

Which are the 10 most used languages in the world?

First-language speakers given in millions

1	Chinese (Mandarin)	1.075,000,000
2	English	514,000,000
3	Hindustani	496,000,000
4	Spanish	425,000,000
5	Russian	275,000,000
6	Arabic	256,000,000
7	Bengali	215,000,000
8	Portuguese	194,000,000
9	Malay-Indonesian	176,000,000
10	French	129,000,000

London 2012 – Welcome to the Olympics

Partner 1

You've volunteered to help at the Olympics by acting as an interpreter. You'll be looking after a Chinese fencer. For a quick, crash-course in the language, go to: www.bbc.co.uk/languages

Find out any words or phrases that will be useful when you greet them at the airport. Make sure you can pronounce them properly! (You might find it useful to write the words out as they sound in English)

Partner 2

You are a Chinese fencer, arriving at the London Olympics. A volunteer interpreter will be waiting for you at the airport. What are the words and phrases that you will use to each other? (You might find it useful to write the words out as they sound in English)

Practice using these phrases to each other and be prepared to demonstrate your dialogue to the rest of your group. Try to do this without your notes!

Hint!

Click on: Chinese

Quick Fix

Basic phrases

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Partner 2

You are a German cyclist, arriving at the London Olympics. A volunteer interpreter will be waiting for you at the airport. What are the words and phrases that you will use to each other? (You might find it useful to write the words out as they sound in English)

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Quick Fix

Basic phrases

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Partner 2

You are a Greek sprinter, arriving at the London Olympics. A volunteer interpreter will be waiting for you at the airport. What are the words and phrases that you will use to each other? (You might find it useful to write the words out as they sound in English)

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Click on: Talk Greek
Topics

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Partner 2

You are an Italian horserider, arriving at the London Olympics. A volunteer interpreter will be waiting for you at the airport. What are the words and phrases that you will use to each other? (You might find it useful to write the words out as they sound in English)

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Click on: Italian

Italian steps

Meeting people

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You've volunteered to help at the Olympics by acting as an interpreter. You'll be looking after a Japanese wrestler. For a quick, crash-course in the language go to: www.bbc.co.uk/languages/

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Partner 2

You are a Japanese wrestler, arriving at the London Olympics. A volunteer interpreter will be waiting for you at the airport. What are the words and phrases that you will use to each other? (You might find it useful to write the words out as they sound in English)

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Click on: Japanese

Related links

Japanese phrases for travellers

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You've volunteered to help at the Olympics by acting as an interpreter. You'll be looking after a Brazilian gymnast. For a quick, crash-course in the language (Portuguese), go to: www.bbc.co.uk/languages/

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Partner 2

You are a Brazilian gymnast, arriving at the London Olympics. A volunteer interpreter will be waiting for you at the airport. What are the words and phrases that you will use to each other? (You might find it useful to write the words out as they sound in English)

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Click on: Portuguese

Talk Portuguese

Topics: Greetings

Introductions

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You've volunteered to help at the Olympics by acting as an interpreter. You'll be looking after a Pakistani swimmer. For a quick, crash-course in the language (Urdu), go to: www.bbc.co.uk/languages/

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Partner 2

You are a Pakistani swimmer, arriving at the London Olympics. A volunteer interpreter will be waiting for you at the airport. What are the words and phrases that you will use to each other? (You might find it useful to write the words out as they sound in English)

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Other

Urdu

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