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Thread: [If you could speak any language fluently, which would you choose and why?](#)

Cooligan - May 30, 2026, 10:33 pm

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What about you guys? *Bonus points for answering the poll above.
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Yakless - May 31, 2026, 1:03 am

I'd choose Polish, and you should have enough integrity not to post a poll in your thread.

Nerdz - May 31, 2026, 4:21 am

I would like to learn Portuguese one of these days.

(May 31, 2026 01:03 AM)Yakless Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I'd choose Polish, and you should have enough integrity not to post a poll in your thread.

Why should he not have added a poll?

Edmond Dantes - May 31, 2026, 4:33 am

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anua - May 31, 2026, 7:37 am

I'd pick German. I took some classes back in the day but dropped them. There are serious employment opportunities right now for German speaking software engineers in my area.

Mercury - May 31, 2026, 7:45 am

I'd go with Spanish. My two half sisters are both fluent in that and in English so I'd enjoy being able to communicate both. I understand quite a bit of it but I'm by no means even remotely fluent.

aiir - May 31, 2026, 11:55 am

Japanese so I can finally turn off those anime subtitles.

Sift - May 31, 2026, 5:18 pm
Chinese or Russian tbh

Riddler - June 1, 2026, 4:52 am

I would love to speak Spanish and Arabic. Arabic just for the confused faces, when i would order a Shawarma in Beirut (would just visit Beirut for this :D)

abnl - June 1, 2026, 8:13 am

I'd learn Mandarin to play on Asian servers

v1v1ds - June 1, 2026, 8:19 am

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we should've carpet bombed the whole world and turned it into one big parking lot... then we would all be safe

Cooligan - June 10, 2026, 3:36 am

(May 31, 2026 01:03 AM)Yakless Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I'd choose Polish, and you should have enough integrity not to post a poll in your thread.
Wait huh lol?

What's the issue with the poll?

(May 31, 2026 04:33 AM)Edmond Dantes Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I can't decide between spanish, deutsch and russian.

If you're looking for the easiest to learn out of those three, it's definitely Spanish. Would be a good starting point for you.

(May 31, 2026 07:37 AM)anua Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I'd pick German. I took some classes back in the day but dropped them. There are serious employment opportunities right now for German speaking software engineers in my area.

Sounds like it's time you made a DuoLingo account! Not sure how good DL is for German, but I know it's great for Spanish.

(May 31, 2026 07:45 AM)Mercury Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I'd go with Spanish. My two half sisters are both fluent in that and in English so I'd enjoy being able to communicate both. I understand quite a bit of it but I'm by no means even remotely fluent.

Being able to understand and not speak it fluently is the most annoying part, that's where I'm at as well. I can speak it fairly decently since I use it almost daily at work, however I still struggle a lot with the gendered structure of Spanish. My co-workers will often tell me "you just called that dude a girl btw" or "you just addressed that abuela as a papa", stuff like that lol.

(May 31, 2026 11:55 AM)aiir Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Japanese so I can finally turn off those anime subtitles. I was waiting for someone to post this lol.

(May 31, 2026 05:18 PM)Sift Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Chinese or Russian tbh
Mandarin is definitely tricky. I've had to translate it a few times at work and it's very complex to someone who has zero knowledge about it.

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Many of my military friends can speak a fair bit of Arabic due to their time deployed, and whenever we game together and find arabs or muslims, they'll break out the Arabic and start blowing minds lol.

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Ah, you're looking for the "Tamil" language. Extremely old, and known as the oldest spoken language. After that it's Greek, Hebrew, Sanskrit, and then finally of course, Latin.

baseballguy03 - June 14, 2026, 12:32 am
Russian or Japanese