

LANGUAGE FACTSHEET

There are 6912 languages in the world.

94% of the world's population does not speak English as their first language.

75% do not speak English at all.

Studying a foreign language develops your oral and written skills - even in your native language.

The most difficult language to learn is Basque, spoken in north-western Spain and south-western France.

The number of careers requiring a qualification in a modern foreign language is increasing.

More than 1000 different languages are spoken on the Continent of Africa.

Starting salaries for students graduating with ability in one or more modern foreign languages are at least 20% higher than for students who speak English only.

Over 300 different languages are spoken in London.

Young people who speak at least two languages do better at school than those who speak only one.

Learning and using a second language helps to protect the brain from the effects of ageing.

Learning a language will make you competitive in the job market. Learning 2 even more so. Many European young people now learn 2 foreign languages as well as their own.