



Bonjour! Hallo!  
My name is Phil Preston, I'm a Modern Foreign Languages teacher of French and German.

What did you study?

I studied French and German at Lancaster University. This included Languages, History and Literature.

What is the best aspect about your job?

The best parts of my job are seeing my students succeed and enjoy using their languages.

What inspired you to become a teacher?  
When did you decide to do this?

Having worked in an office for 18 months, I decided to do something with my languages and becoming a teacher seemed like a good idea. I love communicating in different languages and wanted to share this passion with other people.

What encouraged/inspired you to learn the languages you speak?

I was good at languages at school, plus we had some really inspirational teachers who passed on their enthusiasm. I met the son of one of my old teachers recently and told him how his mum had inspired me. He was very pleased and moved by what I told him.

How many languages do you speak?

I speak French and German fluently. My Spanish is ok and I can read and understand Italian.

Best thing about speaking another language?

Being able to talk to people in their own language and showing that some English people do make an effort to learn languages.

Are there other languages you would like to learn?

I would love to learn Russian or Dutch.

One piece of advice...

Don't worry about making mistakes. Most people really appreciate you trying to speak their language.

