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10 REASONS TO START

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1 WORLDWIDE

French is far from being the language of France only: more than 200 million people speak French around the globe.

French is the main language or one of the main languages in more than 30 countries across the five continents.

It is also the second language in the world by the number of countries that have adopted it as an official or administrative language.

STUDIES 2

France is the third most popular destination for studies. 2,78,000 international students visited us last year. You could easily choose Paris to settle down: the French capital has been named "best student city in the world" by QS, the education company, in 2013. Or you could choose any other city as France has a widely spread higher education network. According to your subject, you can select French- or English-medium courses. But remember that knowing French will enable you to manage your daily life, meet new people and create real opportunities.

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3 CAREER

India is a big country and French companies are among the biggest investors in India. The brands "Renault", "Danone" or "Michelin" may sound familiar. This is not surprising as there are 350 French companies in India. They are regularly looking for employees who can communicate in French. If you have the world in sight, French will also benefit you as India is more and more present in Africa where French is largely spoken.

Careers in hotel management, tourism and aviation also favor candidates with knowledge of French language. Wherever you might go, opting for French is a good option: knowing French is always a noticeable asset.

TOURISM 4

The Eiffel Tower stands just a few hours away from the Taj Mahal. 83 million people visited France in 2013, making it the first tourist destination in the world. They had a chance to try French food, wines, perfumes, fashion, cafés, and the joie de vivre...
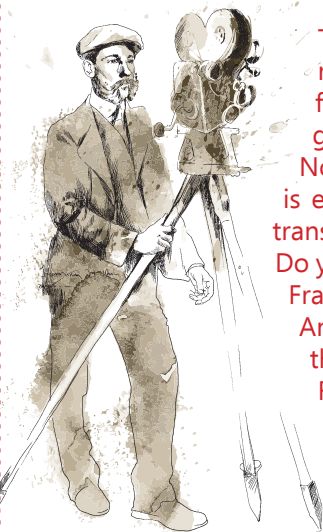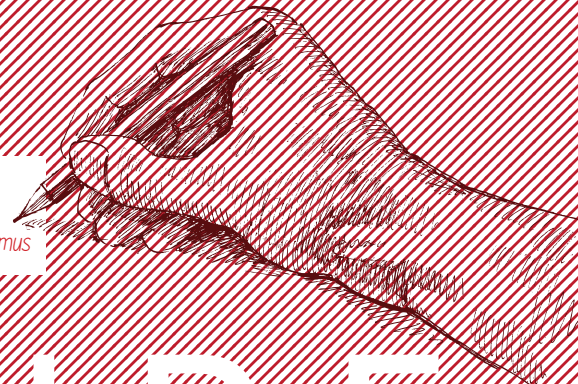
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CULTURE

> *Créer, c'est vivre deux fois.*
> — Albert Camus

The French heritage, its monuments, its countryside and art is widely recognised. Are you fond of reading? France has won more Nobel prizes for Literature than any country in the world. Knowing French means getting to read writers from France but also from Africa, Caribbean, Northern America and many other parts of the world. French literature is extremely productive and multicultural. French is the second most translated language in the world as far as books are concerned.

Do you like movies better? Then you could try French cinema. Today France is the third biggest film market in the world just after India. And you may even get a chance to go to the Cannes film festival, the international rendez-vous for directors since 1946.

Finally, any lover of art and culture has good reasons to be interested in French as it is one of the international languages of theatre, visual arts, architecture, music, dance, gastronomy, fashion and much more.

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NETWORK 6

French is taught in every country around the world. France has the largest network of cultural institutions. Planning to start learning French in India? You can rely on the cultural network of France in the country.

The Institut français en Inde is the cultural service of the Embassy of France in India. Its missions include promoting French language, training teachers of French and supporting educational institutions.

French is the first foreign language in school in India and it is taught in more and more schools every year.

Alliances françaises are cultural centres linked to the French government and aim at promoting French language and culture around the world. There are 13 such Alliances françaises across India. They provide French courses to students of all levels and regularly organize cultural events. So if you want to learn French you can join a course easily!

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SCIENCE

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France happens to be one of the major contributors to science with 13 Nobel prizes for physics, 13 for medicine, 8 for chemistry and 11 Fields medals in mathematics. France was also ranked third in the world and first in Europe for the technological innovation of its companies and research centres in 2013 according to the "Top 100 Global Innovators" ranking from Thomson Reuters.

MEDIA

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French is one of the most used languages on the internet. French is also the third language on the collaborative knowledge website Wikipedia.
TV5, France 24, Radio France Internationale, AFP... French medias cover all major topics in the world and give you a new way of looking at the world.

9 INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

French is one of the two official languages of the United Nations, the UNESCO, the international Olympic Committee, the international Red Cross, etc. Knowing French is essential for a career in an international organization. Over one-third of the UN's members are part of the Organisation internationale de la Francophonie (International Organisation of French-speaking countries). The OIF is composed of 77 states and governments and is active in international relations, Human Rights, education, research, cooperation and sustainable development.

MORE 10

Learning French will help you learn other languages, especially Romance languages such as Spanish, Italian, Portuguese or Romanian. English speakers should also know that French has provided more than 50% of the current English vocabulary.

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The Institut français is in charge of implementing the cultural action of France abroad. It helps to promote French relations abroad through greater dialogue with foreign cultures.

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- ☑ close to you

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