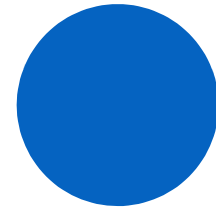


Why Study
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French

Why did you decide to
study French?

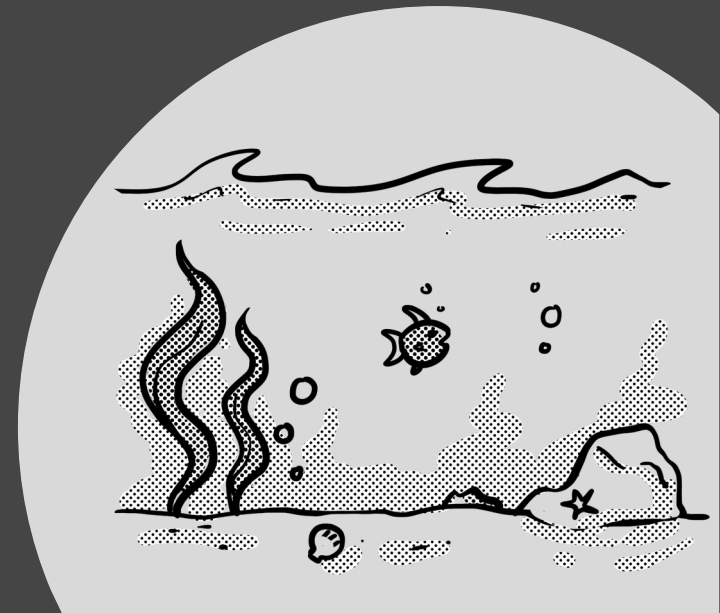
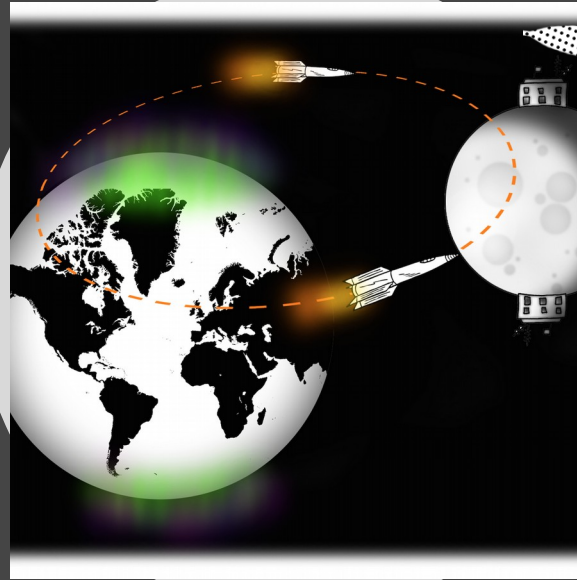
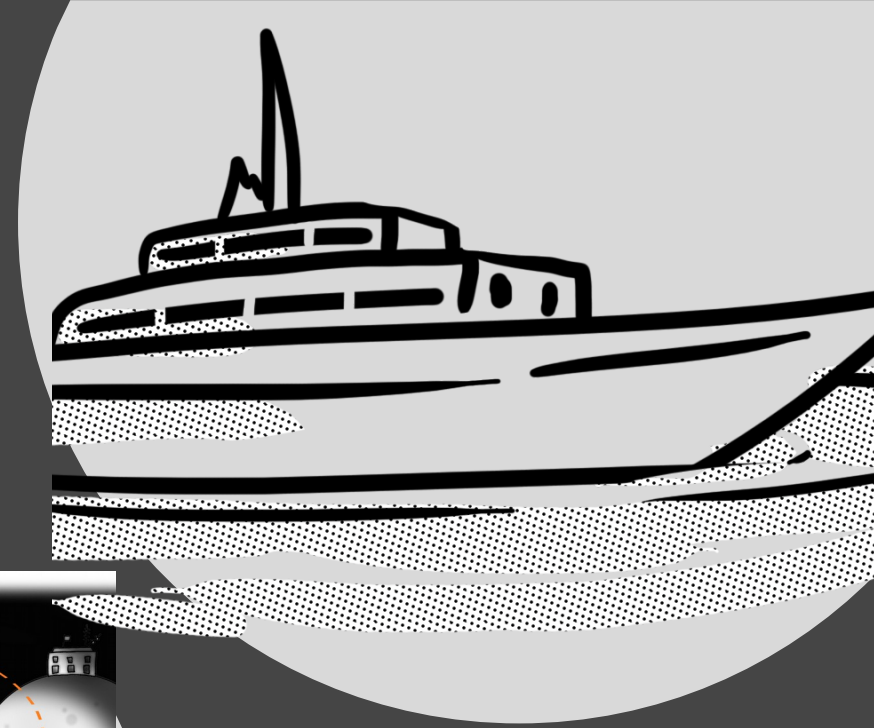
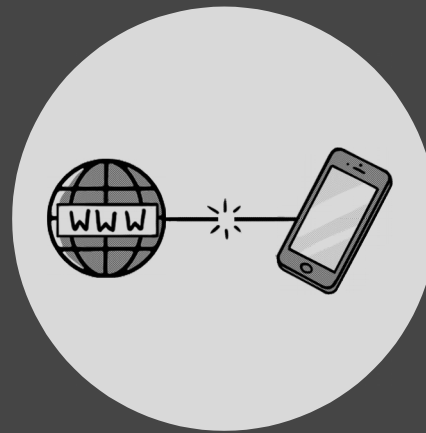
How many reasons can you
come up with?



Félicitations!

You have chosen to study an amazing subject, a language you can use on every continent, on water, under water, in cyberspace and even in space!

Studying French is literally out of this world!





‘If you talk to a man in a
language he understands,
that goes to his head.
If you talk to him in his
own language, that goes
to his heart.’

Nelson Mandela

Did you
know ...?

France is the top tourism destination in the world.

Tourists spent 438 million nights in France in 2018. (INSEE 2018)

Around 190,000 UK-born people live in France. (UN 2017)



Paris is the number 1 tourist destination in the world

- In 2017, 86.9 million tourists arrived in France.
- 2.9 million jobs in France are supported by tourism.
- As many tourists come from the US and the UK, English speakers are in demand in the tourism sector.



A-level French

You have already made a big step in your language learning journey by taking French GCSE. There is a jump in difficulty to A-level, but with regular practice, you will soon begin to feel even more confident with your use of French.

Pourquoi est-il important d'étudier les langues étrangères ?

Have a look at this French article which discusses why foreign language learning is important.

https://www.lepoint.fr/societe/pourquoi-il-est-tres-important-d-apprendre-des-langues-etrangees-22-01-2017-2099233_23.php

TV5 Monde has lots of activities to help you learn more French [Click here](#) to learn more.



What is it like studying French at university?

There are many different paths of language study at university. You can combine a language with another subject, or you can choose to study pure languages.

Have a look at what Connor has to say about his languages degree.

<https://successatschool.org/advisedetails/403/60-Second-Interview:-Modern-Languages-Student>



Where can studying
French take you?

How about
studying at the
Sorbonne in Paris?

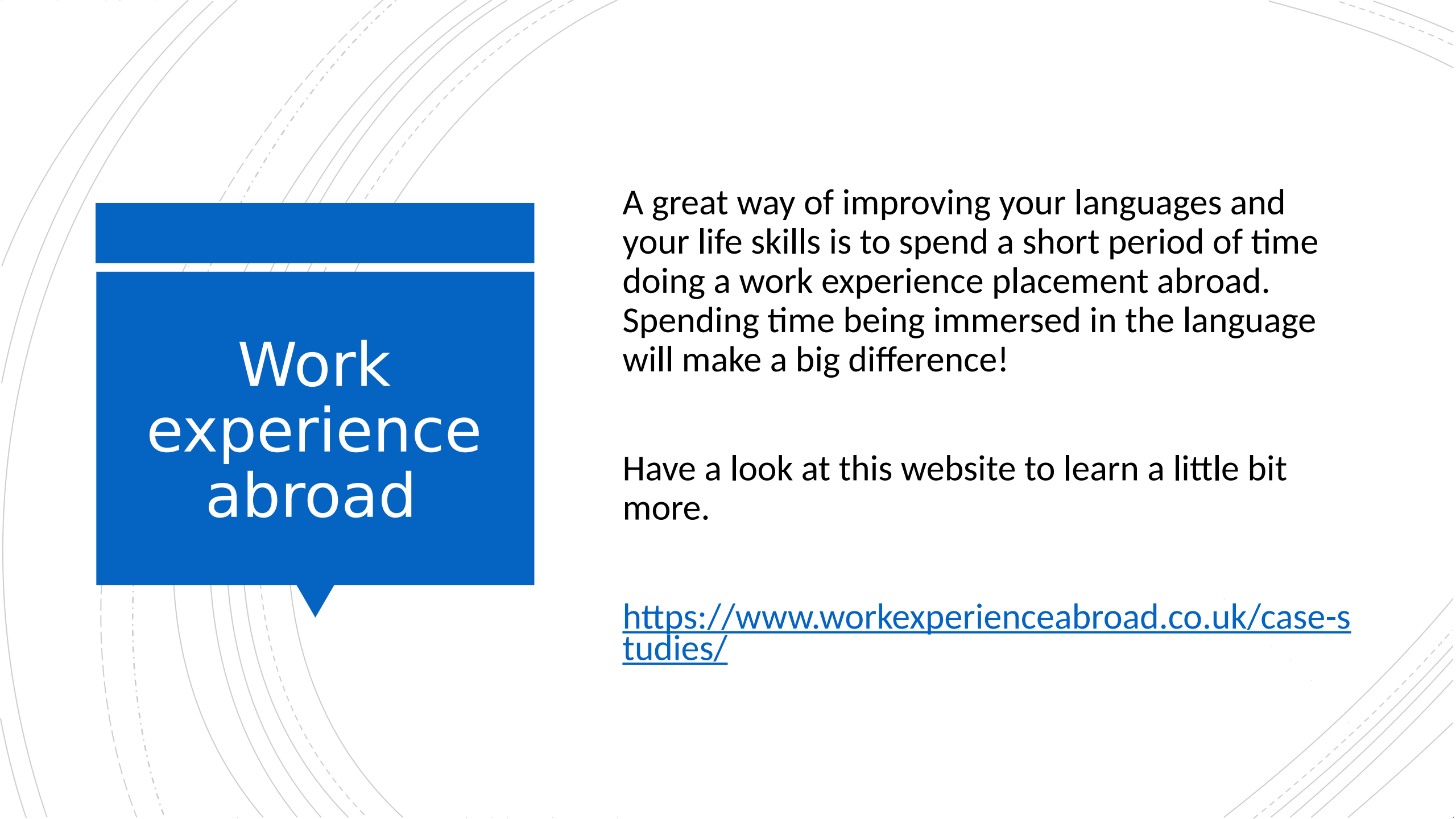
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Combining a language
with another subject.

Read about David who took
History and French at
university.

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Work experience abroad

A great way of improving your languages and your life skills is to spend a short period of time doing a work experience placement abroad. Spending time being immersed in the language will make a big difference!

Have a look at this website to learn a little bit more.

<https://www.workexperienceabroad.co.uk/case-studies/>

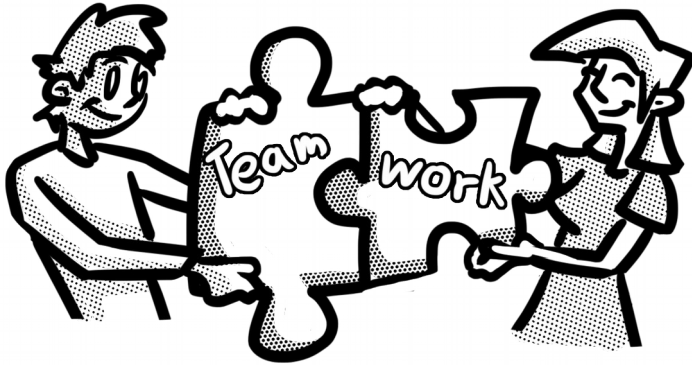
Fiches métiers

Have a look at these job profiles. If you are proficient in French, you could apply for a job in France.



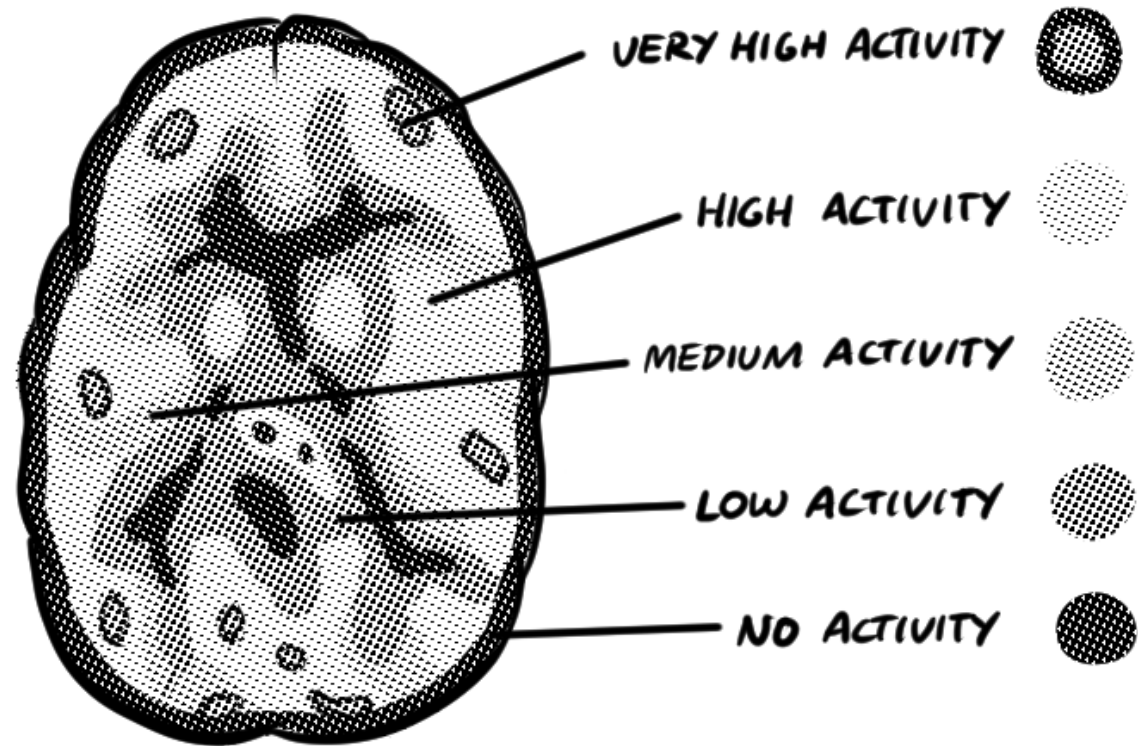
Improving your 'soft' skills

Interpersonal, communication, speaking in public - all of these skills are developed when you learn a language.

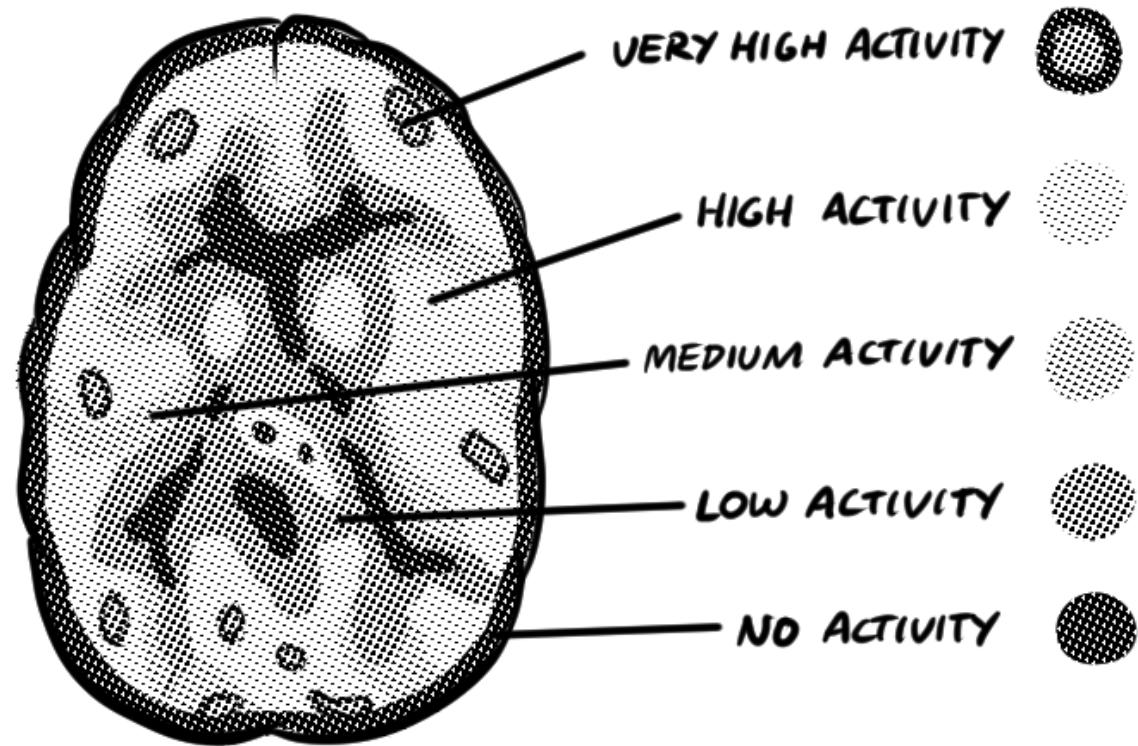


These are skills which employers really want their employees to have.

There are lots of scientific studies which suggest that learning another language has a really positive effect on our brains.



Language learning improves literacy levels. In addition, being able to switch from one language to another makes us better at multitasking.



The benefits of a bilingual brain

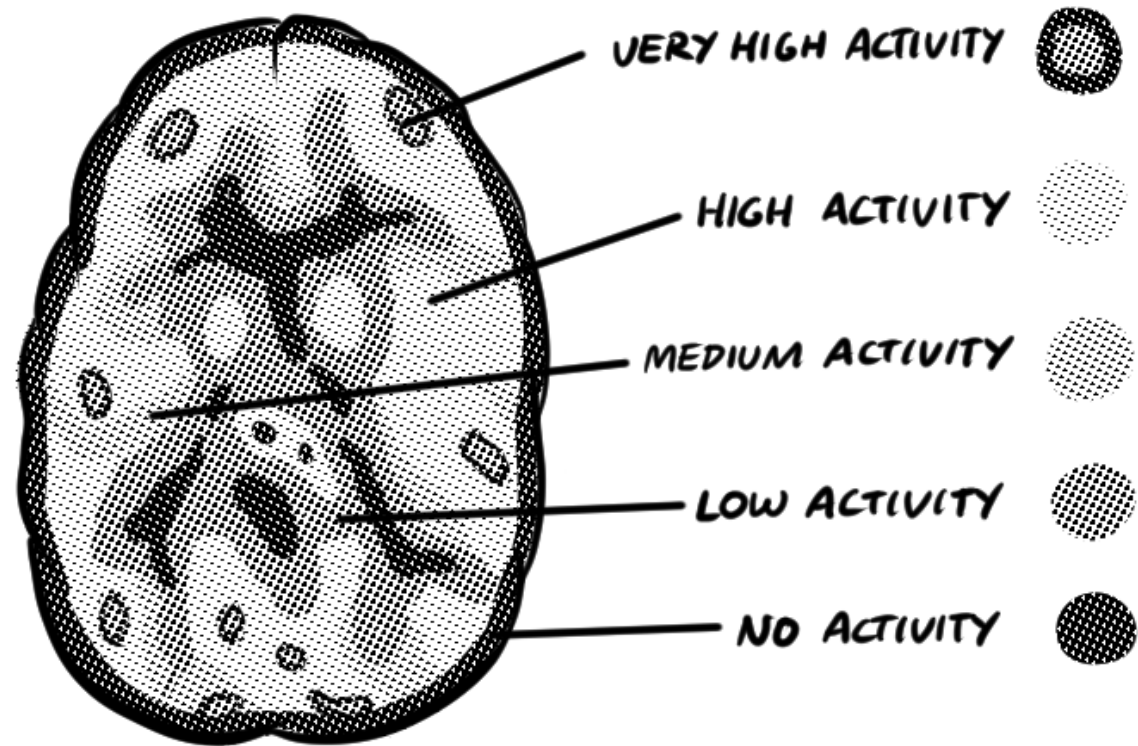


Watch this short TED-ed video about how knowing another language provides real benefits for your brain.



[The benefits of a bilingual brain](#)

Linguists
tend to be
better
communicato
rs and
flexible
thinkers.





Alarming, the economic cost of the UK's linguistic performance - in terms of lost trade and investment - has been estimated at £48,000,000,000 per year.

58% of adults wish that they hadn't given up learning a language.

77% of adults believe that language skills increase your employability.

David Cannadine, President of the British Academy

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2019/mar/01/britain-learning-languages-brexit--education>

If you still need convincing

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... have a look at this TED talk - 4
Reasons to Learn a Language.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VQRjouwKDIU>

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