Why Learn A World Language?

- In an increasingly globalized world, the knowledge of a world language becomes an indispensable skill important not only for personal enrichment, but also for broadening employment opportunities.

- According to a study from the University of Chicago, knowledge of a world language helps you **boost decision-making skills**.

- Students who study world languages **score higher on standardized tests** as a study from York University in Toronto showed.

  Students who study a world language for at least one year score an average of 38 points higher on the SATs.

- Knowledge of a world language **increases your chances of landing a good job**, as demonstrated in a recent poll in *The Economist*.

  An MIT study shows that people who know two or more languages earn an average of $128,000 more over their lifetimes.

- Learning a second language has **compelling health benefits** - a study from York University in Toronto connects the prevention of the onset of dementia with foreign language learning.

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For employment in international business, politics, and law. The Netherlands and Belgium are active members of the European Community and NATO and are long-standing allies of the U.S. The Hague houses the International Court of Justice.

The Netherlands is America's top overseas market in Europe. You would benefit from learning Dutch and Dutch culture if you want to work for a Dutch multi-national company such as Heineken, Philips, Shell, or Unilever (these companies support more than 700,000 jobs in the USA).

Architecture (Rem Koolhaas and others), art (Appel, Mondriaan, Rembrandt, Vermeer, Escher, Broodthaers), high fashion, music, dance, and the theater are flourishing in the Dutch-speaking world; the very lively tradition of Dutch literature dates back to the Middle Ages.

Science and Engineering: The Universities of the Low Countries are particularly famous for their research in agriculture, aquatic engineering, and city planning, but are top-notch in all areas.

Who speaks Dutch?
Dutch is the first language of just over 23 million people worldwide. It is the official language of the Netherlands, Belgium (Flanders), and Suriname. Afrikaans, which is widely spoken in South Africa, is originated in Dutch.

Famous Dutch (Descent)
- Humphrey Bogart - screen actor
- Herman Melville - author, poet
- Rebecca Romijn - actress, model
- Franklin Delano Roosevelt - 32nd President of US
- Theodore Roosevelt, Jr - 26th President of US
- Jane Seymour - actress
- Martin Van Buren - 8th President of US
- Cornelius Vanderbilt - railroad/shipping bus magnate
- Vincent van Gogh - post-impressionist painter
- Eddie Van Halen - musician, lead guitarist
- Rembrandt van Rijn - painter, etcher
- Bruce Willis - actor