

# 1. Class languages

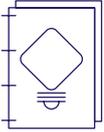
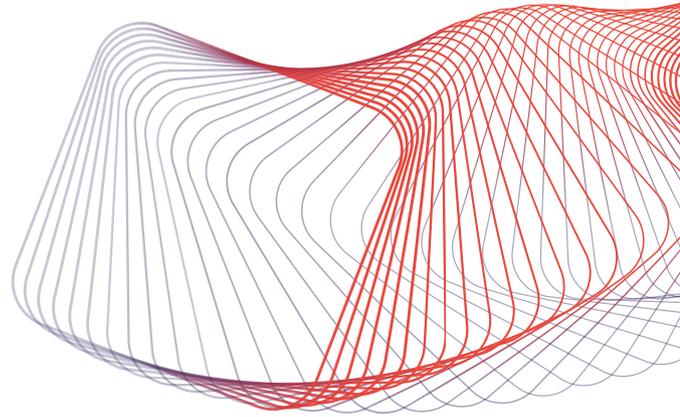
- How many languages do you know?
- How did you learn them?
- What do you use them for?

**Complete the table below.**

Language	I learnt/am learning it....	I use it to...
English		

Share your answers with your group and discuss the questions:

- Which languages do you have in common? Did you learn them in the same way?
- Do you use English for doing the same things?
- What other new languages would you like to learn? Why?
- What benefits does being able to communicate in more than one language have?



## 2. Benefits of being multilingual

Read the article about the benefits of multilingualism.  
Are they the same as your ideas?

### **Unlocking the Power of Multilingualism: Embrace a World of Opportunities!**

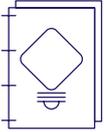
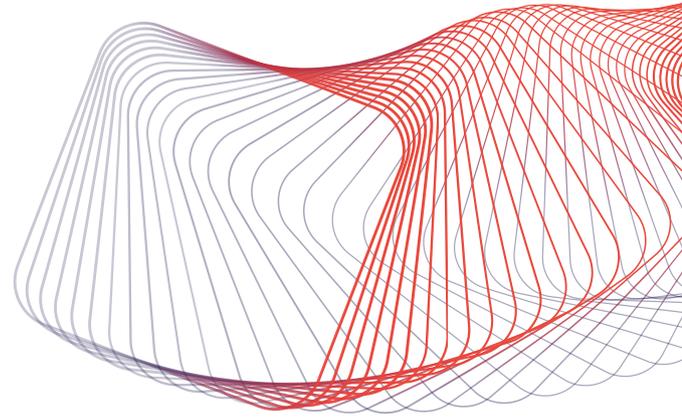
Consider the transformative journey of becoming multilingual. It's like possessing a superpower that opens up a whole new world of opportunities expanding personal and career horizons. Multilingualism allows you to experience the magic of language, it's not just about words; it's about connecting with others on a deeper level and understanding their diverse perspectives. Speaking someone's language enables you to forge genuine connections, making your interactions more meaningful and enriching.

Being multilingual is also a valuable asset in the global job market. It shows you have adaptability and open-mindedness. Many companies seek employees who can effectively communicate with international clients or work in different regions. So, being multilingual gives you a competitive edge when you come to applying for future jobs, enhancing your career prospects and possibly leading to higher salaries.

Additionally, studies have shown that bilingual or multilingual individuals enjoy cognitive advantages. Learning and switching between languages exercises your brain, improving memory, problem-solving skills, and even delaying cognitive decline as you age. It's like giving your brain a much-needed workout, making you better at multitasking and focusing on tasks.

While the multilingual journey demands dedication and practice. Balancing school, extracurricular activities, and a social life can be challenging but the rewards are worth it. For example, having engaging conversations with people from diverse backgrounds and accessing a wider variety of information and ideas through media such as films, songs or books.

Celebrate the beauty of multilingualism to become global citizens. Our world is a tapestry of diversity and language is the key to unlocking its treasures. Learning multiple languages fosters unity, empathy, and understanding, making us catalysts for a more connected and enriched global community. Embark on this extraordinary journey and unlock the power of multilingualism together!



## 2. Benefits of being multilingual

- Read the article again and answer the questions.

How does the writer describe being multilingual?

- a) A skill that only children can acquire
- b) Something that is difficult to achieve
- c) Like having a superpower

What does knowing someone's language allow you to do?

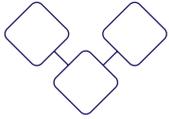
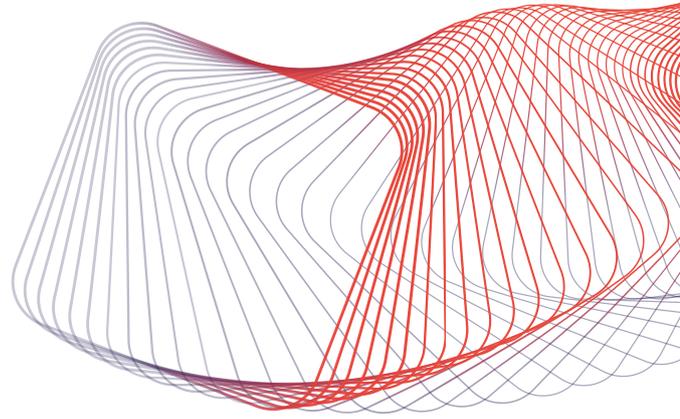
- a) Connect with people on a superficial level
- b) Appreciate people's different perspectives
- c) Speak fluently with people from different countries

**How can being multilingual be beneficial in the job market?**

**What are some cognitive benefits of being bilingual or multilingual?**

**What advantages of being multilingual have you experienced?**

**Do you enjoy learning new languages? Why or why not?**



### 3. Language translation

- How often do you use translation for understanding the meaning of new words?
- How useful do you find it? Why? Why not?
- What do you use to help you find translations?

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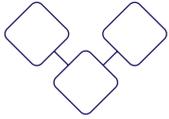
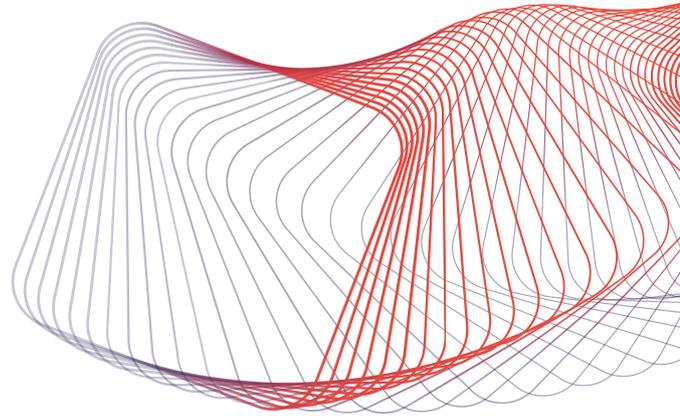
The phrases in the box below were used in the article.

- Find their translation in another language you know.

Phrase	Translation
to unlock the power of	
to expand your horizons	
to exercise your brain	
to foster empathy	

- How easy was it to find a translation?
- Are the verbs used in the English phrases the same or different as in the translation?

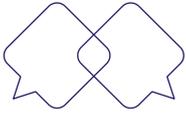
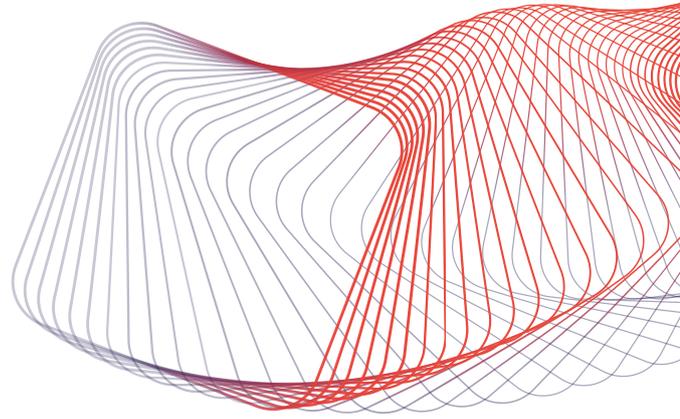
Look back through the article and underline at least three words or phrases that you want to know and remember the meaning of. Add them to the table below.



### 3. Language translation

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<b>Word or phrase</b>	<b>Translation</b>
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- What are other ways you can use your other languages to help learn new ones?  
(e.g. thinking first in another language can help you access ideas more easily)



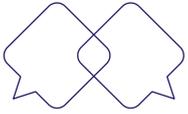
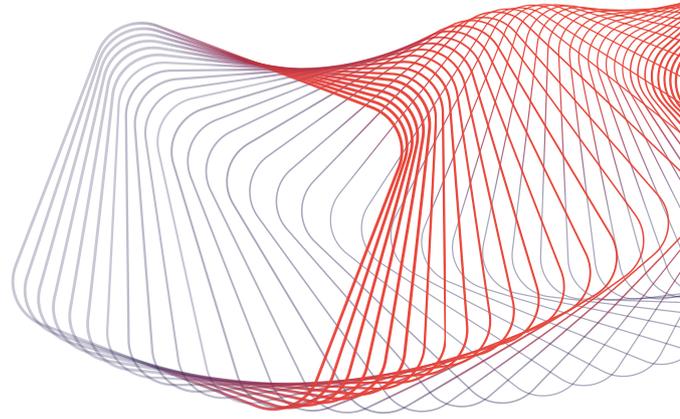
## 4. Create a meme

There are many online memes about being multilingual and learning languages. Design your own meme in English about multilingualism using the examples and ideas below to help you.

- A benefit of being multilingual
- A tip for learning a new language
- A challenge of learning new languages

(To help you generate ideas, try first discussing in another language you are confident using)

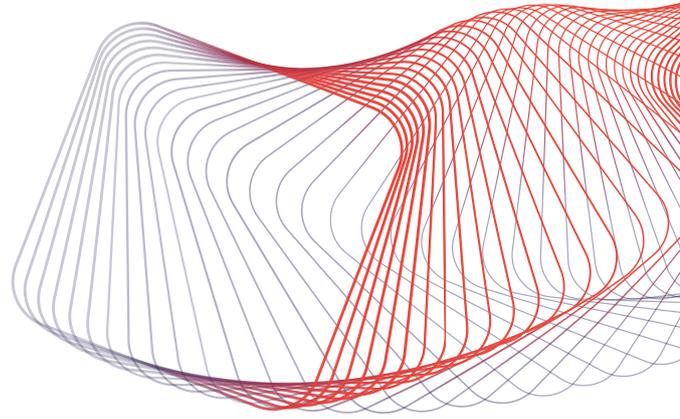
Design your meme below:



## 5. Discuss

- How useful was it to think first in another language before creating your meme in English?
- What other situations could it be useful for you to think or plan in another language first?

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## 6. Reflection

- I really enjoyed...
- I found it difficult to...
- Something interesting I learned was...

**Any additional new words or phrases from today?**