

2.1.3 Languages that children should learn

- The position of English becomes even more apparent when children are concerned -

Source Questionnaire: QA2b

QA2b And which two languages, apart from your mother tongue do you think children should learn?

	English	French	German	Spanish	Russian	Italian	Swedish
EU25	77%	33%	28%	19%	3%	2%	0%
BE	88%	50%	7%	9%	0%	1%	-
CZ	89%	9%	66%	4%	9%	0%	-
DK	94%	13%	62%	13%	0%	0%	0%
DE	89%	45%	3%	16%	6%	2%	-
EE	94%	6%	22%	1%	47%	0%	1%
EL	96%	34%	50%	3%	0%	6%	-
ES	85%	44%	14%	4%	0%	1%	-
FR	91%	2%	24%	45%	0%	6%	-
IE	3%	64%	42%	35%	1%	4%	0%
IT	84%	34%	17%	17%	0%	0%	-
CY	98%	49%	19%	2%	4%	4%	0%
LV	94%	6%	28%	1%	42%	0%	0%
LT	93%	6%	34%	2%	43%	0%	0%
LU	59%	83%	43%	2%	0%	1%	-
HU	85%	4%	73%	3%	2%	2%	-
MT	90%	24%	13%	2%	-	61%	-
NL	90%	22%	40%	21%	0%	0%	-
AT	84%	29%	2%	10%	4%	11%	-
PL	90%	7%	69%	1%	10%	1%	-
PT	90%	60%	8%	7%	-	0%	-
SI	96%	6%	69%	3%	0%	12%	0%
SK	87%	7%	75%	3%	6%	1%	0%
FI	85%	10%	24%	3%	10%	0%	38%
SE	99%	17%	35%	31%	1%	0%	1%
UK	5%	71%	34%	39%	1%	3%	-
BG	87%	13%	49%	5%	14%	1%	-
HR	82%	5%	69%	2%	0%	14%	-
RO	64%	34%	17%	7%	2%	8%	-
TR	72%	12%	52%	1%	2%	1%	-

 = First language  = Second language

When respondents are asked which languages they think that children should learn the place of English becomes even more visible.

77% of Europeans consider English to be the language that children should learn. The scores vary from 99% in Sweden to 64% in the acceding country Romania. 33% of respondents mention **French** as the foreign language children should know, 28% **German** and 19% **Spanish**.

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QA2b Et à l'exception de votre langue maternelle, quelles sont les deux langues que vous souhaiteriez que les enfants apprennent ? (SPONTANÉ – MAX. 2 REPONSES)

QA2b And which two languages, apart from your mother tongue do you think children should learn? (SPONTANEOUS – MAX. 2 ANSWERS)

		TOTAL	German	English	Arabic	Bulgarian	Catalan	Chinese	Croatian	Danish	Spanish	Estonian	Finnish	French	Greek	Hungarian	Italian
UE25	EU25	24682	28%	77%	1%	0%	0%	2%	0%	0%	19%	0%	0%	33%	0%	0%	2%
BE		1000	7%	88%	1%	-	-	2%	-	-	9%	-	-	50%	0%	0%	1%
CZ		1029	66%	89%	0%	-	-	1%	-	-	4%	-	-	9%	0%	-	0%
DK		1031	62%	94%	1%	0%	-	1%	0%	0%	13%	-	-	13%	-	-	0%
D-W		1007	4%	88%	0%	-	-	2%	-	1%	17%	-	0%	46%	0%	-	2%
DE		1557	3%	89%	0%	-	-	2%	-	1%	16%	-	0%	45%	0%	-	2%
D-E		550	0%	92%	0%	-	-	1%	-	0%	12%	-	-	42%	-	0%	1%
EE		1000	22%	94%	-	-	-	0%	-	-	1%	10%	4%	6%	-	-	0%
EL		1000	50%	96%	0%	0%	-	1%	-	-	3%	-	-	34%	-	0%	6%
ES		1025	14%	85%	0%	-	2%	1%	-	-	4%	-	-	44%	0%	-	1%
FR		1012	24%	91%	1%	-	-	5%	-	-	45%	-	-	2%	0%	-	6%
IE		1000	42%	3%	0%	0%	-	2%	0%	0%	35%	0%	1%	64%	0%	0%	4%
IT		1000	17%	84%	3%	-	0%	3%	-	-	17%	-	-	34%	0%	-	0%
CY		502	19%	98%	0%	-	0%	-	-	-	2%	-	0%	49%	0%	-	4%
LV		1000	28%	94%	-	-	-	0%	-	-	1%	0%	-	6%	0%	0%	0%
LT		1011	34%	93%	-	-	-	-	0%	-	2%	-	0%	6%	-	-	0%
LU		501	43%	59%	-	-	-	0%	-	-	2%	-	-	83%	0%	-	1%
HU		1015	73%	85%	0%	-	-	0%	0%	-	3%	-	0%	4%	-	-	2%
MT		500	13%	90%	0%	-	-	0%	-	-	2%	-	-	24%	0%	0%	61%
NL		1031	40%	90%	0%	-	-	2%	-	0%	21%	0%	0%	22%	-	-	0%
AT		1002	2%	84%	0%	-	-	1%	0%	0%	10%	-	0%	29%	0%	1%	11%
PL		1000	69%	90%	-	0%	-	0%	-	-	1%	-	0%	7%	-	-	1%
PT		1000	8%	90%	0%	-	-	0%	-	-	7%	-	1%	60%	0%	-	0%
SI		1030	69%	96%	1%	0%	-	1%	1%	-	3%	-	0%	6%	-	-	12%
SK		1044	75%	87%	0%	0%	-	0%	-	-	3%	-	0%	7%	-	1%	1%
FI		1017	24%	85%	-	-	-	0%	0%	-	3%	0%	2%	10%	-	-	0%
SE		1054	35%	99%	1%	-	-	2%	0%	1%	31%	0%	0%	17%	-	-	0%
UK		1321	34%	5%	1%	-	-	5%	-	0%	39%	-	0%	71%	0%	0%	3%
BG		1004	49%	87%	0%	3%	0%	0%	-	-	5%	-	0%	13%	1%	-	1%
HR		1000	69%	82%	-	-	0%	0%	0%	-	2%	0%	-	5%	0%	0%	14%
RO		1002	17%	64%	-	-	-	-	-	-	7%	0%	0%	34%	1%	2%	8%
TR		1005	52%	72%	7%	-	-	1%	-	-	1%	-	0%	12%	0%	0%	1%