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Language Facts

Myth: Everyone speaks English

Only 6% of the world's population speak English as a first language and 75% don't speak any English at all. English is not enough.

Myth: The only jobs with languages are teaching and translating

The UK needs more people in the workplace who can add an understanding of languages to their occupational skills.

Myth: Everyone in business speaks English

There can be great advantages for British businesses if employees can communicate in another language. More than a third of UK businesses value language skills among their employees in order to build relations with overseas suppliers, customers and other contacts.

Myth: The languages on offer in Scottish schools are not relevant

The major European languages, in particular French and German, continue to be the languages most in demand from UK firms with Spanish and Chinese seen as increasingly valuable.

Myth: You need to be fluent for languages to be of any use

A little language can go a long way. Conversational language skills can contribute to your career and employees who can demonstrate intercultural skills are of real business value in the workplace.

What subject can...

- increase your confidence?
- improve your employability?
- give you a global outlook?
- help you develop good study skills?
- improve your first language?
- give you a head start for learning other languages?
- stretch your brain and give your memory a boost?

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