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Tweet about it

Share a tweet about why it's worth learning a language or challenge students to come up with the best reason in 140 characters. Students could write tweets in any language they know to express what they love about learning a foreign language. Add relevant hashtags, such as #lovelanguages, #whylanguages, #coeEDL or #mfltwitterati.

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Meet and greet

Challenge staff and students to greet everyone in a different language during the day. You could ask students to create a list of how to say 'hello' and 'goodbye' in as many different languages as possible and circulate this before the day so that everyone can pick their favourite(s) to try.

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Perils of online translation

Highlight why it's so important to have linguists and trained translators by pointing out some of the limitations of online translation sites. There are lots of videos available on YouTube which offer bad or amusing translations of popular songs, for example '[You're welcome](#)' from Moana.

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Check out the ECML

Explore the EDL ideas on the [European Centre for Modern Languages](#) site, where you'll find quizzes, trivia and tongue twisters, among other activities.

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Food tasting

Everyone loves an excuse to try some specialities from another country. French cheese, Swiss chocolate, Spanish chorizo or Italian pizza are all winners. Alternatively, set a homework for students to find a recipe from another European country and maybe even to bring in what they bake to share.

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Fun facts

Divide the class into groups and give each group a different European country, without the rest of the class knowing which one. Give them the task of finding out 10 little known or quirky facts about their allocated country. These facts then be shared with the class without mentioning the country name to see if the class can guess the country.

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Posters

Students can create posters to show everything they know about a European language or country, or they could produce a piece of art in the style of one of the European greats (Matisse, Renoir, Dali, Miró etc.) These can then be displayed around the school to raise the profile of languages.

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Famous landmarks

Bring in a supply of spaghetti and marshmallows or jelly babies so that students can use them to recreate a famous European structure, such as the Eiffel Tower, the Reichstag or the leaning tower of Pisa. Students could vote for the winning construction.

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Get staff involved

Before the day, send all staff a simple template that they can complete with the different languages they speak or can understand, to print off and put on their classroom or office door.

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Teachit resources

Use or adapt one of our [Teachit Languages EDL resources](#) with a cultural theme or language focus. For example, your students will love playing the Happy Families card games based on [French](#) or [Spanish](#) culture.