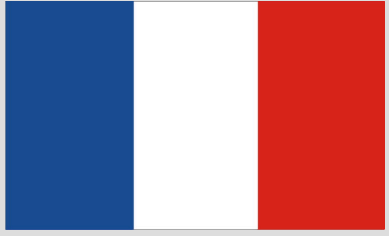
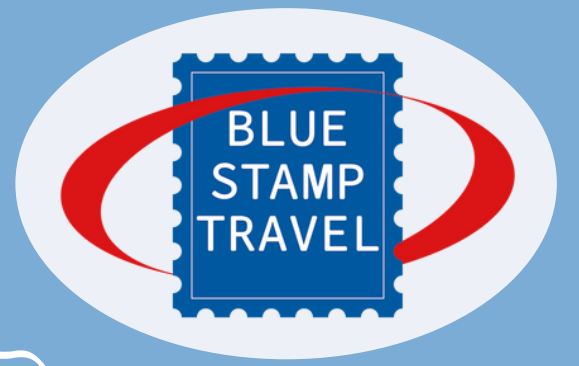
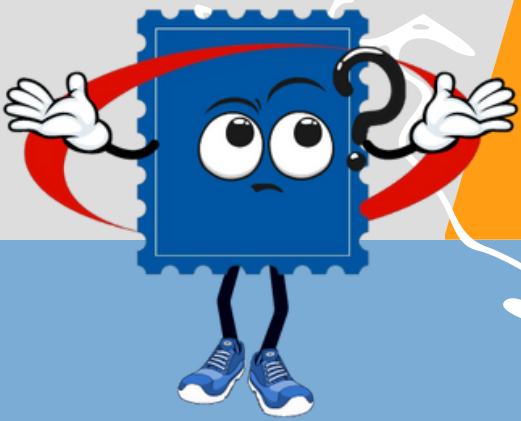


Why you should learn French!



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.

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

2

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

3

4

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

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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.

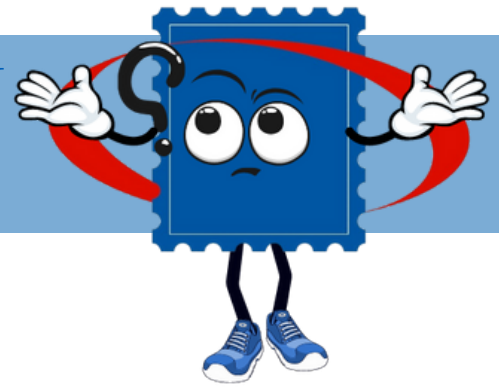


BENEFITS OF LEARNING FRENCH

FRENCH FACT SHEET COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

USING THE FACT SHEET AS A GUIDE,
ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS

TEST YOUR
KNOWLEDGE!



1 What percentage of French speakers in total live in either Europe and Africa combined?

2 French is the second-most studied language in the world, which language is the first most-studied?

- BONUS marks if you can explain why this language is studied more.

3 Is the French the most widespread language in the world?

YES/NO

4 Where does French rank in the list of countries with the most speakers?

5 Why is the French language so widespread around the world?

6 What does the word 'diaspora' mean?

7 How many colonies did the French empire have at its peak?

8 Which other empire was also significant in spreading the French language globally?

- Can you name one of that empire's colonies?

9 Which is the most populous French-speaking country?

10 Why is French so useful for business?

11 How many continents in the world have a country with French as an official language?

- Can you name those continents?

12 Name 3 good reasons to learn French.



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FRENCH FACT SHEET COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

ANSWERS

- 1 What percentage of French speakers in total live in either Europe and Africa combined?

90% = 50% + 40% (1 mark)

- 2 French is the second-most studied language in the world, which language is the first most-studied?

English (1 mark)

- BONUS marks if you can explain why this language is studied more.

English is the most widespread language in the world and the most spoken language overall. (1 mark)

- 3 Is the French the most widespread language in the world?

YES/NO

(1 mark)

- 4 Where does French rank in the list of countries with the most speakers?

Fifth. (1 mark)

- 5 Why is the French language so widespread around the world?

Because of French Colonisation/Diaspora. (1 mark for either)

- 6 What does the word 'diaspora' mean?

A group of people who spread from one original country to other countries. (1 mark)

- 7 How many colonies did the French empire have at its peak?

Over 60. (1 mark)

- 8 Which other empire was also significant in spreading the French language globally?

The Belgian Empire. (1 mark)

- 9 • Can you name one of that empire's colonies?

Democratic Republic of the Congo. (1 mark)

- 10 Which is the most populous French-speaking country?

Democratic Republic of the Congo. (1 mark)

Why is French so useful for business?

- 11 Because many businesses use it as a Lingua Franca/Because they use it for communication between groups of people who speak different languages. (1 mark for either)

How many continents in the world have a country with French as an official language?

5 (1 mark)

- 12 • Can you name those continents?

Africa, Europe, North America, South America & Oceania. (1 mark for each)

Name 3 good reasons to learn French.

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(1 mark for each)

21 TOTAL
MARKS