

# Quotes to Inspire Linguists

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“To learn a language is to have  
one more window from which to  
look at the world.”

Chinese proverb

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“Talk to a man in a language he understands, you reach his head. Talk to him in his own language, you talk to his heart.”

Nelson Mandela

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“Do you know what a foreign accent is? It’s a sign of bravery.”

Amy Chua

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“Having already played abroad, I know it’s so important to be able to communicate. I want to speak to everyone, I want to be friends with everyone.”

Lucy Bronze (England Lioness)

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“You can never understand one language until you learn two.”

Geoffrey Willans

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“He who knows no foreign Languages  
knows nothing of his own.”

Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

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“Knowledge of languages is the doorway to wisdom.”

Roger Bacon

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“The world is a puzzle and each language is a piece.”

Anon. Likely to be a wise language teacher. 😊

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“One language sets you in a corridor for life. Two languages opens every door along the way.”

Frank Smith

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“Don’t be afraid to make mistakes! In learning languages, nothing feels better than getting it right after getting it wrong.”

Usama Soltan

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“Learning another language is not only learning different words for the same things, but learning another way to think about things.”

Flora Lewis

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“Learning a language makes our minds strong and more flexible. Actually using it gives us an entirely new experience of the world.”

John Cleese

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“To have another language is to possess a second soul.”

Charlemagne

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“A different language is a different  
vision of life.”

Federico Fellini

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“The limits of my language are the  
limits of my world.”

Ludwig Wittgenstein

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“With languages you are at home  
anywhere.”

Edward de Waal

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