

# European Day of Languages

## 26th September

**Did you know...?**

**English is one of the Germanic family of languages**



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Fun Fact 1

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**Did you know...?**

**In English we use the Latin alphabet, which dates back to Roman times**



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**Did you know...?**

**At least half of the world's population speaks two or more languages**



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**Did you know...?**

**Many Spanish words come from Arabic because for 800 years the Moors (Arabs from North Africa) ruled Spain**



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### Did you know...?

Almost half of all English words come from French because it was used in England after the Norman invasion of 1066



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### Did you know...?

Astronauts need to know Russian and English so they can communicate with their crew and read the instruction manuals aboard their spacecraft



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**Did you know...?**

**Chinese is the most spoken language in the world, with 1.2 billion speakers**



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**Did you know...?**

**Over 300 languages are spoken in London**



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**Did you know...?**

**A polyglot is someone who can use many languages**



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**Did you know...?**

**Almost 90 different first languages are spoken by pupils in Northern Ireland**



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