

Discussing modern foreign languages and my future



Length:
15-20 minutes

About this lesson

To help students understand the importance that modern foreign language can play in their future, students will watch a video about the relevance of the subject and will engage in a class discussion that will allow them to understand how modern foreign language connect to their lives regardless of what their future holds.

Objectives

By the end of this lesson, students will

- Be able to list real-life connections in modern foreign language
- Understand how the subject can be relevant in different contexts

Inquiry prompt

- Why is studying modern foreign language relevant to my future?

Before you begin

1. Ensure that you are able to play the [Modern foreign language and your future success](#) video.

Teaching strategies

- 1 Have students consider the following question: How is studying modern foreign language relevant to my future? Allow students five minutes to write, and have them keep their responses.
- 2 As a class, brainstorm some ways that modern foreign language are connected to everyday life. Take notes to remind students of their responses.
- 3 Show students the [Modern foreign language and your future success](#) video. Have them consider the following discussion questions as they watch:
 - What are some careers that are connected to modern foreign language?
 - Did any of the careers surprise you? Why or why not?
 - Even if a person isn't interested in pursuing modern foreign language as part of their career, why is it important to learn the subject?
- 4 When the video is over, spend five minutes discussing it as a class, using the discussion questions above as a guide.
- 5 Have students return to their responses to the question at the beginning of class. Give students a few minutes to update their answers. Then discuss with students – did they have anything to add to their answers? Why or why not? Be sure to update class notes as well.
- 6 Follow up for educators:
 - Continue the conversation by having students take the **Matchmaker** interest assessments in Xello that match students with careers that best

Xello entry point

None, students can dive right in!

Materials required

- [Modern foreign language and your future success](#) video.
- Whiteboard and whiteboard markers (optional)

Outcomes

- Student discussion responses

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suit their interests, preferences, and personality styles.

- Guide students in career exploration in **Explore Options** in Xello. Students can further explore careers related to modern foreign language (or any other subject) by filtering careers by school subject.