



今日は! [Konnichiwa!]
My name is Robert, I'm a materials scientist working in Singapore. I've had the chance to work in Japan and Spain.

What did you study?

I studied materials and photonics at university.

How has this affected/informed your career choice?

I have become a materials scientist, and had the opportunity to work in the UK and abroad in countries such as Japan, Spain, and Singapore.

How many languages do you speak?

I speak English, some Japanese and would like to learn Spanish. An interest in different cultures inspired me to learn these languages.

What is the best aspect about your job?

I enjoy having independence and being able to test my own ideas.



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

If you can speak the language of the people you work with, then it makes your experience richer. You are more likely to be able to break down barriers, and even if you can only speak a little of the native language, then people appreciate your effort and are more receptive.

What kind of skills do you use in your job?

Technical skills relating to my research, communication/presentation.

One piece of advice...

Do not be scared to try out the little language you have learned. It's fun!