

# LANGUAGE SUMMER CHALLENGE

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Target Language: \_\_\_\_\_

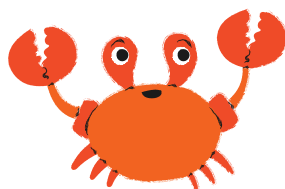


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- This activity booklet is for pupils in Years 8 & 9 studying French, German, Irish or Spanish.
- The aim of this activity is to help you practise your language skills over the summer and learn more about the cultures and traditions associated with the language you are learning.
- Simply complete as many of the activities in this booklet as you wish. Pupils who take part will receive certificates for the following categories:

Bronze Award = 4 or more challenges completed

Silver Award = 6 or more challenges completed

Gold Award = 12 or more challenges completed

- Return this booklet to your Modern Languages teacher in September and they will apply for a certificate on your behalf.



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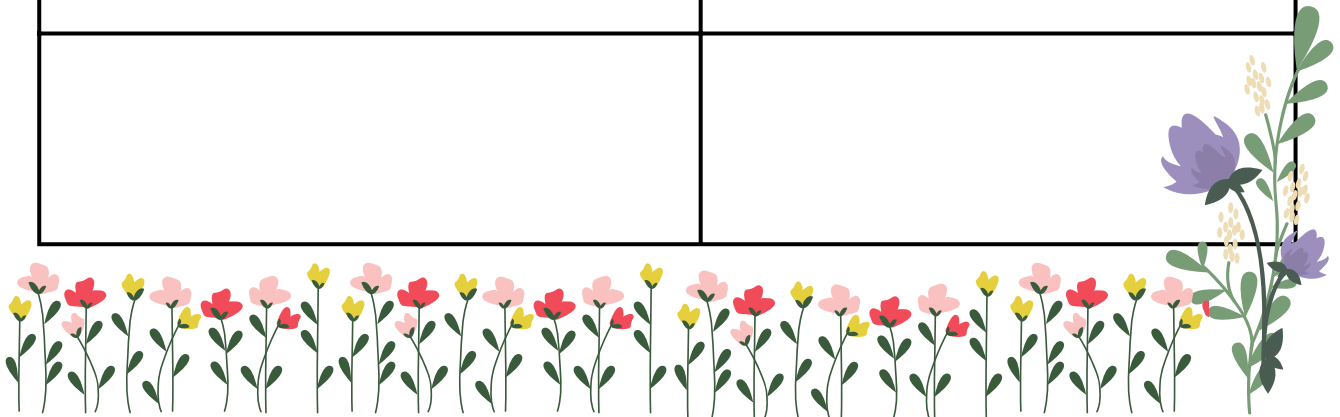


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# Challenge 1

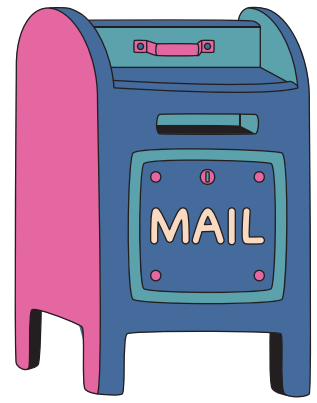
Go for a walk and write down find 5 things that you see. When you get home, find the translations of what you found in the language you are learning. You can use a paper or online dictionary. Remember to include the article if your language uses genders for nouns!

Word	Translation
Example: Tree	un arbre (French) / der Baum (German) / el árbol (Spanish) / crann (Irish)



# Challenge 2

Write a postcard to your Modern Languages teacher  
in the language you're learning to tell them about your  
summer.



A dashed-line rectangular frame representing a postcard. On the right side, there is a yellow postage stamp with a palm tree illustration. Below the stamp, there are four horizontal lines for writing an address. A vertical line separates the address area from the rest of the postcard.

Use this space to note down any key vocab that will help you complete your postcard

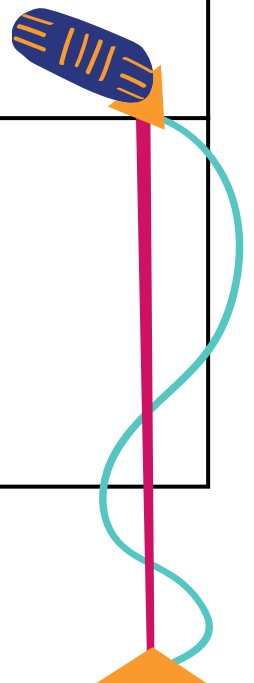




## Challenge 3

Find a song that you like that is sung in the language you are learning.

Song title	
Artist	
Why do you like this song?	
<u>Extension Task:</u> Can you translate the chorus into English?	







# Challenge 5

Listen to the radio in your target language for 10 minutes per day for one week. Keep a diary with notes of what you hear, including what was played during your listening time (e.g. songs, news bulletins, weather forecasts, adverts etc.).

DATE	RADIO CHANNEL(S) LISTENED TO:	NOTES:

Did you find it helpful listening to the radio in the language you're learning? Why/why not?

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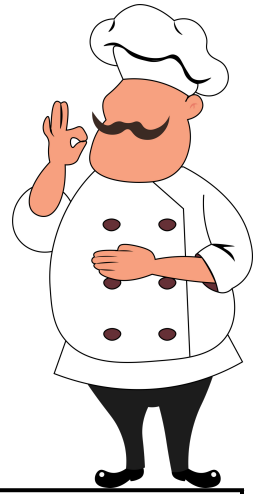
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# Challenge 6

Find a recipe online from a country where your language is spoken and try to make it! In need of inspiration? Check out [linguacuisine.com](http://linguacuisine.com)



Recipe	
Result - your opinion	
Result - your family/friend's opinion	







# Challenge 7



Find a newspaper written in the language you are studying. It can be printed or online.

Name of Newspaper: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Write down the newspaper's headline

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Can you translate the headline into English?



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Brief summary of the news article:

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# Challenge 8

Many actors, sport stars and musicians have language skills. Use the internet to identify five famous faces who speak more than one language!

In need of inspiration? Check out the European Day of Languages website:

<https://edl.ecml.at/Facts/Celebritiesspeakinglanguages/tabid/3113/language/Default.aspx>

Person	Nationality	Languages Spoken





# Challenge 9

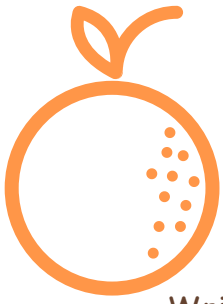


Language skills are useful for many different careers. Using a paper or online dictionary, translate the job titles below into the language you are learning.

<b>doctor</b>	<b>teacher</b>	<b>dentist</b>
<b>singer</b>	<b>baker</b>	<b>shop assistant</b>
<b>chef</b>	<b>police officer</b>	<b>fire fighter</b>
<b>dancer</b>	<b>mechanic</b>	<b>hairdresser</b>

What job would you like to do in the future? What interests you about this job?





## CHALLENGE 10:

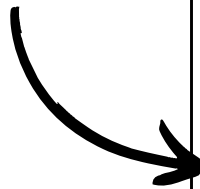
Write out ten items on your household weekly shopping list and translate them to the language you are learning. Go online or to the supermarket with your parent/guardian and order/shop for your weekly groceries with them. Translate the list for them as you go.

English

Translation

# CHALLENGE 11

Find out about a famous scientist, artist, writer or explorer from a country where the language you are learning is spoken. Write a brief summary below in English about their life and achievements.



Draw or paste their picture here



Name \_\_\_\_\_

Born \_\_\_\_\_

Died \_\_\_\_\_

Nationality  
\_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Brief Summary



# Challenge 12

Change your social media app settings into the language you're learning for four weeks.

Start Date:

End Date:

Write down below new vocabulary that you have learned

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Was there anything in particular that you had difficulty doing?

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Will you keep your language settings in your target language from now on?

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# CHALLENGE 13

By learning a language, you will develop lots of skills that are useful in the work place. Find the following soft skills in the crossword below:

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Q H I N L G D S S X K X Y D F W G V W B E V B E K  
A W W N K A B L R E S O U R C E F U L N E S S A A  
D U G E T W T V J W W Q U Z V O A K Y X V P D E O  
A F I N P E B T T O R Z B C K H Z L Q Y L M Z Z P  
P G M C D R R I E G J X J L T Z N X Q N V V M Q V  
T T L O O T O C B N D O D R W Q A D D M C D A L M  
A T I M D O Q B U R T K K N G O E M Q C G C T X K  
B F Q M X L T B L L J I C R E A T I V I T Y X R H  
I H C U P E S B I E T Q O P C I J M A H A B Q D W  
L X J N L R A B K C M U O N O E G K P Q L J X F R  
I L T I S A N G D K X S R I T R M V H Y I B Y C R  
T M F C J N T S Z A V B O A N O H E R I Q Z S I W  
Y M S A T C F A V A T A C L L I D A Z K E Z B R U  
Y F S T R E S O P X E F O P V A T E H O Q Y T N V  
J G D I M K N N D V A D H B O I W I T F G C G D C  
F F M O I T Q T F L M K H U H W N A A A K F E O J  
F Z E N L S O S Q V W N P U P A V G R T I B G U P  
U S T S G P D A H I O R V C L H C E Y E I L Q H C  
C V O K H O K I T K R O X M I P P T Y F N V N J F  
J E S I S X R E X A K P L W I N W V K U D E E Z W  
R M B L E O I U S P C F C N G X J W Z C S R S I M  
V Z R L J U Q N L H E B X K N T Q S N P Y I F S I  
L W F S G D X H S B N C D T N F A S R W R J D I C  
P C P V G X R P O V T V K A R T V D W B W K Q N A

adaptability

attention to detail

communication skills

creativity

initiative

intercultural awareness

problem solving

resourcefulness

teamwork

tolerance



# Challenge 14



Draw a picture of a place you would like to visit where the language you are learning is spoken.

In English, write a short paragraph about a country or area where the language you are learning is spoken and why you would like to visit it.

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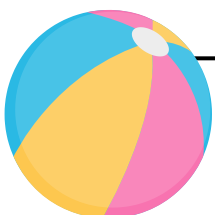
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# Challenge 15



The summer holiday is a great time to learn a new language! Pick a language you have never studied before and find out how to say the following key words and phrases:

Hello

Goodbye

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My name is .....

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Please

Thank you

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Do you speak English?

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Numbers 1-10

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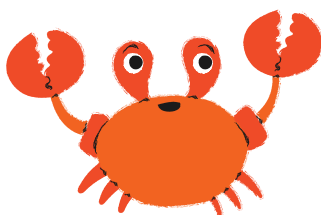
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# Congratulations!



You have now completed the summer challenge!



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