

Language activities for **Advanced** learners



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suggested for Years 7-10

Cook up a storm



Research & Explore

Find and cook a recipe from another country.

If you need some inspiration, check out these **Recipes for Harmony** or **International Recipes for Kids**.

Once the food is ready, eat it while practising good table manners from that country.

See **table manners around the world** to get you started.

Use Google translate or another language learning app to learn how to say 'thank you' and 'please'.



Have a go

Why don't you try this simple recipe?

Chinese beef, tomato and coriander stir fry

INGREDIENTS

- 500g rump steak, thinly sliced
- 2 tomatoes, cut into eighths
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1 dessert spoon Chinese cooking wine
- 2 dessert spoons light soy sauce
- 1 dessert spoon cornflour
- 1 tablespoon cooking oil
- 1 dessert spoon water
- 1 dessert spoon oyster sauce
- Small bunch coriander, cut into 1 inch sections (leaves and stems)

METHOD

1. Soak beef strips in Chinese cooking wine in half the light soy sauce for 30 minutes.
2. After 30 minutes, add cornflour and mix through beef, ready to cook.
3. Heat oil on medium to high heat in wok for 1 minute.
4. Add garlic and cook 1 minute.
5. Add beef strips and cook until lightly browned, stirring constantly.
6. Add tomatoes and cook for 1-2 minutes.
7. Add remaining soy sauce and oyster sauce, mix thoroughly.
8. Add coriander, mix, replace lid and cook for 1-2 minutes.
9. Cook with lid off further 2 minutes.
10. Serve with rice.

Beautiful words



Have a go

Have a go at some calligraphy, using script from different cultures.

Written language is important as a fundamental way of communicating. People use written language to record their histories and educate their people. It is one of the ways traditions and cultural understanding can be passed down through generations.

Here are some links to tutorials, to get you started:

- [Arabic calligraphy tutorials](#)
- [Learning Chinese calligraphy](#)
- [Sanskrit alphabet](#)
- [Hebrew alphabet in an hour](#)
- [Cyrillic handwriting tutorial](#)

Use your newly-acquired calligraphy skills in the 'Endangered languages' activity later in this section!



Debate it



Discuss

Hold a class or family debate on one of the following topics:

1. Preserving endangered languages is more important than developing a single global language
2. Translators and interpreters are morally obliged to accurately translate a speaker's words, even if they know that the words may cause significant harm
3. Foreign language learning should be mandatory until year 12

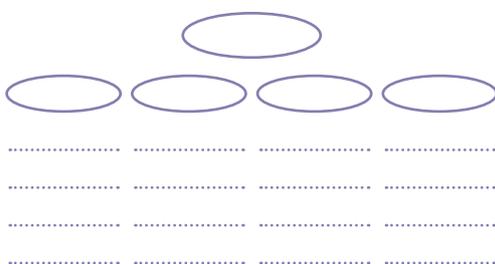
Planning tips

- Think about points for and against each statement to narrow down your choice

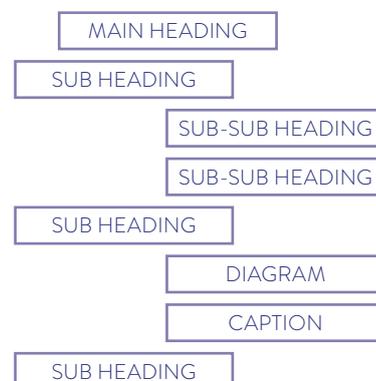
FOR	AGAINST

- Look for evidence
- Once you've chosen your topic, diagramming may help you organise your points and evidence

STRUCTURED OVERVIEW



GRAPHIC OUTLINE



- When you've thought out your argument, write palm cards with main points

Debating tips

- Everyone needs to have their turn to speak
- Always think of the counter-argument
- Always act like you're winning, even if you're not!

Endangered languages

Did you know that some languages are endangered?

Language extinction is not new. Languages have been disappearing since ancient times.

A language starts to become endangered when fewer people pass on their language to later generations.

A language becomes extinct when there are no speakers left.

Did You Know?

Some languages are critically endangered with only one remaining speaker.



Create

Create a poster, video or advertising jingle to raise public awareness about the **world's endangered languages**.

Brainstorm ideas:

- What do you want the audience to know?
- How can others promote language learning or help preserve languages?
- Why should the world care about losing endangered languages?

Building positive communities



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According to psychologists a sense of belonging is one of the basic human needs.

Work with a buddy to come up with a plan for a community event or an initiative to assist new migrant youth, especially those who are part of WA's emerging communities, to develop a sense of 'belonging' in Western Australia.

- What would your event or initiative involve, and how would you try to engage your target audience?
- If you know people who were born outside of Australia, invite them to share their experiences about what helped and what hindered them settling into life here.

Language and Science

All biologists, regardless of the preferred language they speak, use scientific names when speaking or writing about organisms.

Swedish biologist Carl Linnaeus developed **binomial nomenclature** – the two word system for naming organisms.

This system ensures that when scientists exchange information about a particular organism, they can be confident that they're discussing the same organism.

Did You Know?

Scientific names are written in Latin and Greek.

The scientific name of an organism consists of its genus name followed by a second name, which identifies its species. For example, *Canis familiaris* is the scientific name for the domestic dog.



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Complete this table, investigating scientific names and their Greek or Latin origins.

ORGANISM	GENUS	SPECIES	GREEK OR LATIN ORIGIN?
numbat			
marri tree			
blue whale			
kangaroo paw			
carpet python			
	Homo	sapiens	
	Vulpes	vulpes	
	Trichosurus	vulpecula	
blue swimmer crab			
bobtail			
(add your own!)			

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Hello!



**Have
a go**

Saying 'hello' is a great way to make someone feel welcome.

Match each greeting to the correct language.

1 Привёт pree-viet	A Africans
2 Ciao chi-ow	B Arabic
3 Hallo ha-low	C Mandarin
4 Xin chào sin-djao	D Vietnamese
5 नमस्ते na-mas-te	E French
6 مرحبا mer-ha-ben	F Italian
7 你好 nee-how	G Russian
8 Bonjour bon-zhoor	H Hindi

Which language did you start with to solve this?

How did you know the greetings that you were able to solve first?