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My name is Nick and I'm working for a cruise company dealing with German and English speaking customers.

What did you study?

I studied History and German at the University of Southampton.

How has this informed your career choice?

My first job after university is working for Norwegian Cruise Lines as a German and English speaking reservations agent, so my degree choice was vital in getting this job.

What encouraged you to learn the languages you speak?

I started learning languages in secondary school. It was worthwhile because it helps broaden your cultural awareness. The communication skills you learn are good for dealing with situations in everyday life.

Are there other languages you would like to learn?

I currently speak English and German but would also like to learn Russian.

Wie geht's?



How useful is it to have another language in your daily life?

At work, knowing another language is crucial. Although I don't really use German outside of work, I may well do in the future; my German skills mean that I have been able to apply for a football translation job.

One piece of advice...

Start learning early if possible, and live in a country which speaks the language for an extended period.