



Future of English

Multilingualism – B

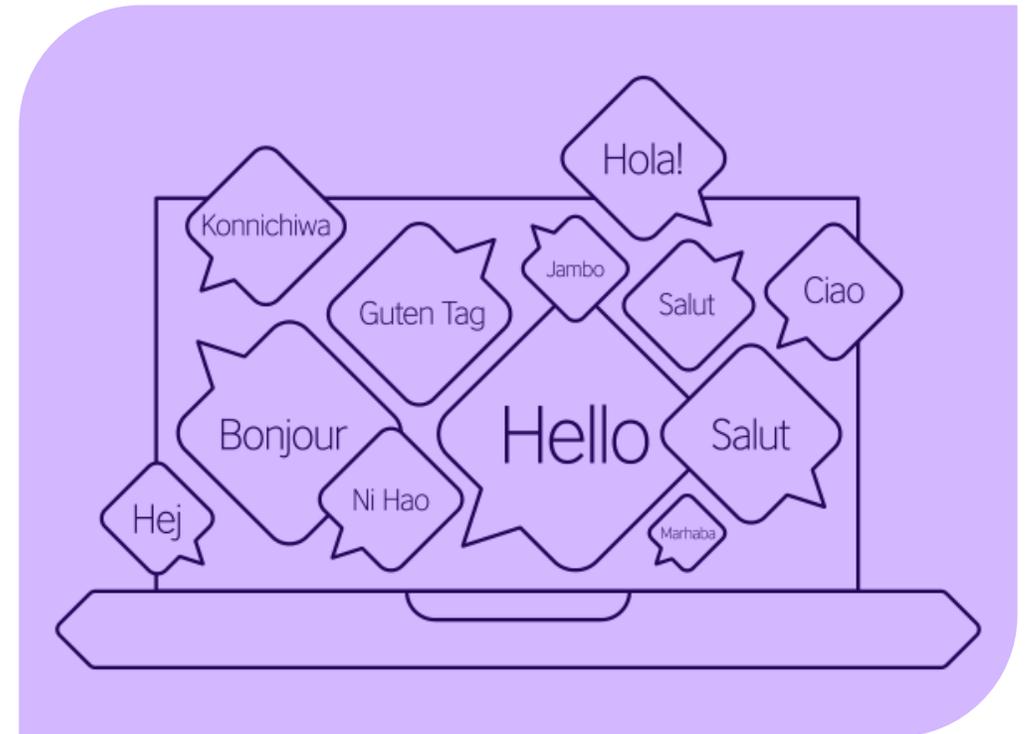
Today we will:

- Find out which languages the class knows and uses
- Read about the benefits of multilingualism
- Use translation to learn new vocabulary
- Create a meme
- Reflect on learning

Class languages

How many languages do you know?

Write them on your worksheet



Class languages

Complete the rest of table in your worksheet

I learnt/ am learning it

from birth at home growing up
reading books playing online games
listening to music watching TV and films
at school using an app
reading information on the internet
taking private classes
travelling to other countries

I use it to...

speak to my family
talk to my friends sing songs
watch and understand TV/films
write essays read books/articles
make new friends post on social media
find out new information about..
communicate when on holiday

Class languages

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? (*being multilingual*)



Benefits of being multilingual

Read the article about the benefits of multilingualism

Are they the same as your ideas?

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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!

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?

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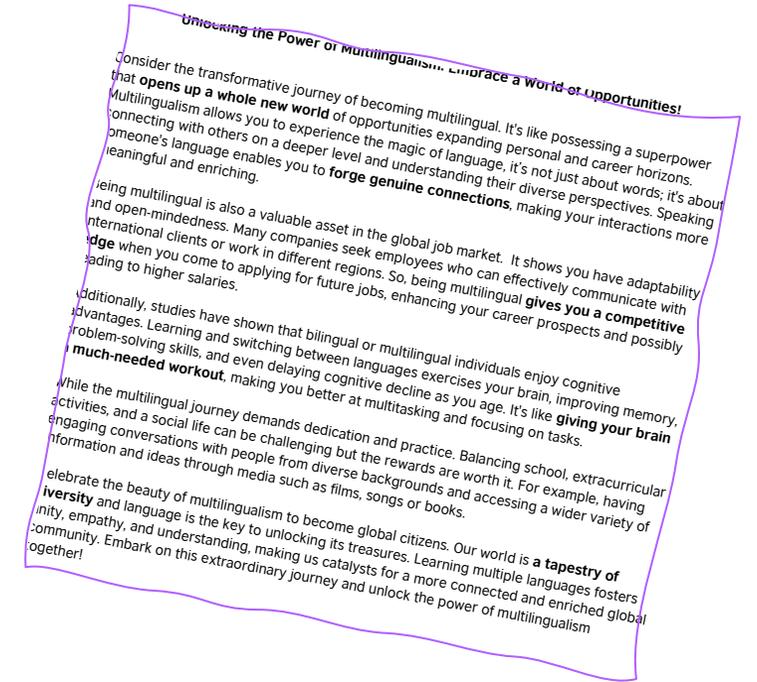
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Language translation

The phrases in the box below were used in the article

Find their translation in another language you know

Expression	Translation
<i>to unlock the power of</i>	
<i>to expand your horizons</i>	
<i>to exercise your brain</i>	
<i>to foster empathy</i>	

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

Language translation

- How often do you use translation for understanding new words?
- How useful do you find it?
- What do you use to help you find translations?



Language 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 on your worksheet.

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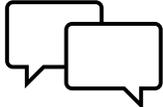
What are other ways you can use your other languages to help learn new ones?

(e.g. thinking first in another language can help you access ideas more easily)



Create a meme

I'm multilingual



What's your superpower?



When I share memes about languages



My multilingual friends



The rest of my friends

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 and plan in another language first?



Reflection

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



Extension



Choose a **language** you have learned/ are learning
Make notes against the **questions** to describe your **language learning journey**



Write a paragraph in **another language** you are confident using. **Translate** your text into English.



Prepare and deliver a **mini presentation** for the class
or
Make a **short video** post for social media



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