

Good evening everyone,

My name is Marie and I'm 17 years old. I am French though I have never lived in France. I've been living in Germany and attending this school for about 10 to 11 years now. Before that, I was living in Spain, which means that, when I arrived here I was starting to learn German when I started my very first lessons of English in 4th grade. However, I only started really working on my English in 8th grade but please, do not tell my English teacher that.

My parents aren't English and I never lived in an English speaking country but since my parents were so eager to make a trilingual out of me, they made me watch movies in English. Overtime, I slowly started to take a liking to this language.

When I tell people how many languages I speak they either respond that they too, can speak as many languages as I can or they seem baffled to know that one person could understand and speak that many. It's hard to imagine that some can only speak one language. In French schools abroad, we are so used to meeting people that are at least bilingual that it seems peculiar otherwise. I'd tend to think that learning languages is the most important skill that one could acquire as we want others to understand us just as much as we want to understand others. The school gives us these opportunities and it seems unreasonable not to benefit from it.

Since the creation of the European Union, countries can now cooperate together more than ever before. Thanks to this, democratic values have been spread as well as those of unity. Therefore, multilingual people are the ones that benefit the most from this union. That is why I want to thank our teachers for their efforts and the help they provide us with.