

MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES

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WHY STUDY A LANGUAGE

The more languages you know, the more you are human. (**Tomáš Garrigue Masaryk**)

Americans who travel abroad for the first time are often shocked to discover that, despite all the progress that has been made in the last 30 years, many foreign people still speak in foreign languages.

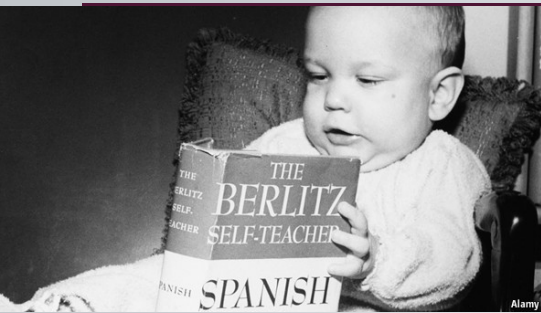
(**Dave Barry**)

Die Grenzen meiner Sprache bedeuten die Grenzen meiner Welt.

The limits of my language are the limits of my universe.

(**Ludwig Wittgenstein**)





HERE'S A FEW REASONS!



- They're good for you! Speaking more than one language increases your brain capacity and you have better memory to.
- You don't just learn the subject; you fall in love with it.
- English is not enough! The world has become a much smaller place. It's really important that you learn to speak and understand other people no matter where they are from.
- You can travel all over the world and feel like a true local.
- Languages are the perfect way to meet new people, immerse yourself in new cultures and make a difference to who you are.
- Speaking another language really makes you stand out from the crowd and you'll be able to work anywhere in the world.
- Learning a foreign language can help you understand your own language.
- You develop 4 key skills that are vital for any learning; listening, reading, speaking and writing



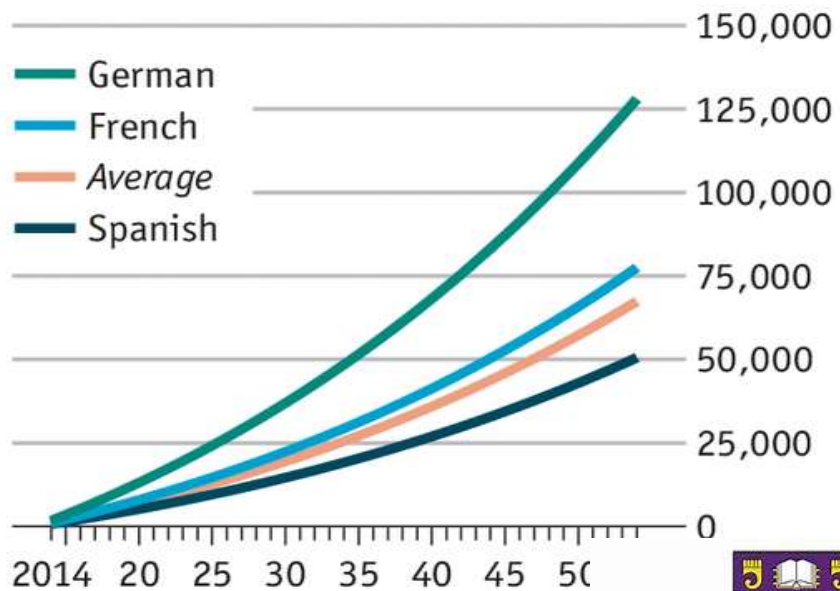
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IS LEARNING A FOREIGN LANGUAGE REALLY WORTH IT?"

Accumulated language bonuses

Forecasts, €



Source: *The Economist*



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- The ***Confederation of British Industry*** is one of the UK's leading independent employers' organisation.
- **Language skills deficit costs the UK £48bn a year**
- **"English is fine if you want to buy things, but it's not the right language to use for people who want to sell things,"** says Nick Brown, CEO of Nikwax, a UK-based manufacturer of cleaning and waterproofing products that exports to 50 countries and produces print materials in 48 languages.



THE RUSSELL GROUP

- **The Russell Group is a catch-all term for a group of unis with a shared focus on research and a reputation for academic achievement.**
- We are pleased that efforts by our universities and “However, the continued overall decline in modern foreign languages is disappointing. These subjects are important for our universities, economy and society.”
- “It is pleasing that a greater proportion of students have done facilitating subjects at A-level this year. In particular we are really pleased to see numbers taking AS-levels in modern foreign languages are up 5.6% this year.



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HOW DO RUSSELL GROUP UNIVERSITIES VIEW PARTICULAR SUBJECTS AT ADVANCED LEVEL?

- Some advanced level subjects are more frequently required for entry to degree courses than others. We call these subjects ‘facilitating’ because choosing them at advanced level leaves open a wide range of options for university study.
- These facilitating subjects include: Maths and further maths; Physics; Biology; Chemistry; History; Geography; **Modern and classical languages**; English Literature



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TYPICAL EMPLOYERS



- Some modern language graduates work on a self-employed basis as interpreters or translators.
- However, many others choose careers not directly related to their subject but where there is the opportunity to use their language skills, for example working for companies who trade or offer services internationally or to non-English speaking customers and suppliers.
- teaching and education; government and public administration; business services;
- museums and libraries; tourism; media and publishing;
- science, engineering and technology; transport and logistics;



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TOTAL EXAM REQUIREMENTS

- **Paper 1:** Listening - Written exam: 45 minutes (Higher Tier) • 25%
- **Paper 2:** Speaking - **Non-exam** assessment • 10–12 minutes (Higher Tier) + preparation time • 25% of GCSE
- **Paper 3:** Reading - Written exam: 1 hour (Higher Tier) • 25% of GCSE
Section C – translation from German into English plus comprehension
- **Paper 4:** Writing -Written exam: 1 hour 15 minutes (Higher Tier) 25% of GCSE



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CONTENT/TOPICS

Theme 1

my family and friends • technology

Theme 2

Home, town, neighbourhood and region Social issues •

Theme 3

My studies Life at school/college Education post-16



WHY CHOOSE A MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGE?



Verbal communications are critical to business processes.

Excellent communication skills are an indicator of leadership potential.

Improved communication skills of employees help them foster better client relationships.



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