**Are books more important than experience?**

Upon the question "not everything that is learned is contained in books",

different people have different opinions. From my point of view, I believe

knowledge gained from experience is more valuable than knowledge gained out

of books. In the following paragraphs I will try to explain my position more

clearly.

Firstly, life's valuable lessons are learned from experience. Can you forget

important lessons learned from your childhood years, such as jumping down

from a high place and broke your arms? From that accident you knew the

importance of self-protection. Knowledge gained from experience is likely to

be retained in our memory for a long period of time, although most of the time

we have to pay a price for it.

Secondly, knowledge that is gained by doing things can provide you with

firsthand information. If you don't have the chance to experience on your own,

you can only obtain second-hand knowledge and you will feel a lack of selfconfidence.

Moreover, many skills and knowledge can only be learned through practical

experiences. You cannot learn swimming by just reading from books on how to

swim. You have to actually get there and jump into the pool. Experience is the

best way to develop your personal abilities.

However, just as an English proverb goes "a coin has two sides," reading books

is also helpful. After all, you will not have the chance to experience everything

by yourself. For instance, to travel to foreign countries is expensive and timeconsuming,

while reading a book about different cultures provides you with

plenty of valuable information in a short period of time.

To conclude, knowledge gained from experiences is more important. Life

requires knowledge, and experience is the key.

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