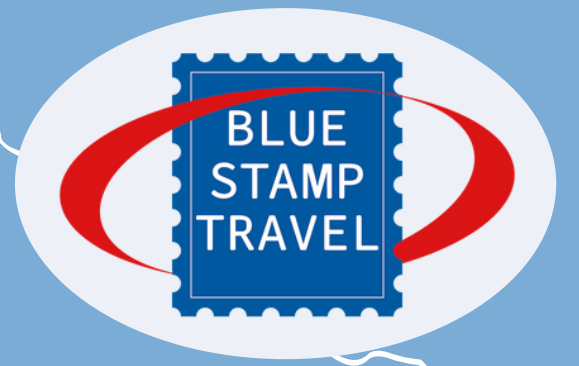
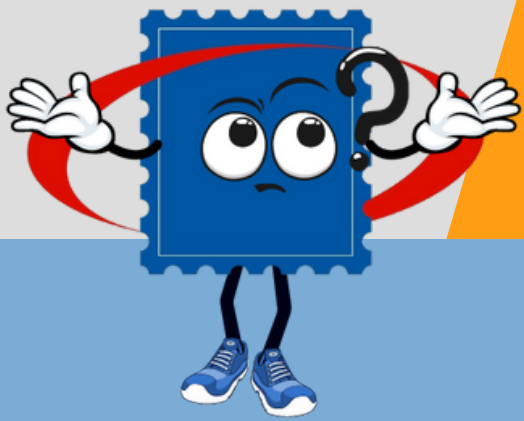


Why you should learn French!



FACTS



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French is one of the fastest-growing languages in the world! About 50% of all French speakers live in Africa, and around 40% live in Europe.

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French is the second most studied language in the world, after English.

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French is the second most widespread language, after English, and most native French speakers live in countries other than France.

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French is the fifth most spoken language in the world, as a first and second language, following English, Mandarin Chinese, Hindi and Spanish.

THE HISTORY

French was spread around the world through French Colonisation and *diaspora* (a group of people who spread from one original country to other countries).

At one point the French Empire was the second-largest in the world and is one of the largest empires in history. At its height, France had over 60 colonies across the globe. Most former colonies still have significant French-speaking populations and some still use French as the national language. Some colonies were incorporated into France as Overseas Territories.

French was also spread because of the Belgian Empire. It was much smaller than the French Empire, but one of its former colonies is the Democratic Republic of Congo, which is the most populous French-speaking country, even above France!

French is a useful language for business, as many businesses use it as a *Lingua Franca*. This is a language used for communication between groups of people who speak different languages.

As French is an official language across five different continents, it is an incredibly useful language to learn. You will be able to travel all across the world and immerse yourself in a wide variety of cultures.

BENEFITS OF LEARNING FRENCH