

## **BBC Languages Newsletter No 30**

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### **BBC TWO Learning Zone Languages Programme Schedule January to March 2005**

The popular *Talk* Programmes (German, Italian, French and Spanish will be repeated in January and February along with the *Inside Out* series (Germany, Italy, France and Spain). The other major highlight of the winter schedule will be your chance to take another look at our major *Real Chinese* beginners' Mandarin course that gives learners an up-to-the-minute introduction to the Chinese language, culture and way of life. This will be broadcast alongside the series of *China Close Up* documentaries about Chinese people living through a period of dramatic change.

Other scheduled programmes include the *Make Your Business* series (French, Spanish, German and Italian), *Deutsch Plus II* and *Japanese Language and People*.

Tuesday, 11 <sup>th</sup> January	01.00 – 06.00	Talk German 1-6, Germany Inside Out 1-5, How to Learn a Language
Tuesday, 18 <sup>th</sup> January	01.00 – 06.00	Talk Italian 1-6, Italy Inside Out 1-5, Renaissance Secrets: Venice: Second Hand City, Sister Wendy's Grand Tour: Florence, A Foot Again in the Past: Pienza, A Foot Again in the Past: Palermo
Tuesday, 25 <sup>th</sup> January	01.00 – 06.00	Talk French 1-6, France Inside Out 1-5, Living the Dream: French Holiday Heaven Revisited
Tuesday, 1 <sup>st</sup> February	01.00 – 06.00	Talk Spanish 1-6, Spain Inside Out 1-5, Living the Dream Revisited: A Restaurant in the Sun
Tuesday, 8 <sup>th</sup> February	01.00 – 06.00	Real Chinese 1-10, China Close Up 1-10
Tuesday, 15 <sup>th</sup> February	01.00 – 06.00	Make French Your Business Parts 1 & 2, Work Talk: France, Working with the French, Eurografters: France, Le Français au Pluriel
Tuesday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	01.00 – 06.00	Spanish Journey Part 1, Working with the Spanish, Make Spanish Your Business Parts 1 & 2, Work Talk: Spain, Eurografters: Spain
Tuesday, 1 <sup>st</sup> March	01.00 – 06.00	Work Talk: Germany, Make German Your Business Parts 1 & 2, Working with the Germans, Eurografters: Germany, Deutsch Plus II
Tuesday, 8 <sup>th</sup> March	01.00 – 06.00	Italian Journey Parts 1 & 2, Make Italian Your Business Parts 1 & 2, Eurografters: Italy, Talk the Talk: Compilation
Tuesday, 15 <sup>th</sup> March	01.00 – 06.00	Japanese Language and People 1-10

### **Launch of New-Look [www.bbclangues.com](http://www.bbclangues.com) Website**

We're pleased to announce that [www.bbclangues.com](http://www.bbclangues.com) has now been fully revised and updated. Please take a look!

The new site has:

- clearer links to the complete BBC Languages range
- a page for each main language, with different levels clearly displayed
- a consumer-focused information page for each product
- a news and offers section that will be updated regularly

- enhanced graphics and features throughout
- online catalogues, with "buy" buttons (linked to the bbcshop)
- a fresh, new design

Visitors can now:

- jump straight to our main courses in two clicks
- search for products by language or by name
- decide which product suits them best
- jump to our other learning sites
- 'email a page' to a friend

Please take a look at [www.bbclangues.com](http://www.bbclangues.com) for yourselves – and recommend it to your students and friends!

### What's New at [www.bbc.co.uk/languages](http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages)

- New look for the homepage - Easier to navigate and see what we have to offer on our site. Let us know what you think, <mailto:languages@bbc.co.uk>  
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages>
- Better@listening - We've developed a new way to help language learners improve their listening skills - available in French and Spanish - German and Italian coming soon.  
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/listening>
- Quickfixes - Take a look at our new Greek and Portuguese Quickfixes with new holiday phrases.  
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/other/quickfix>
- To help tutors and teachers prepare for classes [bbc.co.uk/languages](http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages) has launched a comprehensive guide to BBC resources online and on TV. The lesson plans are topic-based and filled with variety. Just click on  
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/tutors>

### Languages ICT

#### Alerting Language Teachers in Primary and Secondary sectors!

*Languages ICT* is a new website from CILT and ALL which provides a gateway to information and guidance for teachers of languages on using ICT in the classroom, including the new services on offer from Becta ICT Advice. The site will be of relevance to any language, to Primary and Secondary, and to a spectrum of experience, from teachers who are beginners with ICT in the classroom to those at an innovative level of practice. (You can select your level of ICT use on the home page and be pointed towards website content of most relevance.)

Features of the site:

- ICT News Update - will sift through news and announcements for issues of relevance to Languages teachers
- Technology for languages - suggested uses of specific software applications for language teaching and learning activities
- Useful ICT ideas, effective language lessons - a searchable database of tried and tested ideas for using ICT in language teaching
- Webwatch languages - examples from language teachers of how they use specific web resources in lessons, with reviews
- Got a question? - a panel of teachers and other professionals on hand to offer tips
- ICT international - exploring the global dimension in language teaching, developing communication through international linking, insights into the application of ICT to language learning from around the world
- Partners in progress - research summaries and reports of innovative practice in the use of ICT for language teaching, with opportunities to get involved.

As well as practical advice and inclusive information on classroom matters, there will be guidance sections for heads of department and network managers.

One of the projects linked to this website development is the creation of a pilot e-mail discussion forum for teachers wishing to exchange views on ICT issues in the teaching and learning of languages. Find out more from the 'Got a Question?' area of the Languages ICT website: [www.languages-ict.org.uk](http://www.languages-ict.org.uk) (available from mid-November).

### **Linguists Celebrate the European Day of Languages in Their Hundreds**

A capacity crowd filled the central courtyard at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office on September 27th, where they were inspired by Award-winners, entertained by multilingual performers and enthused by exhibitors at the European Day of Languages festival. The event focused around the presentation by Sir Trevor McDonald of the European Awards for Languages and the launch of the news careers campaign, Languages Work.

Minister for Europe, Denis MacShane opened the proceedings welcoming those who had come to mark the Day and stressing the importance of language skills in 21<sup>st</sup> century society: 'A monolingual Britain will not prosper in a globalised economy, let alone make our way as a leading nation in Europe. Not everyone in the world speaks English and it is folly for Britain to turn its back on the need to improve our abilities to speak other tongues'.

Sir Trevor McDonald, an accomplished linguist and stalwart supporter of the promotion of languages, commented that the Awards 'honour the achievements of some of this country's most outstanding language teachers and learners, who perform a vital role in building up our nation's capacity in languages, so we can be outward-looking, entrepreneurial, confident of ourselves but not arrogant on the world stage'.

Seventeen outstanding projects received an Award, with two lucky winners also receiving cheques for £1,000. The UK Trade and Investment Business Language Prize was awarded to the University of Hull for its Doing Business in French project for its development of language provision to match the needs of business and employers. Gordano School Technology College, Portishead received the Mary Glasgow Language Trust Award for its project Talk, so that pupils listen and listen, so that pupils talk, which encourages students to learn what they need to communicate their ideas.

### **European Day of Languages Festival**

In launching the Languages Work campaign, Lid King, National Director for Languages, interviewed people using languages in their work, highlighting the range of opportunities available to employees with language skills. Languages Work targets students aged thirteen and above, helping them make informed choices at GCSE, A level and beyond, offering essential support at a time when languages are being withdrawn from the compulsory curriculum.

The resources produced as part of the campaign, which highlight the benefits of languages in working life, were unveiled during the day. Aimed at careers advisers and language teachers as well as the learners themselves, the materials were available free of charge and were snapped up by visitors.

**Photographs of all award winners, the Languages Work launch and guest speakers are available on request.**

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## Alliance Française & LT Scotland CPD Workshops

The Alliance Française de Glasgow and LT Scotland are offering 5 double sessions of CPD workshops for primary school teachers in Scotland. These workshops will be delivered through videoconference. They combine language review and practical activities for the classroom.

Each module consists of 2 sessions lasting 1.5 hour on the following themes:

Animals (1 and 8 November 2004)  
Christmas (29 November and 6 December 2004)  
Family (17 and 24 January 2005)  
Body parts (7 and 21 February 2005)  
Holidays - Mardi-Gras, Easter, Mother's day (7 and 14 March 2005)

For an enrolment form please ask:

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## Message from the Consejería de Educación

Greetings from The Spanish Education Office of the Embassy of Spain in the United Kingdom and Ireland!

To find our promotional materials, publications, and services, we suggest that you visit our website [www.sgci.mec.es/uk](http://www.sgci.mec.es/uk). After deciding what materials you would like, you may request them by sending a message to our Resource Centre at [recursos.uk@correo.mec.es](mailto:recursos.uk@correo.mec.es) or [pelayo.uk@correo.mec.es](mailto:pelayo.uk@correo.mec.es).

Do not forget that for each item you request you must send one British pound worth of stamps\* to this address.

Consejería de Educación  
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\* **Hay algunos recursos que tienen un precio distinto:**

-Mapas:	£ 2
-El español es un juego de niños (libro y casete)	£ 5
-El español es fácil (CD)	£ 2

And please do not forget that The Language Show will take place from 5th - 7th November, Olympia London. The Spanish Education Office stand is number 57.

## All 14 to 19 Year-Olds to Have Languages Entitlement

The entitlement of all 14 to 16 year-olds to study a language is to be extended to 14 to 19 year-olds too, according to the recommendations of today's Tomlinson report. This recommendation, which will have important implications for those designing vocational courses, will be an important step towards creating a world-class education system, which truly equips young people for life and work in a globalised economy, according to CILT Director, Isabella Moore:

'We welcome the recognition that an understanding of other countries and cultures is an element of Common Knowledge, Skills and Attributes and the recommendation that all 14 to 19 year-olds should have the opportunity to study a language. We also welcome the recognition of the importance of community languages. If courses can be developed which combine languages with a wide range of vocational options we will have gone some way towards aligning ourselves with practice in other European countries. It is important to recognise that young people will be competing for jobs with counterparts from Europe and beyond where knowledge of other languages is seen as a much more fundamental skill. We welcome the opportunity to develop both the specialist diploma in languages and courses to support other areas of specialisation. While these courses are in development it will be important to continue to make a vigorous case for the importance of languages.'

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### **London Metropolitan University e-packs**

The London Met e-packs are the University's new interactive online language programmes. They launched the e-packs at Beginners level French and Spanish last year and have since added Italian Beginners and level 2 French – with level 2 Spanish coming soon.

The e-packs are used by their university students on the Open Language programme (undergraduates, postgraduates, plus the general public on evening classes) plus their commercial clients as part of a Blended Language Learning programme. For more information and a free sample of the e-packs please visit <http://www.londonmet.ac.uk/epacks/>

### **Society for Co-operation in Russian and Soviet Studies**

The Society for Co-operation in Russian and Soviet Studies (SCRSS) is a unique educational centre, based in London, which aims to promote knowledge of the culture, language and history of Russia and the former Soviet Union. The Society caters for students, teachers, researchers, designers, and all other individuals interested in Russia. It offers a reference and loan library, information service, and unique photographic collection. It also organises Russian language courses, lectures and film shows, and facilitates professional contacts between individuals and organisations in Russia and the United Kingdom. The Society is a registered charity.

The SCRSS acts as an agency for students wishing to study Russian in major academic institutes in Moscow and St Petersburg. It works in close partnership with the Russian State Association for International Scientific and Cultural Co-operation of the Russian Federation. It has longstanding experience in this field and has been organising Russian language exchanges since the 1960s.

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And don't forget to visit <http://news.bbc.co.uk/hi/russian/news/default.stm> for a daily news update in Russian!

### **That's All For Now**

We hope that the above information will be of real use to you. Remember that we want the E-Mail Club to provide you with the opportunity to let us know what you think about anything to do with us or language learning in general - and we look forward to hearing from you.