

Modern Foreign Languages Maiden Erlegh School

French, German and Spanish



Top 10: European native speakers



Approximate number of native speakers	Language
1. 160 million	Russian
2. 97 million	German
3. 72 million	French
4. 65 million	Italian
5. 63 million	English
6. 47 million	Spanish
7. 39 million	Polish
8. 33 million	Ukrainian
9. 24 million	Romanian
10. 22 million	Dutch

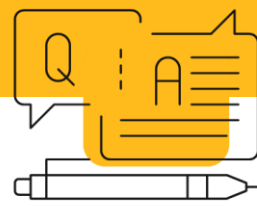
Top 10: Global



Total number of speakers	Language
1. 1.5 billion	English
2. 1.1 billion	Mandarin Chinese
3. 602.2 million	Hindi
4. 548.3 million	Spanish
5. 274.1 million	French
6. 274 million	Arabic
7. 272.7 million	Bengali
8. 258.2 million	Russian
9. 257.7 million	Portuguese
10. 231.3 million	Urdu



Interesting facts



1. **English, French and German** are the three 'working languages' of the EU Commission (used in meetings, official documents etc)
2. **English and German** share 60% of their vocabulary.
3. More than 130 million people worldwide speak **German** as their mother tongue or second language. German is the official language in Germany, Austria, Luxembourg, Belgium, Liechtenstein and Switzerland.
4. Denglish is the term used to describe **German-English** hybrid words. These words are born through the interactions of English-speaking and German-speaking cultures and tend to occur more frequently in younger generations. “Die Aircondition” for air conditioning or “der McJob” for a low paying job.



How many British people go to Spain France and Germany every year?



Spain estimated 16.5 million British visitors in 2022.

France is second with 7 million British visitors.

There were around 163 million tourist arrivals in **German** travel accommodation in 2022. Of this number 54 thousand come from Britain.

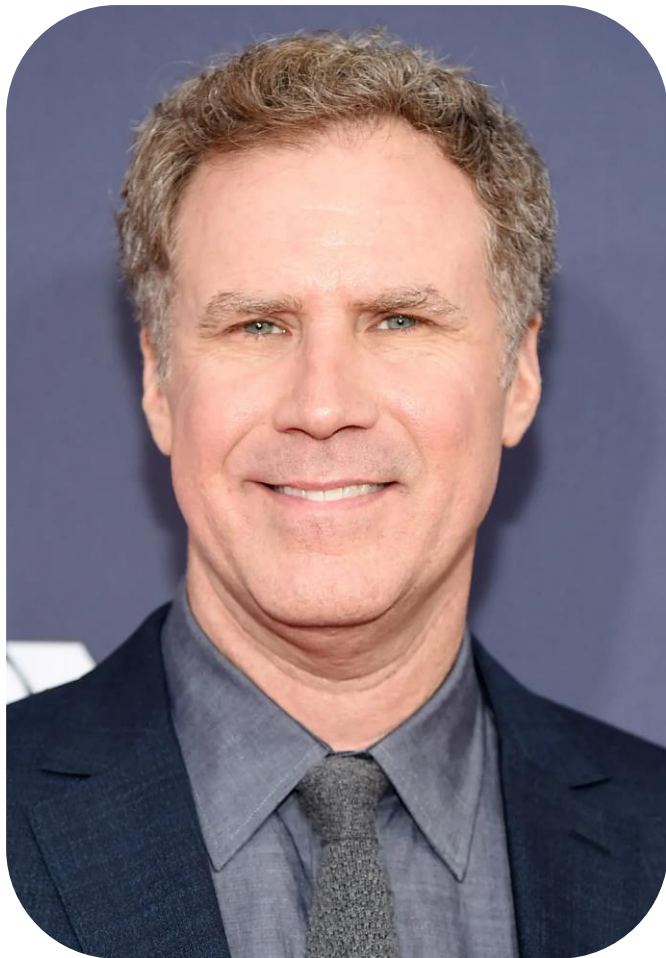
Èze, France.



Sevilla, Spain.

Obersee
lake,
Germany





Will Ferrell has a passion for learning languages – the Anchorman star married the Swedish actress, Viveca Paulin and now visits Sweden every summer to polish up his language skills.



Joseph Gordon-Levitt the actor, most famous for his roles in Ten Things I Hate About You and Inception, is fluent in French.



Bradley Cooper took part in a French exchange programme in Aix en Provence during high school, and has practised the language ever since.



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Top 10 Celebrities who speak a second language or more





Paula Radcliffe gained a first-class honours degree in French, German & Economics from Loughborough University. Radcliffe's language skills have come in very useful for when she has participated in international events.



Rosie Goldsmith "As a BBC foreign affairs journalist, I owe my professional life to my languages. If I didn't speak German, for example, I wouldn't have reported for the BBC on the fall of the Berlin Wall, or met my husband, or be able to really understand Wagner."



JK Rowling has a French and Classics degree; and studied for a year in Paris. Her knowledge of the language is actually evident in many of the fabricated words and names that she included in the stories, which have French as their basis. Examples are Beauxbatons, which means beautiful wands, Fleur Delacour from 'fleur' meaning flower and 'delacour' meaning 'of the court' and Malfoy, from the French phrase 'mal foi' (meaning bad faith)

CAREER IN FOREIGN LANGUAGE



FOREIGN LANGUAGE CAREERS

- Translator
 - Corporation
 - Freelance
- Editor/Proofreader
- Linguist
- Voice-over artist
- Terminologist
- Interpreter
 - Freelance
 - Government (US government, Heads of State, United Nations, European Union, etc.)
- Film Subtitler
- Bilingual journalist
- Bilingual radio personality
- Bilingual social worker
- Bilingual actor / singer / rock star
- Bilingual Teacher
- Import/Export Professional
- Bilingual Advertising Professional

- Foreign language Teacher
- International Attorney
- Diplomat (work for US Foreign Service)
- College Professor
- Overseas Manager
- Peace Corps
- Intelligence Analyst (CIA, FBI, NSA)
- Museum Archivist
- Foreign Travel Guide
- Travel Agent
- Software Localization Specialist
- Immigration and Customs Employee
- Army / Air Force / Navy
- ...and more!



"The last twenty years have seen a rapid decline in language learning in the UK, and it's a problem. It is inhibiting our businesses, our national prosperity and even our international standing." Roland Rudd, New Business for Europe



75% of the world's population doesn't speak English, therefore **speaking English alone is not enough to succeed in the future**

57%

of pupils now take **NO** languages at GCSE

Applications to European University language degrees are down by

11.2%

those to non-European languages are down by **21.5%**

Does learning a language improve employability?

£ £

Language graduates are more likely to find employment and higher salaries after graduation than their peers who studied law, architecture, business or computer science

CBI found
74%

of employers recruit applicants with conversational ability rather than those who are word perfect



Graduates who use language skills in employment command

AVERAGE SALARY

→ £ £ £

8-20% higher salary



Interested in studying languages at A Level?

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Mr Newton

Ms Brayle

– French and German teacher.

– French and German Teacher.

– French and Spanish teacher.

Mr G. Raso

Mrs Diaz

– Spanish teacher.

– Spanish teacher.

