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JANUARY	JANVIER	JANUAR	1月 一月	ਜਨਵਰੀ	ENERO	
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 New Year's Day	2	3	4	5	6 Epiphany; Día de los Reyes Magos
7 Orthodox Christmas	8 Coming-of-Age-Day	9	10	11	12	13
14 Makar Sankranti	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

FEBRUARY	FÉVRIER	FEBRUAR	2月 二月	ਫਰਵਰੀ	FEBRERO	
Dimanche	Lundi	Mardi	Mercredi	Jeudi	Vendredi	Samedi
				1	2 Groundhog Day	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 National Foundation Day	12 Family Day; Rosenmontag	13 Makar Shivaratri	14 Valentine's Day	15	16 Chinese New Year	17
18	19	20	21 International Mother Language Day	22	23	24
25	26	27 Independence Day	28 Purim			

FRENCH

More than 220 million people speak French on the five continents. French is the second most widely learned second language after English, and the sixth most widely spoken language in the world. French also happens to be an official language in Canada. *Oh là là!*



French is the international language of cooking, fashion, theatre, the visual arts, dance and architecture. A knowledge of French offers access to great works of literature, as well as films and songs. French is the language of Céline Dion, Victor Hugo, Molière, Léopold Senghor, Edith Piaf, Louis Riel, Jean-Paul Sartre, Justin Trudeau, and Zinedine Zidane. French also comes in handy when travelling to Africa, Belgium, Switzerland, Monaco, the Seychelles and other places in *La Francophonie* - 58 member states and governments where French has an official status. Often called *la langue d'amour*, French may help you meet your true love! ❤️

MARCH	MARS	MÄRZ	3月 三月	ਮਾਰਚ	MARZO	
Sonntag	Montag	Dienstag	Mittwoch	Donnerstag	Freitag	Samstag
				1 Semaine de la francophonie; Purim	2 Holi; Lantern Festival	3 Girls' Day (or Doll Festival)
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 Magha Puja Day	13	14	15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day
18	19	20	21	22 Emancipation Day	23	24
25 Ram Navani; Palm Sunday	26	27	28	29	30 Good Friday	31

GERMAN

Over 100 million people speak German as their first or second language in the world! German is an official language in Austria, Belgium, Germany, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, and Switzerland. However, it is also used as a minority language in Denmark, Hungary, Italy, and Poland. Both German and English share the same linguistic roots, making it relatively easy for English speakers to learn! Some German words and expressions are still used regularly in English, such as *Gesundheit*, *Kindergarten*, and *Kitsch*. How cool is that?! *Ich liebe es!* 🍷




It is said that Germany is the country of poets and thinkers! Over 100 Nobel Prizes have gone to brilliant Germans for accomplishments in physics, medicine, chemistry, literature, and other areas. Composers Mozart, Bach, Beethoven, Brahms, Schubert, and Wagner all spoke German. Revolutionary philosophy poured onto the pages when Kant, Hegel, Nietzsche, and Heidegger lifted their pens. Did you know that tuition at most universities in Germany is free?! Think about that the next time you zip along the *Autobahn* in a BMW or Mercedes-Benz planning your future career in Europe's strongest economic nation for the last three consecutive years! *Das ist gut, ja!*

APRIL	AVRIL	APRIL	4月 四月	ਮਾਈ	ABRIL	
日	月	火	水	木	金	土
1 Easter; April Fool's Day	2	3	4	5 Qingming Festival	6 National Tartan Day	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20 Lailat-at-Miraj	21 Vaisakhi
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

JAPANESE

Over 125 million people speak Japanese; with the majority living in Japan. It is spoken in many other nations by people of both Japanese heritage and other backgrounds for numerous purposes including academia, business, and pure enjoyment! Rich in traditional arts and technology, Japan has given us *haiku* poetry, *manga* and *anime*, *kabuki* theatre, *sushi* delights, *koto* melodies, *taiko* beats, artificial intelligence and automation.

A large portion of Japanese vocabulary has been borrowed from Chinese, including the use of Chinese characters or *kanji*. European loanwords have also been adopted into Japanese with the majority coming from English in the last century. Japanese uses three character sets called *hiragana*, *katakana*, and *kanji*, giving it distinct visual appeal! This culturally rich language is spoken by many famous celebrities including film producer Hayao Miyazaki, artist and activist Yoko Ono, video game designer Shigeru Miyamoto, actor Ken Watanabe, and Prime Minister Shinzo Abe who costume played as Super Mario at the Rio Olympics. As the nation prepares for the Tokyo Olympics in 2020, Japanese culture and language are sure to make huge headlines on the world stage. Will you be ready to practice your Japanese?



MAY	MAI	KANN	5月 五月	ਮਈ	MAYO	
星期日	星期一	星期二	星期三	星期四	星期五	星期六
		1 International Workers' Day	2	3	4	5 Cinco de Mayo; Children's Day
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15 Aoi Festival; Ramadan begins	16	17	18	19
20 Mother's Day	21	22	23	24	25 Revolution Day	26
27	28	29 Buddha Day	30	31		

JUNE	JUIN	JUNI	6月 六月	ਜੂਨ	JUNIO	
ਐਤਵਾਰ	ਸੋਮਵਾਰ	ਮੰਗਲਵਾਰ	ਬੁੱਧਵਾਰ	ਵੀਰਵਾਰ	ਸ਼ੁੱਕਰਵਾਰ	ਸ਼ਨੀਵਾਰ
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Lailat-at-Qadir					Eid-al-Fitr	
17	18 Dragon Boat Festival	19	20	21 National Aboriginal Day	22	23
24 St. Jean Baptiste Day	25	26	27	28	29	30

JULY	JUILLET	JULI	7月 七月	ਜੁਲਾਈ	JULIO	
Domingo	Lunes	Martes	Miércoles	Jueves	Viernes	Sábado
1 Canada Day	2	3	4	5 Independence Day	6 Running of the Bulls begins	7 Star Festival
8	9 Independence Day	10	11	12	13	14 Bastille Day
15 Independence Day	16 Marine Day	17	18	19	20 Independence Day	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 Independence Day; Dharma Day
29	30	31				

MANDARIN

Mandarin Chinese is one of the most widely spoken languages on earth, with over 1.3 billion people in China (about one fifth of the global population). There are millions of more speakers living in nearly every part of the world, such as Malaysia, Taiwan, Singapore, Indonesia, Thailand, Brunei, Philippines and Mongolia. It is also one of the six UN official languages.

China boasts its long history and rich culture in the world. At the heart of Chinese civilization is its fruitful heritage of philosophies, novels, short stories, poetry, drama, and, more recently, film. Mandarin Chinese is the language of Confucius, Daoism, Laotzu, Li Bai, Du Fu, Jacky Chan, Yao Ming, Mo Yan, and Jack Ma. Being able to read and appreciate these treasures and to enjoy the wonders and delicious food provides a greater understanding of the people and its language. Learning Mandarin Chinese matters more than ever before due to China's booming economy and its status as a rising global power: nearly 100 countries count China as their largest trading partner. Mandarin Chinese will certainly open up more doors to working, living, communicating, and understanding a country that plays an important role in the world's future.



AUGUST	AOÛT	AUGUST	8月 八月	ਅਗਸਤ	AGOSTO	
Dimanche	Lundi	Mardi	Mercredi	Jeudi	Vendredi	Samedi
			1 El Salvador del Mundo begins	2	3	4
5	6 Independence Day; British Columbia Day	7 Battle of Boyacá	8	9	10 Independence Day	11 Mountain Day
12	13	14	15 Independence & Acadian Days	16	17	18
19	20 Discovery Day (Yukon)	21	22	23	24	25 Independence Day
26	27	28	29	30	31	


SEPTEMBER SEPTEMBRE 9月 九月 ਸਤੰਬਰ SEPTIEMBRE						
Sonntag	Montag	Dienstag	Mittwoch	Donnerstag	Freitag	Samstag
						1
2	3 Labour Day	4	5	6	7	8
9	10 Rosh Hashanah	11	12	13	14	15 Independence Day (Central America)
16  Independence Day	17 Respect-For-The-Aged-Day	18  Independence Day	19 Yom Kippur	20	21	22
23	24 Mid-Autumn Festival	25	26	27	28	29

OCTOBER	OCTOBRE	OKTOBER	10月 十月	ਅਕਤੂਬਰ	OCTUBRE	
日	月	火	水	木	金	土
	1 Chinese National Day	2	3 German Unity Day	4	5 World Teachers' Day	6
7	8 Thanksgiving; Health-Sports Day	9	10	11	12 Independence Day	13
14	15	16	17	18	19 BCATML Conference	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31 Hallowe'en			

PUNJABI

Punjabi is spoken by 130 million people and is the tenth most widely spoken language in the world. The majority of its speakers live in Pakistan and in the state of Punjab in northern India, as well as large diaspora populations of speakers in other countries like Canada, the United States, England, and Australia. Punjabi is the third most widely spoken language in Canada with over 430,000 speakers from coast to coast!

Punjabi has a very rich history and literature. It is confined to not only Punjab or India but also all around the globe. Reading Punjabi novels, short stories, plays, films and poetry have their own unique charm. Moreover, the Punjabi culture contains a variety of unique dances, folk music, and rich flavors of food and spices that further enable everyone to better embrace and enjoy this language, culture, and heritage. Punjabi is the language of great humanitarians like Bhagat Pooran Singh, Poet Sheikh Farid, Bulleh Shah, Shri Guru Gobind Singh, Bhagat Singh and Milkha Singh. Learning Punjabi allows people to understand global issues and explore opportunities in careers, travel, personal growth, and study abroad while becoming a global citizen of tomorrow.



NOVEMBER NOVEMBRE 11月 十一月 ਨਵੰਬਰ NOVIEMBRE						
星期日	星期一	星期二	星期三	星期四	星期五	星期六
				1 All Saints Day	2 Día de los Muertos	3  Independence Day; Culture Day
4	5	6	7 Diwali	8	9	10
11 Remembrance Day; Martinstag	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 National Aboriginal Day (Yukon)	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

SPANISH

More than 400 million people in the world speak Spanish as a first language. Español, also known as castellano, is the second most spoken language in the world. It is the official language of 20 countries among them Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea (Africa), Mexico, Spain, and many other countries. Spanish was once the official language of the Philippines!

Spanish is a rich language with a vibrant culture. It is one of the world's most phonetic languages. Also unique to *el español* is the inverted question and exclamation marks (¿ and ¡) as well as the letter ñ. Spanish is becoming more popular in music mainstream with talented pop artists and lovely melodies strummed on the strings of the Spanish Guitar. Spanish has contributed to the arts ranging from the allure of Flamenco dancing to other dances such as the *Tango*, *Paso Doble*, and *Cha Cha*. Spanish literature has produced fiery novels, poems, and *telenovelas*. Spanish is the language of Sofia Vergara, Pitbull, Shakira, Daddy Yankee, Salvador Dali, Lionel Messi, Enrique Iglesias, Andy Garcia, Juan Pablo Montoya, Ritchie Valens, Pablo Picasso, and Wilmer Valderrama among other celebrities. ¡Vamos a hablar español!



DÉCEMBRE DEZEMBER 12月 十二月 ਦਸੰਬਰ DICIEMBRE						
ਐਤਵਾਰ	ਸੋਮਵਾਰ	ਮੰਗਲਵਾਰ	ਬੁੱਧਵਾਰ	ਵੀਰਵਾਰ	ਸ਼ੁੱਕਰਵਾਰ	ਸ਼ਨੀਵਾਰ
						1
2 Chanukah begins	3	4	5	6 Nikolaus; Constitution Day 	7	8 Immaculate Conception
9	10 Chanukah ends	11	12 Día de la Virgen de Guadalupe	13	14	15
16 Las Posadas begins	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day	26 Boxing Day Kwanzaa	27	28	29