



Why are
different
languages so
important?

Take it further:

THINK

What curiosity questions can you ask?

e.g. Why are there so many different languages in the world? Where do they come from? Why do we need different languages? What would happen if we all just spoke one language?

FEEL

How might different people feel about this?

e.g. How do different words make you feel? Have you ever felt frustrated to not be able to put a thought or feeling into words? Why do some languages have more words for emotions and ideas than others?

CONNECT

What links can you start to make?

e.g. Where does language come from? What is the link between language and place? What is lost when a language disappears?



Activity ideas:

1. Around the world, people speak many different languages in each country and greet each other in very different ways. How many languages can you say hello in? Here's a quick video to teach you to say hello in 15 different languages – explore and see how many you already know and how many you can learn: [Hello around the world](#)
2. Why do we have so many languages in the world? Where did they come from? Take a look at the map of the world (you can use this [printable download](#) if helpful) and think about the languages that you know and which country uses them.
Put this information into the map.
Now have a think about why some countries may speak a language that did not originate in that area, for example speaking Portuguese in Brazil or French in Algeria.
3. Having lots of different languages around the world in our countries and communities allows us all to feel a sense of belonging without needing to be the same. Each culture around the world will have its own unique language (as well as cultural traditions) which make it special.
Why not have a language celebration in your home! Each day for a week choose a particular language and learn 5 words from that language and a little bit about where in the world it is spoken.
What opportunities and merits does learning a new language offer?

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What other activities could you do?

