



**The World of Languages**  
and Languages of the World

# Multilingual Me!

Today, we will think about what it means to be multilingual.

# Objectives

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- We can see that we are all, in some way, multilingual.
- We can learn about the languages our classmates speak or understand.
- We can realise that we know more about languages than we think.



# Let's go!

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5 ways in which you communicate using your body

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4 ways you communicate using your face

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3 ways you communicate using noises but not words

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2 ways you could show you agree with someone

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1 way your pet shows they love you

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# How many languages do you know?

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With a partner list any languages you know and one word from that language. (Don't worry about the spelling). Who knows more than five?

Here's three to start you off...

1. German    Hallo
2. English    Hi
3. Hindi      Namaste नमस्ते



# **Tell us!**

## **1 to 5 challenge.**

Share with the class what languages you speak, hear or understand.

If you speak another language, would you demonstrate counting up to five to your class?



# Lingua (It means "tongue" in Latin)

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- **Mon**olingual means you speak \_\_\_\_ language.
- **Bi**-lingual means you speak \_\_\_\_ languages.
- **Multi**lingual means you speak \_\_\_\_ languages.

Do you think you are monolingual, bilingual or multilingual?

What other words can you think of with these prefixes?

- "mono"
- "bi"
- "multi"



# OK, get ready....

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- The next slides will ask you about how you communicate.
- Crouch down behind your chair then jump up, like a frog, if the statements apply to you.
- Be ready to give the class examples and explain why you jumped up.



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**Stand  
up if.....**

You hear your  
friends  
speaking other  
languages.





**Stand  
up if.....**

You  
communicate  
with your  
hands, face and  
body.



**Stand  
up if.....**

You speak or  
hear another  
language at  
home.



**Stand  
up if.....**

You can think of  
a famous  
person who  
speaks another  
language.



**Stand  
up if.....**

You have  
watched a film or  
heard a song or  
poem in another  
language.



**Stand  
up if.....**

You use different  
words with your  
friends than with  
your family.



**Stand  
up if.....**

You think you  
speak with an  
accent or in a  
dialect.



**Stand  
up if.....**

You are learning  
another language.



**Stand  
up if.....**

You have ever  
written or  
worked out a  
code.





# How often did you stand up?

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Being multilingual doesn't necessarily mean reaching a fluent level in a foreign language.

We all communicate in ways other than speaking English - we just don't realise it.

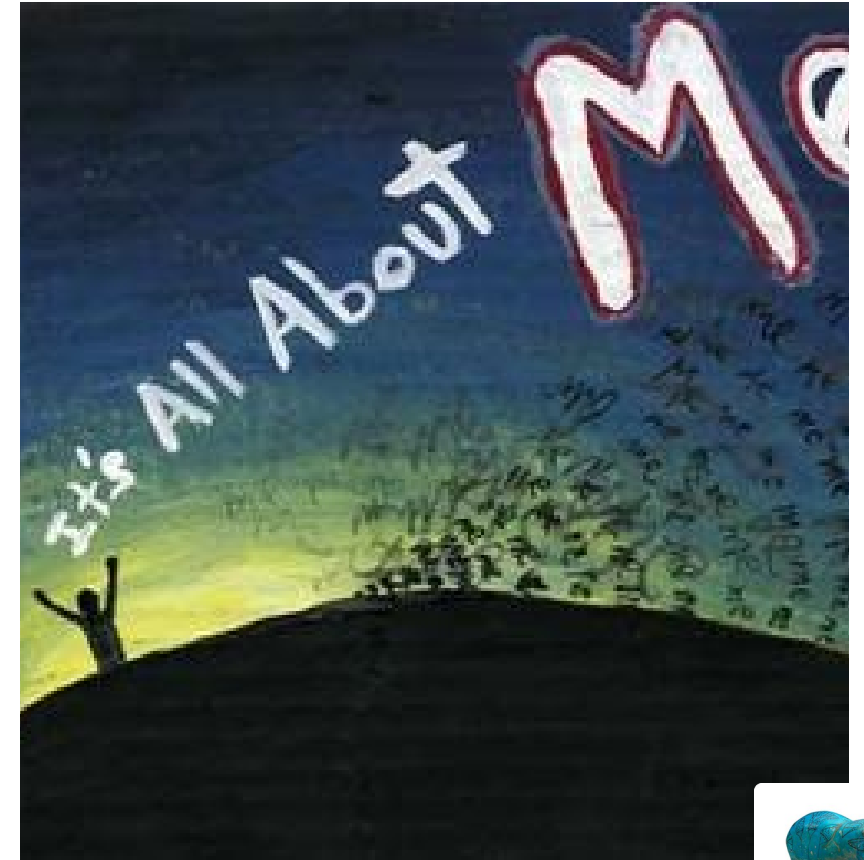
Discuss your answers from the previous slides. Why did you jump up?



# Multilingual Me

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- Your task is to create a poster all about you and the languages you speak or hear and how you communicate in general.
- You could join your ideas together to make a Multilingual Us poster.



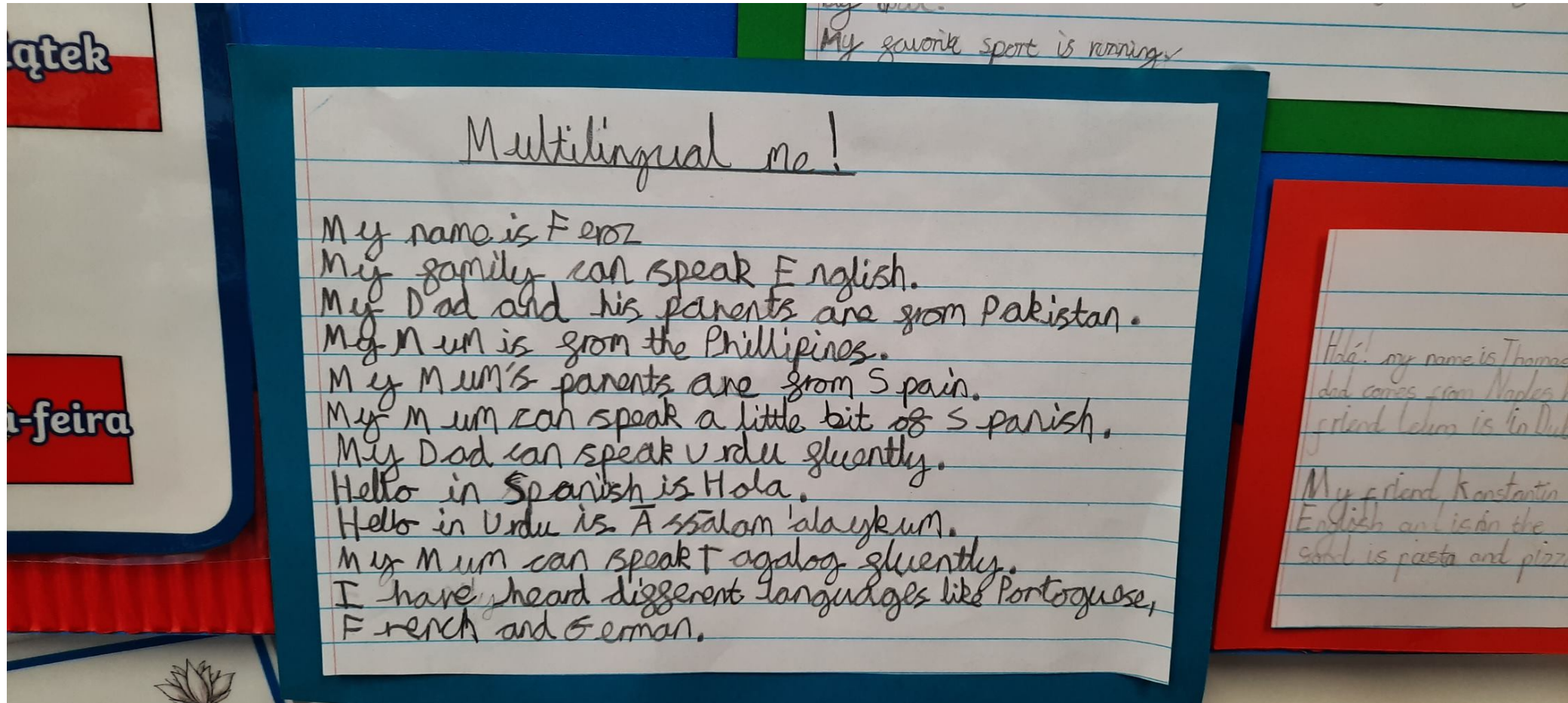
# My Example

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- My name is Abigail
- I speak English at home.
- My Mum comes from Belgium.
- She speaks Flemish, which is a bit like Dutch.
- I don't speak Flemish, but I understand some words.
- I listen to music in Spanish.
- I have watched a French film called Petit Nicolas.
- I speak English with a Kent accent.
- I sometimes buy food from a Chinese supermarket. I like looking at the Chinese writing.
- I went to Greece and heard the language and saw it written on signs.
- My best friend, Is-Haaq, speaks Arabic.
- I am learning French.



# Feroz' example



# Try this if you need help getting started...

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- My name is \_\_\_\_\_
- I speak \_\_\_\_\_ at home.
- My Mum comes from \_\_\_\_\_ and my Dad comes from \_\_\_\_\_.
- She speaks \_\_\_\_\_. He speaks \_\_\_\_\_
- I don't speak \_\_\_\_\_, but I understand some words.
- I listen to music in \_\_\_\_\_.
- I have family/friends living in \_\_\_\_\_
- I speak English with a \_\_\_\_\_ accent.
- I went to \_\_\_\_\_ and heard the language and saw it written on signs.
- My friend speaks \_\_\_\_\_.
- I am learning \_\_\_\_\_ in school.
- My favourite food is \_\_\_\_\_ and it comes from \_\_\_\_\_.



# WoLLoW would like to know...



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- Do you feel multilingual?
- If you could speak one other language, which language would that be?
- Why?

(I'd learn British Sign Language)

