

# Advantages of learning a foreign language

- Learning a foreign language develops a variety of skills - communication, presentation, problem solving, organisation and independence
- 94% of the world's population do not have English as their native language and 75% of the world's population speaks no English at all
- It can improve your English as it heightens your awareness of structure and grammar.
  - Having a language can be beneficial, as many jobs requiring languages skills need them as a secondary qualification.
    - 60% of Britain's exports go to non-English speaking countries and 20% of UK exports are adversely affected by barriers in language or cultural ignorance
  - 74% of employers are looking for employees, who are competent in a foreign language
    - Language graduates are highly employable.
  - Being able to speak a foreign language makes it easier to make friends and develop contacts abroad
  - Universities run languages programmes for engineers, scientists, ICT & non MFL students
  - It can make you a more tolerant and open-minded person as it offers an insight into other cultures
    - It opens doors and creates opportunities
  - It can make travel and leisure more exciting and interesting
    - To learn a foreign language is to see the world anew

# Occupations involving Languages

- Computer programmer
  - Credit controller
- Customer support adviser
- Executive search consultant
- Cultural briefing consultant
  - Interpreter
    - Teacher
  - Language trainer
    - Translator
    - Engineering
      - Banking
      - Civil service
  - Travel and tourism
    - Secretary/PA
      - Marketing
    - Public relations
  - Pharmaceutical work
  - Journalism and media
- Transport and distribution
  - Website localiser