**Amy Tan, daughter of Chinese immigrants and successful author of four novels, including *The Joy Luck Club*, has made the following assertion: “Sociologists and linguists probably will tell you that a person’s developing language skills are more influenced by peers. But I do think that the language spoken in the family, especially in immigrant families which are more insular, plays a large role in shaping the language of the child.” Write an essay in which you argue whether you believe that a person’s language is more influenced by peers than by family. Use evidence from your reading, personal experience, or observation to support your position.**