

# Future of English

## Multilingualism - C

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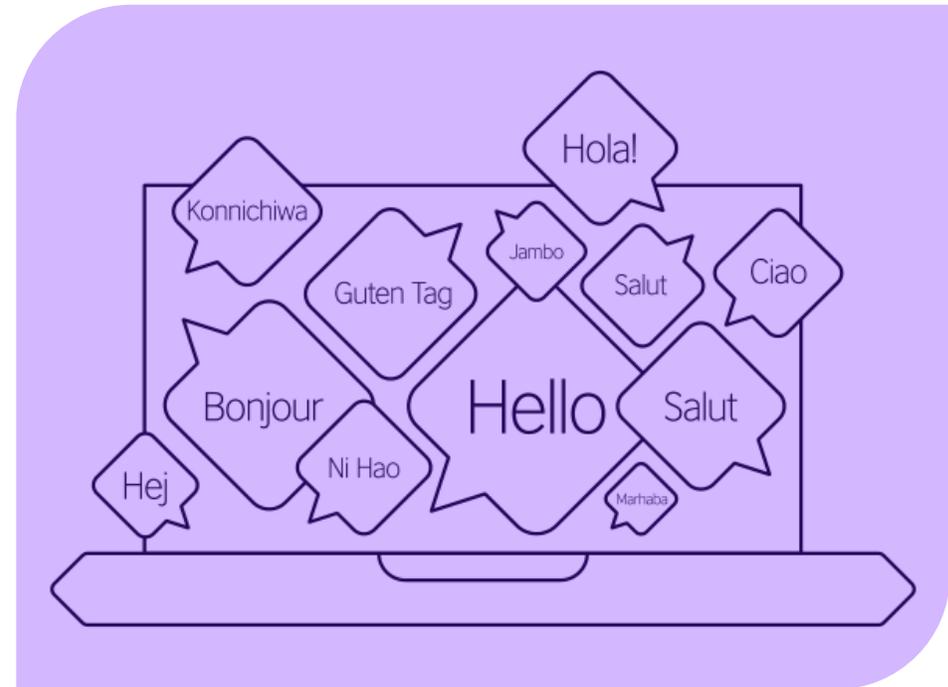
## Today we will:

- Find out which languages the class knows and how they are used
- Read about the benefits of multilingualism
- Do translation activities and discuss their usefulness
- Reflect on learning

# Class languages

How many languages do you know?

Write them on your worksheet



# Class languages

## Complete the rest of the table

### 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

- 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 would you like to be better at doing in English?
- Do you like learning new languages? Why or why not?
- What other new languages would you like to learn? Why?



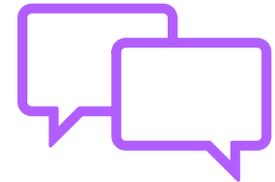
# Benefits of being multilingual

Being multilingual means having the ability to speak, understand, read, or write in more than one language. A multilingual person is proficient in using multiple languages for communication. This proficiency can vary from basic conversational skills to advanced fluency in each language.

Being multilingual doesn't necessarily mean equal proficiency in all languages; a person might be more fluent in one language than others.



**What are some benefits of being multilingual?**



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# Benefits of being multilingual

**Read the introduction to the article:**

Being multilingual offers numerous advantages across cognitive, cultural, and professional domains. Beyond the practical benefits of improved language acquisition and career opportunities, multilingualism contributes to enhanced cognitive abilities, including cognitive flexibility and delayed cognitive aging. It fosters an appreciation for cultural diversity, enabling individuals to connect with different traditions and perspectives while cultivating a stronger sense of cultural identity. Multilingual individuals often exhibit increased confidence, as they navigate various linguistic contexts, and enjoy broader personal development through travel, social integration, and exposure to diverse experiences.

**Which ones did you come up with?**

**Can you enhance them using language from the text?**

# Using translation

Look at the rest of the article on the benefits of multilingualism

Translate your allocated section into another language you know well



**Enhanced Language Acquisition:**  
Multilingual individuals possess a unique advantage when it comes to acquiring new languages. The knowledge of multiple languages helps them identify patterns, grammar structures, and vocabulary similarities across languages. This linguistic awareness allows for faster comprehension and a deeper understanding of the new language's structure and nuances.

**Cognitive Benefits:**  
The practice of multilingualism has been linked to improved cognitive abilities. Research suggests that multilingual individuals exhibit enhanced memory, problem-solving skills, and cognitive flexibility. Learning and switching between different languages stimulate the brain, promoting mental agility and adaptability. Language learners can leverage these cognitive benefits to further enhance their language acquisition and overall cognitive abilities.

**Cultural Understanding:**  
Multilingualism fosters cultural understanding and empathy. By learning multiple languages, advanced learners gain insights into different cultures, traditions, and perspectives. Language is a gateway to understanding a society's values, history, and customs. The ability to communicate in someone's native language not only facilitates meaningful connections but also demonstrates respect and appreciation for their culture.

**Professional Opportunities:**

# Using translation

- Using your translation as reference, summarise your section in English to your group.
- As you listen to others, make notes on the other three benefits of multilingualism



Which benefit resonates most with you?

# Discuss

- How challenging/ easy did you find the translation tasks?
- Any words/phrases in English that were challenging to translate into another language? Why might that be?
- How often do you use translation as a tool for learning languages?
- How can using other languages (e.g translating) be beneficial for language learning?
- Are there any drawbacks?



# Reflection

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



What will you take away from the lesson to use in the future?

# 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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