



MFL at Crossflatts Primary School - Why Learn French?

What is a linguist?



Linguistics is the study of language. People who study language are called linguists.

Why learn French?



Did you know that French is the 5th most widely spoken language in the world, with a whopping 280 million speakers?

French is spoken in 28 different countries, including Canada, Belgium, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Switzerland, the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the Seychelles!

Which jobs can I do if I speak French?



1. **TOUR GUIDE** - If you have a traveling spirit, there are plenty of beautiful locations that need a French speaking tour guide. You could travel to France, Côte d'Ivoire or maybe Switzerland!
2. **RESORT STAFF** - If you'd like to work at a beautiful holiday destination, how about working as resort staff in a French region, looking after the tourists, perhaps in a ski resort, or by the beach?
3. **FLIGHT ATTENDANT** - It's definitely an advantage to airline companies to have flight attendants that speak multiple languages!
4. **TRANSLATOR** - A translator translates written pieces of work. Whether it's a website, a book, a newspaper article - companies often need someone to make their texts available in French.
5. **INTERPRETER** - Similar to a translator, the job of an interpreter involves translating oral French speech. Imagine a speech being given in French at the UN headquarters: there needs to be interpreters galore making sure that everyone there understands.
6. **PUBLISHER** - If you love reading and writing fiction and non-fiction, this job could be a perfect fit for you. Imagine being able to read a fantastical story and getting paid to edit it!

Or how about being a travel blogger, a French teacher, a voice-over artist, an international spy (the next 007?!) or even working in Disneyland Paris along with Mickey and his friends? The list is endless.....