

# Language Ambassadors

## Profile



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**Occupation:** Self-employed:  
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**Languages spoken (native and learned):** English (native), French, Welsh, Spanish, Mandarin, Hokkien, Malay (fluent), German, Russian, Dutch, Korean, Indonesian, Cantonese, Italian, Greek (basic)

When it comes to learning a foreign language, it is important to choose a language that clicks with you – there are so many languages in the world, you will have a natural affinity to some but not for others as you have a unique mind. Just because you can't get your head around one language doesn't necessarily mean you are bad at all languages – you simply find the right one that suits you.

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I spent the first half of my life believing that I was going to be totally monolingual in English because I simply could not get my head around my “mother tongue” Chinese as a child – then at the age of 18, I started learning French and found it so much easier than Chinese. I have since mastered languages as diverse as Welsh and Spanish and went back to conquer my demons by relearning Chinese in my 30s. It made me realise just how important it is to have a good teacher, an encouraging learning environment and most of all, believing in yourself when it comes to learning languages. I have had an amazing journey from being monolingual to a polyglot-linguist in the last 20 years and I am proof that even the most stubborn monolingual people can learn a second (or third, fourth, fifth etc) language successfully.