

## *Good reasons to study French*

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- It is not limited to one or two continents.
- France is the world's major tourist destination (**75 million** tourists a year).
- France is Europe's foremost investor abroad.
- France is in 4th position in terms of world power and it does not have the debt problems facing many other major industrialized nations. (A positive sign for joint projects, business and scientific co-operation.)
- France is renowned for the quality of its high tech. (The TGV is the fastest train in the world - 515 kph)
- French is the official language of the International Red Cross.
- France is one of the two official languages at the Olympic Games.
- French-speaking Africa represents an area larger than the USA.
- French is the most widely taught second language after English.
- French is one of the official languages of the United Nations.
- French is a major language of high tech and business in the world.
- In terms of number of words, French is the second largest language after English.
- France offers a range of generous scholarships to graduate students.
- France has the world's greatest number of Nobel Prize winners in literature (12).
- Montréal is the second largest French speaking city in the world.
- PARIS is considered the capital of the world in terms of quality of life
- Learning French can help you improve the interpersonal skills you bring to your international career.
- You can do so many more interesting things on the internet if you speak French. (There are many high quality internet sites available in French ranging from fashion to finance, society to science, music to medicine... just to mention a few)

For those with the appropriate skills there are also possibilities for work in the following fields:

- International business. / international agriculture
- The tourism and hospitality industries.
- The diplomatic service. / French research institutes
- As a teacher.
- As a translator or interpreter.
- **43 more** good reasons - **French is spoken in over 43 countries in the world.**

Who speaks French? Here are a few names you might recognize...

- Alex Trebek (Canadian; game show host)**
- Angelina Jolie (American actress)**
- Anthony Bourdain (American chef)**
- Elton John (British musician)**
- Jodie Foster (American actress)**
- John Travolta (American actor)**
- Johnny Depp (American actor)**
- Lance Armstrong (American cyclist)**
- Lisa Kudrow (American actress)**
- Madonna (American singer, actress)**
- Matthew Perry (American actor)**
- Meryl Streep (American actress)**
- Mick Jagger (British musician)**
- Morgan Freeman (American actor)**
- Natalie Portman (Israeli actress)**
- Orlando Bloom (British actor)**
- Phil Collins (British singer)**
- Robert De Niro (American actor)**
- Robin Williams (American actor)**
- Shania Twain (Canadian singer)**
- Sting (British musician)**
- Tina Turner (American singer)**
- Tommy Lee Jones (American actor)**
- William Shatner (Canadian actor)**

## Learning Latin . . .

- § strengthens basic English skills in vocabulary and reading comprehension
- § focuses on grammar which leads to improved English writing and communication
- § increases cultural awareness and makes cultural connections
- § encourages critical thinking and comparative analysis
- § introduces students to a rich source of mythology, literature and history AND Latin presents material **REQUIRED** in Language Arts and Social Studies Standards in Grades 6-8
- § produces dramatic improvement in reading scores on standardized tests nationwide
- § allows students to relate many aspects of Roman society, which was expansive in both territory and influence and multi-ethnic and multi-racial in its composition, to their modern world. No other language and no other civilization have had so much influence for so long a time on our own culture.
- § promotes fluency in the terminology used in geography, biology, astronomy, math, civics, grammar, and social studies.

## *Some famous people who studied Latin*

J.R.R. Tolkein, author of “The Lord of the Rings” trilogy

Sigmund Freud, pioneer in psychoanalysis

W.E.B. DuBois, sociologist and co-founder of NAACP

J.K. Rowling, author of the “Harry Potter” books

Toni Morrison, author and Nobel Laureate for Literature

Ted Turner, founder of CNN and the Turner network

Lynn Sherr, ABC-TV correspondent

Jane Addams, Nobel Peace Prize recipient

Willa Cather, author

Vince Lombardi, football coach

Betty Friedan, founder of NOW

Chuck Geschke, co-founder of Adobe Systems

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., civil rights pioneer

Kevin Kline, Academy Award winning actor

Stephen Colbert, actor and television host

Friedrich Nietzsche, philosopher

Richard M. Nixon, former President of the U.S.

Senator Edward Kennedy

Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas

J. Edgar Hoover, former director of the F.B.I.

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, composer

## **Why choose German?**

1. German is the most widely spoken language in Europe.
2. Germany has the 3rd strongest economy in the world.
3. Knowing German creates business opportunities.
4. Germans are innovators in science and technology.
5. Germans are the biggest spenders of tourist dollars in the world.
6. The German presence on the Internet supercedes most others.
7. Germans form the largest single heritage group in the U.S.
8. 1 in 10 books in the world is published in German
9. German-speaking countries have a rich cultural heritage.
10. German is not as hard as you think.
11. German is required or recommended by many undergraduate and graduate programs.
12. Germany financially sponsors over 60,000 international exchanges each year.
13. Germany is the #1 export nation in the world.
14. German is one of the ten most commonly spoken languages in the world.
15. German is the second most commonly used scientific language in the world.

## **High-profile people who speak German include:**

**Boris Becker, tennis champion**

**Arnold Schwarzenegger, actor and Governor of California**

**Henry Kissinger, diplomat**

**Paul Klee, artist**

**Heidi Klum, model**

**Bill Clinton, former President of the United States**

**Karl Lagerfeld, designer**

**Elvis Presley, musician and actor**

**Steffi Graff, tennis champion**

**Gunter Grass, Nobel Prize winning author**

**André Previn, composer and conductor**

**Leonardo DiCaprio, actor**

**Kirsten Dunst, actress**

**David Hasselhoff, actor and singer**

**Sandra Bullock, actress**

**Bruce Willis, actor**

**Renée Zellweger, actress**

**Paul McCartney, musician**

**Werner von Braun, scientist**

# Top Ten Reasons to Learn Spanish

10. Learning Spanish will help you to keep pace with popular culture: movies, television, music, etc.
9. Learning Spanish is useful for medical careers
8. Learning Spanish is rapidly becoming a business necessity in many regions.
7. Spanish, Spanish everywhere in the Western Hemisphere.
6. Learning Spanish will (truly) expand your universe.
5. Knowing Spanish will enhance and expand your travel experiences.
4. Knowing how to speak Spanish will enable you to help others.
3. When you learn another language you learn more about your own.
2. Learning Spanish will allow you to better appreciate the many Hispanic cultural contributions to our world
1. Studying Spanish or any other language in Shenendehowa is fun!

## People who "habla español":

George W. Bush, former President of the United States

David Beckham, soccer player

Lucy Liu, actress

Viggo Mortensen, actor

David Lee Roth, musician

Eva Mendes, actress

Al Gore, former Vice President of the U.S., environmentalist

Maya Angelou, author

Will Smith, actor

Jimmy Carter, former President of the United States

Pope Benedict XVI

Lee Trevino, golfer

Cristiano Ronaldo, soccer player

Clint Eastwood, actor and director

Barbra Streisand, singer