

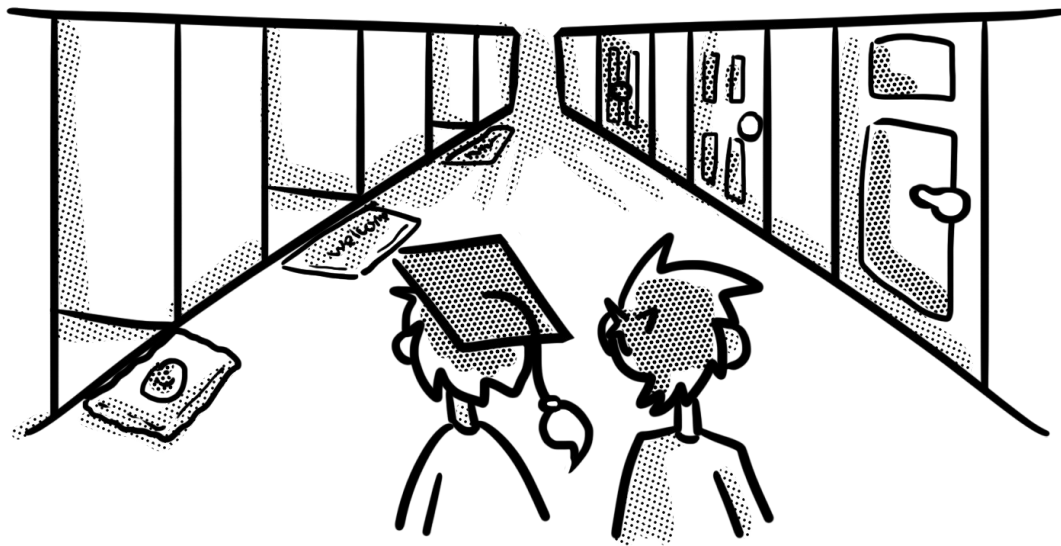
Why Study
Spanish?

Spanish

Why did you decide to
study Spanish?

How many reasons can you
come up with?

¡Felicitaciones!



Spanish is a fantastic subject to study - you have made a great choice!

You will have so many options to choose from in the future.

Spoken
language in
the world,
there are
**over 572
million**
speakers of
Spanish as a
first or
second
language.



When you
study
Spanish, you
make
learning
another
language so
much easier.



Spanish is from a family of languages called the '**romance**' languages. So learning other languages from this family (like French, Italian, Portuguese, Romanian) is easier, as vocabulary and grammar rules are similar.

All of these languages developed from Vulgar Latin!



Spanish

is number 1 on the list!

A recent British Council study identified a list of ten languages which will be of crucial importance for the UK's **prosperity, security and influence** in the world in the years ahead.



'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



A-level Spanish

You have already made a big step in your language learning journey by taking Spanish 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 Spanish.

There are
certain
Spanish
words which
do not
translate
easily into
English.



Have a look at this list.

[Click here!](#)



When you study a language in
more depth, you become much
more aware of nuance in
meaning.



Being aware of (and being able to use
idioms) is a great feeling when you
really begin to master the language.

[Idioms](#) - learn some of these.

¿Por qué
estudiar
español?

Have a look at these articles about why we should learn Spanish.

https://elpais.com/economia/2019/02/19/actualidad/1550586711_089059.html

<http://noticias.universia.es/en-portada/noticia/2012/08/14/958403/50-razones-debes-aprender-nuevo-idioma.html>

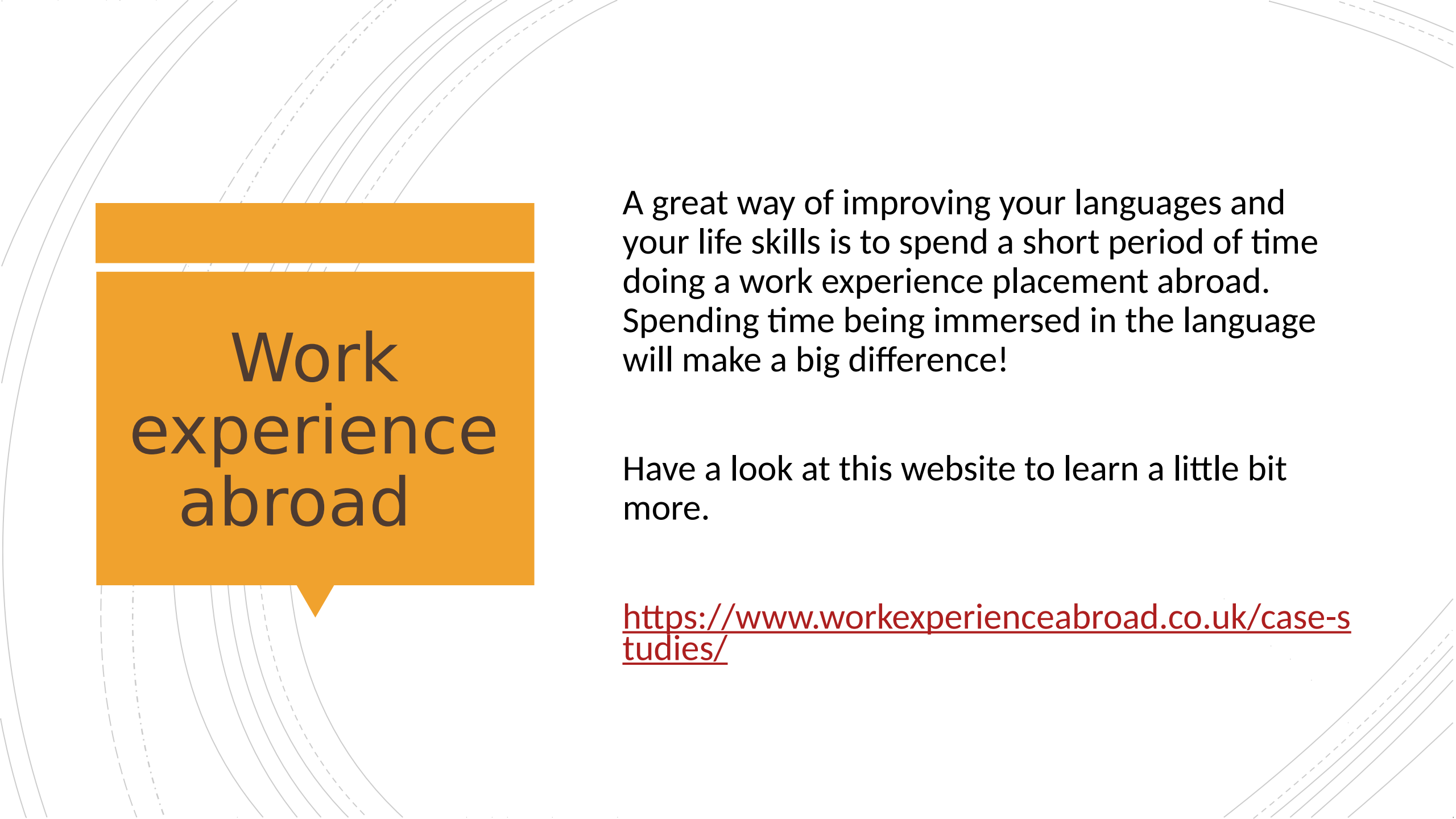


What is it like studying Spanish at university?

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 the different courses you could take with Spanish.

https://university.which.co.uk/search/course?c%5Bsubject_codes%5D%5B%5D=100325

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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!

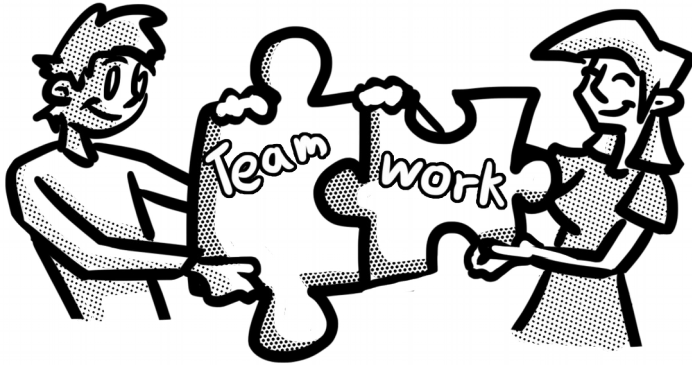
Have a look at this website to learn a little bit more.

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



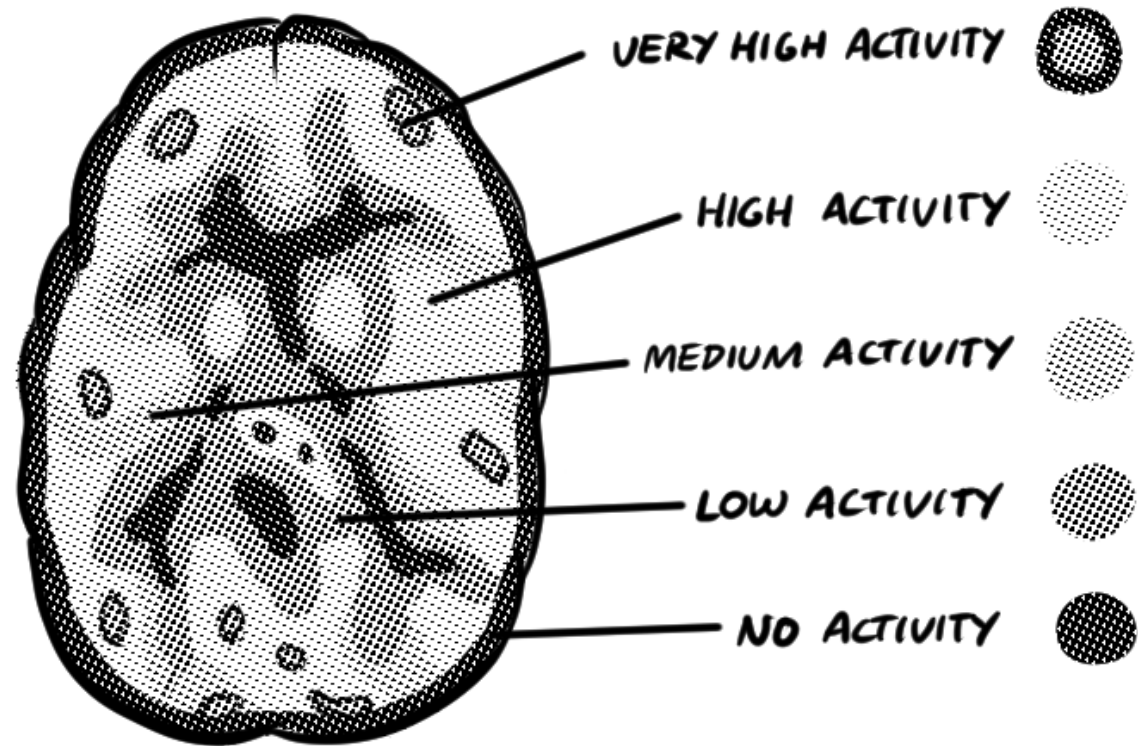
Improving your 'soft' skills

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



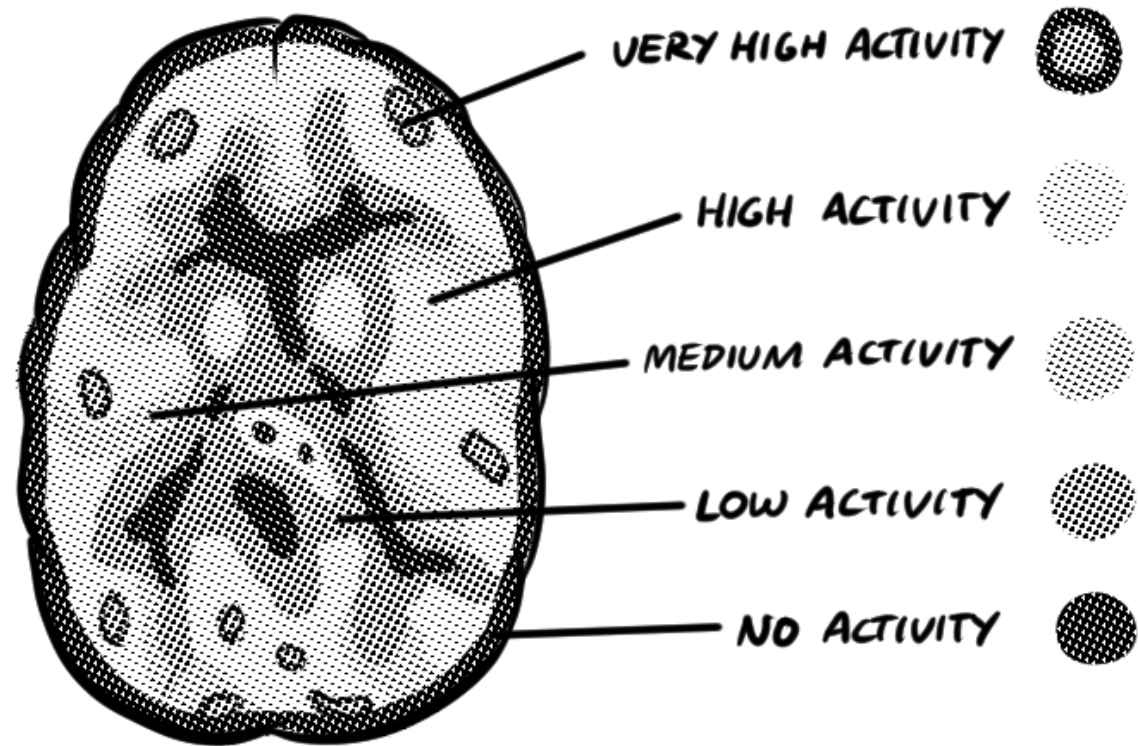
These are skills which employers really want their employees to have.

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

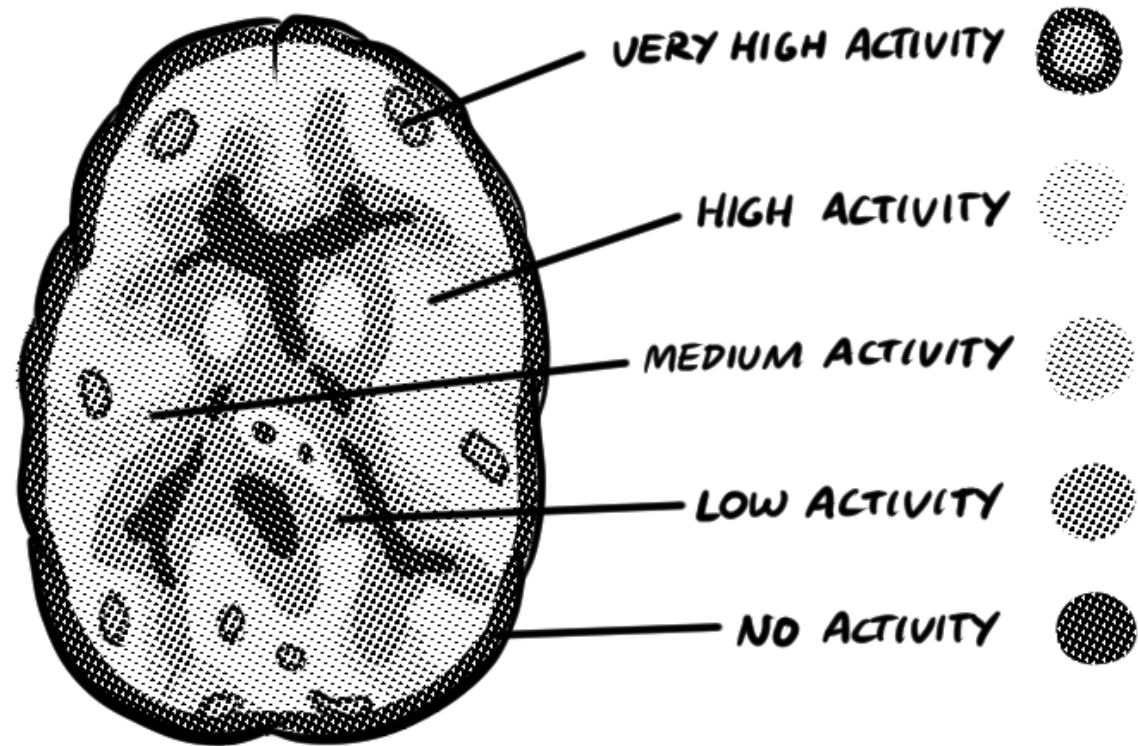


Watch this short TED-ed video about how knowing another language has real benefits for your brain.



[The benefits of a bilingual brain](#)

Linguists
tend to be
better
communicato
rs and
flexible
thinkers.





Alarmingly, 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 their employability.

David Cannadine, President of the British Academy

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

32,000,000 reasons to learn a language



Even if you don't think you will ever travel abroad, there are around 32 million foreign visitors to Britain every year.



There are so many different types of jobs which involve attracting these visitors and a little language ability goes a long way.



There is no better time to keep developing your language skills as they will be a great asset to you in many aspects of your future life.

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