past.	1	2	3	4	5	Example
13	frightened me	4					
14	delighted me						
15	enraged me						
16	saddened me						
17	surprised me						
18	disgusted me						
Refr	aining from listening to sounds that	1	2	3	4	5	Example
19	sadden me is easy for me						
20	delight me is hard for me						
21	surprise me is possible for me						
22	enrage me is easy for me						

23	disgust me is hard for me						
24	frighten me is hard for me						
I kn	ow (can distinguish) images that make me feel	1	2	3	4	5	Example
1	sad						
2	Surprised						
3	Delighted						
4	Disgusted						
5	Enraged						
6	Frightened						
Exp	ressing my feelings toward images that are	1	2	3	4	5	Example
7	surprising is hard for me						
8	frightening is easy for me						
9	delighting is hard for me						
10	saddening is easy for me					\mathbf{I}	
11	enraging is hard for me		+	1	1	1	
12	disgusting is easy for me						
I car	n control and monitor the sorts of images that have	1	2	3	4	5	Example
	the past.	_					
13	frightened me						
14	delighted me						
15	enraged me						
16	saddened me						
17	surprised me						
18	disgusted me					_	
	raining from looking at things that	1	2	3	4	5	Example
19	sadden me is easy for me	2.1	~	le .			
20	delight me is hard for me		121				
21	surprise me is possible for me						
22	enrage me is easy for me	/					
23	disgust me is hard for me	4					
24	frighten me is hard for me					_	
	ow (can distinguish) whose touch makes me feel	1	2	3	4	5	Example
1	sad						
2	Surprised					<u> </u>	
3	Delighted					<u> </u>	
4	Disgusted						
5	Enraged						
6	Frightened						
I kn feel		1	2	3	4	5	Example
7	surprising is hard for me						

8	frightening is easy for me	[
9	delighting is hard for me		-	-		+	
10	saddening is easy for me						
11	enraging is hard for me						
12	disgusting is easy for me						
I ca	n control and monitor the things whose touch has	1	2	3	4	5	Example
in tł	ne past.						
13	frightened me						
14	delighted me						
15	enraged me						
16	saddened me						
17	surprised me						
18	disgusted me						
Refi	raining from touching things that	1	2	3	4	5	Example
19	sadden me is easy for me						
20	delight me is hard for me						
21	surprise me is possible for me						
22	enrage me is easy for me						
23	disgust me is hard for me						
24	frighten me is hard for me						
	ow (can distinguish) physical movements that make	1	2	3	4	5	Example
me f	r <mark>eel</mark> sad	-			-		
2	Surprised	-			-		
2					<u> </u>		
3 4	Delighted				-		
	Disgusted						
5	Enraged	2.1	1	1	<u> </u>		
6	Frightened					_	
I kn feel	ow (can distinguish) physical movements make me	1	2	3	4	5	Example
7	surprising is hard for me	/			1		
8	frightening is easy for me	4			1		
9	delighting is hard for me						
10	saddening is easy for me						
11	enraging is hard for me					1	
12	disgusting is easy for me					1	
I car	n control and monitor the sort of physical movements	1	2	3	4	5	Example
	have in the past.			<u> </u>		<u> </u>	
	frightonod mo	1	l	1		1	
13	frightened me				-		
13 14	delighted me						
13							

17	surprised me						
18	disgusted me						
Refr	aining from making physical movements that	1	2	3	4	5	Example
19	sadden me is easy for me						-
20	delight me is hard for me						
21	surprise me is possible for me						
22	enrage me is easy for me						
23	disgust me is hard for me						
24	frighten me is hard for me						
I kn	ow (can distinguish) what smells make me feel	1	2	3	4	5	Example
1	sad						-
2	surprised						
3	delighted						
4	disgusted						
5	enraged						
6	frightened						
Exp	eressing my feelingstoward smells that are	1	2	3	4	5	Example
7	surprising is hard for me	0					
8	frightening is easy for me						
9	delighting is hard for me						
10	saddening is easy for me	\geq					
11	enraging is hard for me						
12	disgusting is easy for me						
I car	n control and monitor the sort of smells that have	1	2	3	4	5	Example
<u>in th</u> 13	frightened me						
13	delighted me	11	11				
14	enraged me	_	24	-			
15	saddened me		_				
10	surprised me	/					
17	disgusted me	4					
	aining from smelling things that	1	2	3	4	5	Example
19	sadden me is easy for me		4	5		3	платрие
20	delight me is hard for me						
20	surprise me is possible for me						
21	enrage me is easy for me						
22	disgust me is hard for me						
23						<u> </u>	
∠4	frighten me is hard for me						