

# Bringing Together the World through Communication

Studying a world language has many benefits. First, by learning to converse with people from other countries, more positive reactions between people of different places will take place, and there will be less miscommunications. Whether it is French, Spanish, Mandarin, Japanese, Italian, Arabic, Greek, Russian, Korean, or any other language you are studying, by learning a language of your choice you are opening yourself up to a whole new group of people you can now communicate with. Also, not only will you be able to speak a new language, but people from other countries will now be able to understand you. Learning a new language also has its benefits if you choose to go on a vacation to another part of the world. It will be a lot easier asking for directions to places in that country if you know the language that is primarily spoken there. For example, imagine you took a trip to Spain, but didn't know how to speak Spanish, and you got lost. Most likely you would be wandering for hours until you finally found someone who spoke English to ask directions from. This would be completely avoidable if you spoke Spanish and could ask the first person you saw for directions on where you needed to go. Additionally, if you went to visit a different country and you knew the language spoken there, you would have the opportunity to become friends with some of the natives. Then, back in your own country, you could write letters to the people you became friends with in their language and keep your friendship going despite the long distance. Clearly, learning to speak a world language is most definitely a worthwhile investment.

