



I Want to be an Ambassador! Video: “Build Confidence to Learn a New Language”

In our increasingly global society, speaking multiple languages is a tremendous asset for young people as they enter the job market, or even just to socialize and collaborate with people from diverse populations. But learning a foreign language could be an intimidating task, especially if that language uses a different writing system and tones and pronunciations than the language you currently speak. Educator Mandy Fong helps to create a comfort level with learning a complex new language with this fun introduction to the most commonly spoken language on the planet: Chinese.

LEARN MORE ABOUT EXPLORING FOREIGN LANGUAGES, AND BUILDING CONFIDENCE LEARNING LANGUAGES WITH DIFFERENT WRITING SYSTEMS

Babbel Magazine – The Alphabets and Writing Systems of the World

Writing has been around for over 5,000 years. Look at the history of writing systems and explore ones in use today around the world.

Babbel Magazine – Do You Speak Emoji? How Pictograms Transcend Linguistics Boundaries

Emojis are a fun way to connect with others and express your feelings in social media – but do they qualify as a *new writing system*? Hear what experts have to say about the language of emojis!

FluentU General Educator Blog – The Key Foreign Language Teaching Methods

From language immersion to task-based learning, discover the different methods for mastering a foreign language, and then decide which method is right for you.

Holidify Arts & Culture – 12 Oldest Languages in the World Still Widely Used

The concept of languages emerged about 10,000 years ago and it changed the course of humanity. Discover the secrets of ancient languages *and* learn which ones are still in use today!

The American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages – Benefits of language learning

See what the evidence-based research says about the value and benefits of learning different languages.

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[The American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages – Careers Using Language Skills](#)

Explore cool careers that put your foreign language skills to use!

Explore this collection of fun, short [educational videos from Chinese teacher Candice Sun](#).

[Written Chinese – How to Read Chinese Characters: A Beginner's Guide](#)

Understand the stories *behind* the Chinese characters!

[Russian For Everyone – Russian Alphabet](#)

The Cyrillic alphabet was introduced into Russia around 988 AD. Explore the language with this alphabet and audio guide.

[Omniglot Online Encyclopedia of Writing Systems & Languages – Explore Standard Tibetan language and writing system](#)

Explore Standard Tibetan language and its writing system with this collection of charts and videos.

[The Diplomat – The Story of India's Many Scripts](#)

Learn the fascinating story of India's scripts, and how technology is affecting their usage.

[National Association of the Deaf](#)

Not all languages are spoken. Discover American Sign Language (ASL) and learn how this visual language is an important part of the cultural identity of the Deaf community in the United States.

Are you multilingual? Share your experiences and tips for learning a foreign language.

You can email your story to us at luminari@luminari.org

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