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C	France (French)	German
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D	England (English)	German
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All four conditions (1)–(4) are satisfied.

### Prompts

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- 2) A is Japanese, and D cannot speak Japanese, but they can communicate without difficulty.
- 3) Only one language can be spoken by three of them.
- 4) No one among the four can speak both Japanese and French.

Note: The order of A, B, C, and D, and the order of England, France, Japan, and Germany, may not correspond.

Question: Which country is each of the travelers A, B, C and D from, and which foreign language does each of them speak?

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- The puzzle is about figuring out how four travelers (A, B, C, D) from different countries communicate. B cannot speak English but translates between A and C. This means B speaks both A's and C's languages, but not English. A and C must speak different languages, implying that B understands all three languages spoken except English.
- A and C must not speak English as their shared language. B, who translates between them, must know both of their languages, but not English. This means B speaks A's and C's languages, potentially using their own native language and a foreign one. A and C use only their native languages for conversation.
- B cannot speak English as per the given condition. Now, for A and D, A is from Japan, and D cannot speak Japanese, yet they communicate easily. This suggests that A's foreign language must match D's native language. So, A's foreign language is either English, French, or German, which matches D's language.
- A's foreign language must match D's nationality, so D speaks A's foreign language. Now, only one language is spoken by three of the travelers. The key point is that each traveler speaks exactly one foreign language, so some languages must be shared. We need to identify which language is spoken by three of them.

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- B cannot speak English, and each person speaks two languages, one native and one foreign. A's foreign language must match D's native language, and since B translates between A and C, B must know both languages. A speaks Japanese, C speaks another language, and B must know both. C cannot speak English, so D (the English speaker) must communicate in English with A.
- To solve this, I deduce that B cannot be French since B speaks Japanese. Therefore, B must be German native and speak Japanese as a foreign language. A's foreign language must be English, and D is the English native. For the translator role, B translates between A (Japanese) and C by knowing both languages, guided by the constraints.
- I conclude that for B to fulfill the translator role between A and C, B must be German, with Japanese as a foreign language. A's foreign language will be English or German. D must be England, as only this assignment satisfies the conditions, especially since D cannot speak Japanese.
- Based on the constraints, we conclude that:
  - A speaks Japanese and English.
  - B speaks German and Japanese.
  - C speaks French and German.
  - D speaks English and German.

This satisfies all conditions, including language limitations, translation requirements, and the

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### Solution

#### Step-by-step deduction

1. From (2): A is Japanese.  
By (4) no one can speak both Japanese and French  $\Rightarrow$  A's foreign  $\neq$  French  $\Rightarrow$  A's foreign  $\in$  {English, German}.
2. Still from (2): D cannot speak Japanese but communicates with A without difficulty.  
Therefore A's foreign = D's native language (the common tongue). Hence  $D \in$  {England, Germany} and A's foreign = English or German accordingly.
3. From (1): B cannot speak English yet can translate for A and C.  
To translate A's side, B must speak Japanese.  
By (4), a French person cannot also speak Japanese  $\Rightarrow$  B is not French.

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By (4), a **French** person cannot also speak **Japanese**  $\Rightarrow$  **B is not French**.  
 B also cannot be **English** (he doesn't speak English). A is already Japanese.  
 Therefore **B = German (native German)** and B's foreign = **Japanese**.

4. The remaining nationalities for {C, D} are **England** and **France**.  
 But from step 2,  $D \in \{\text{England, Germany}\}$  and B already took **Germany**  $\Rightarrow D = \text{England}$ .  
 Thus **A's foreign = English** (D's native), and **C = France**.

5. By (4), **C's foreign  $\neq$  Japanese** (a French person cannot also speak Japanese).  
 For B to translate between A and C, B speaks **Japanese and German**; C must therefore use **German** (not Japanese).  
 Hence **C's foreign = German**.

6. Check (3): exactly **one** language is spoken by **three** people.  
 Current counts before picking D's foreign:

- Japanese: A(native), B(foreign) = 2
- English: D(native), A(foreign) = 2
- French: C(native) = 1
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- English: D(native), A(foreign) = 2
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Choose **D's foreign = German**  $\Rightarrow$  German becomes 3 (B, C, D) and the others are not 3. Condition (3) satisfied.

7. Re-check all constraints:

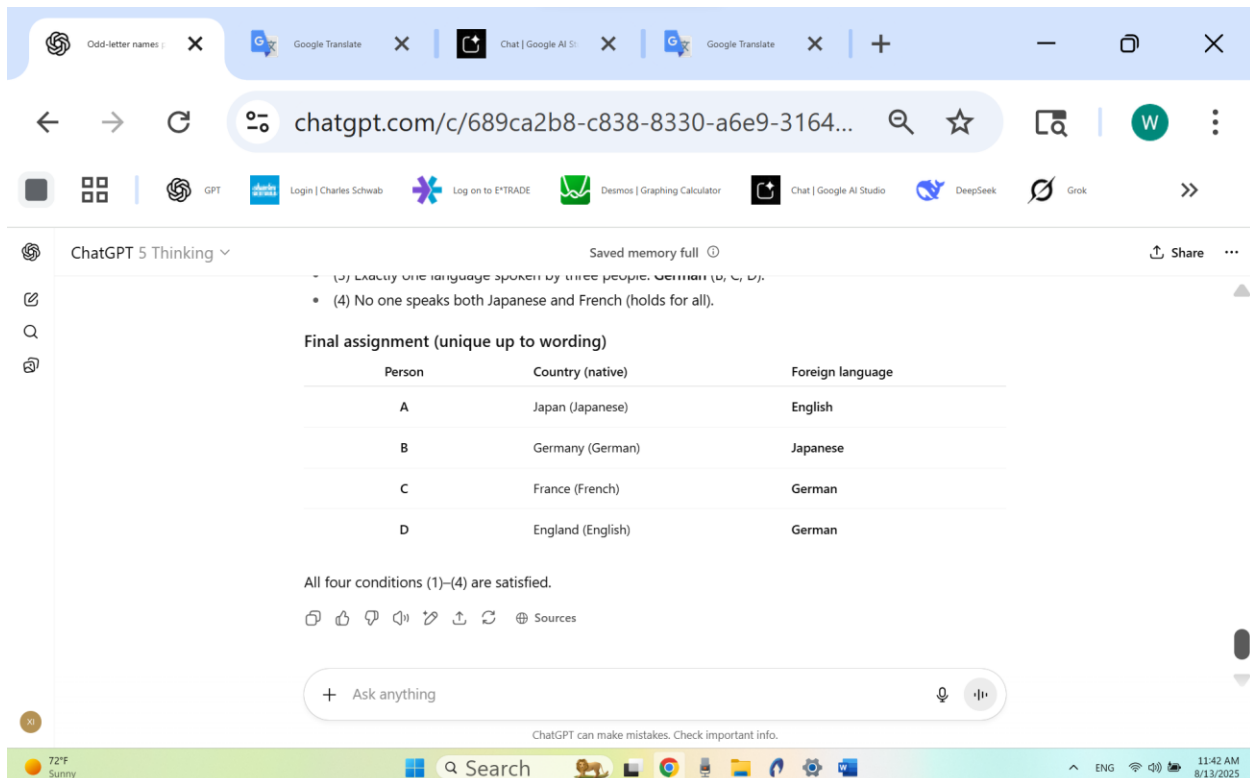
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**Final assignment (unique up to wording)**

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C	France	German
D	England	None

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