

Which Countries Speak French?



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It's Not Just France!

Many people think French is spoken only in France; however, it is a global language.

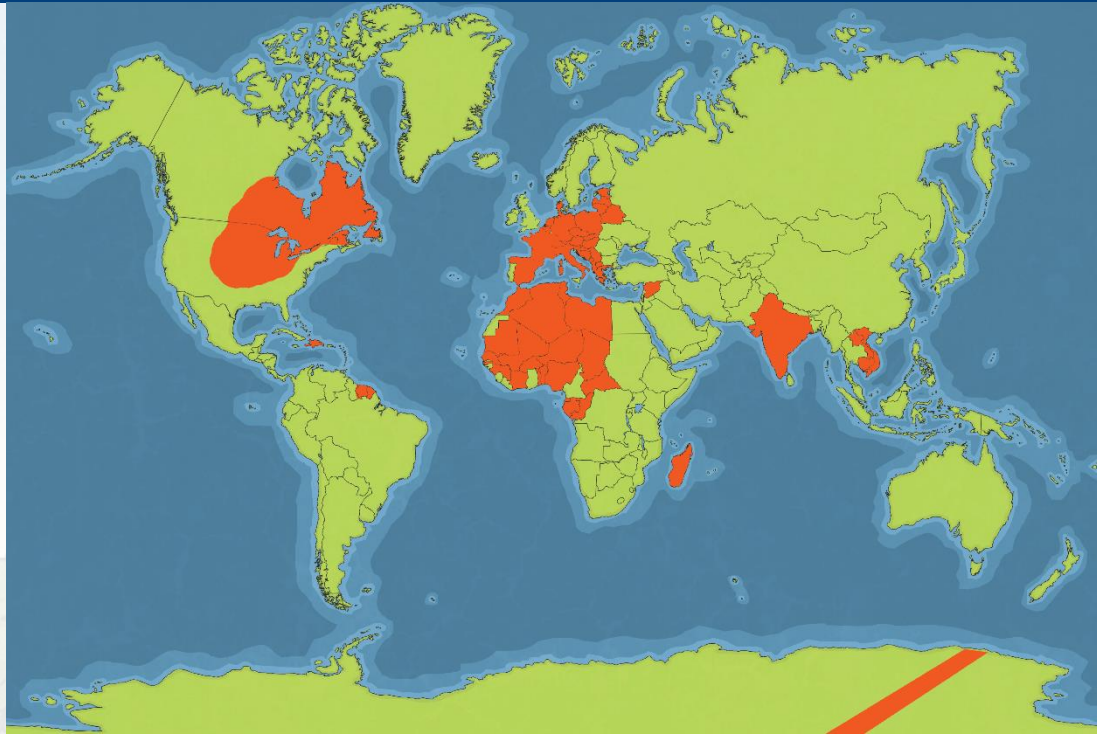
29 countries have French as an official language.

There are currently 220 million French speakers around the world.

It is one of the United Nations' five official languages.



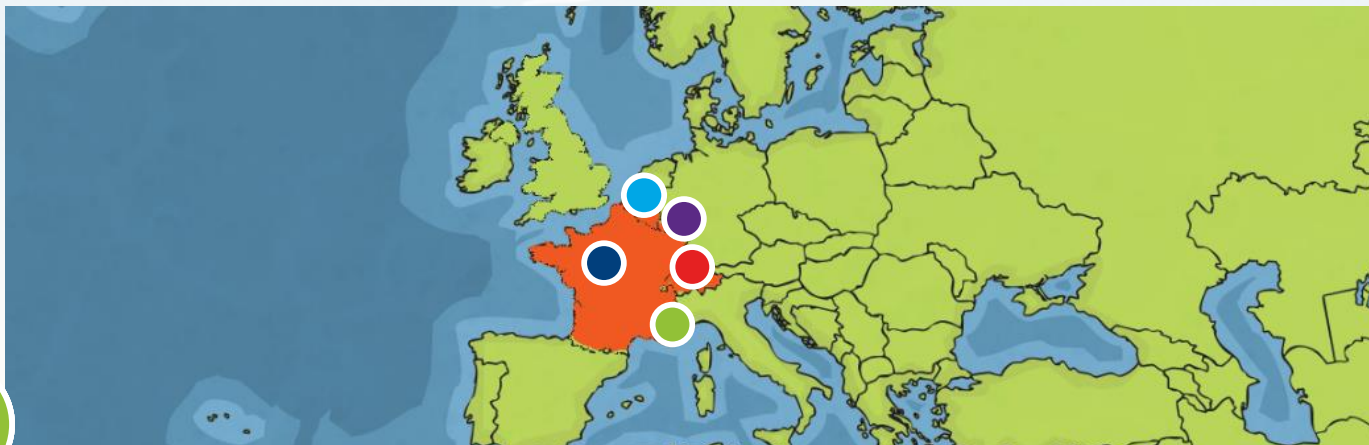
The French Colonial Empire



As with other colonial empires, many of these countries became independent; however, some territories are still governed by France today.

French-Speaking Europe

French is spoken by 80 million people living in Europe.

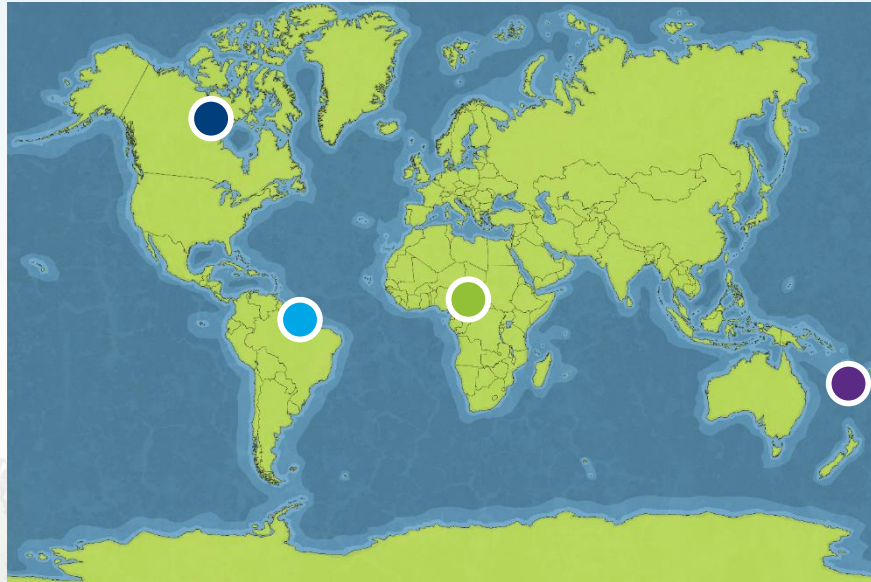


Monaco:

The official language of Monaco is French. However, English is spoken widely as well as the Italian dialect of Ligurian and the French regional language of Occitan.

La Francophonie The French-Speaking World

There are French speakers living in every continent of the world!



There are French-speaking areas in the Pacific Ocean. Most French speakers live in French Polynesia but also in Vanuatu and Wallis and Futuna. People here also speak Tahitian and other Polynesian languages.

French-Speaking Africa

This map shows the countries in Africa that speak French either as an official language or as an additional language.

Kinshasa, the capital of the Democratic Republic of Congo, is the second largest French-speaking city in the world.

Francophone countries

Part Francophone

Other



French Canadians

French settlers arrived in Canada in the 1600s.

Around 80% of the population of Quebec speak French. However, many Canadians living in other provinces can also speak it.

Montreal is the fourth-largest French-speaking city in the world.



Louisiana

The state of Louisiana in the USA was named after the French King Louis XIV by the French explorer Robert Cavelier de La Salle. In 1682, it became part of the Kingdom of France.

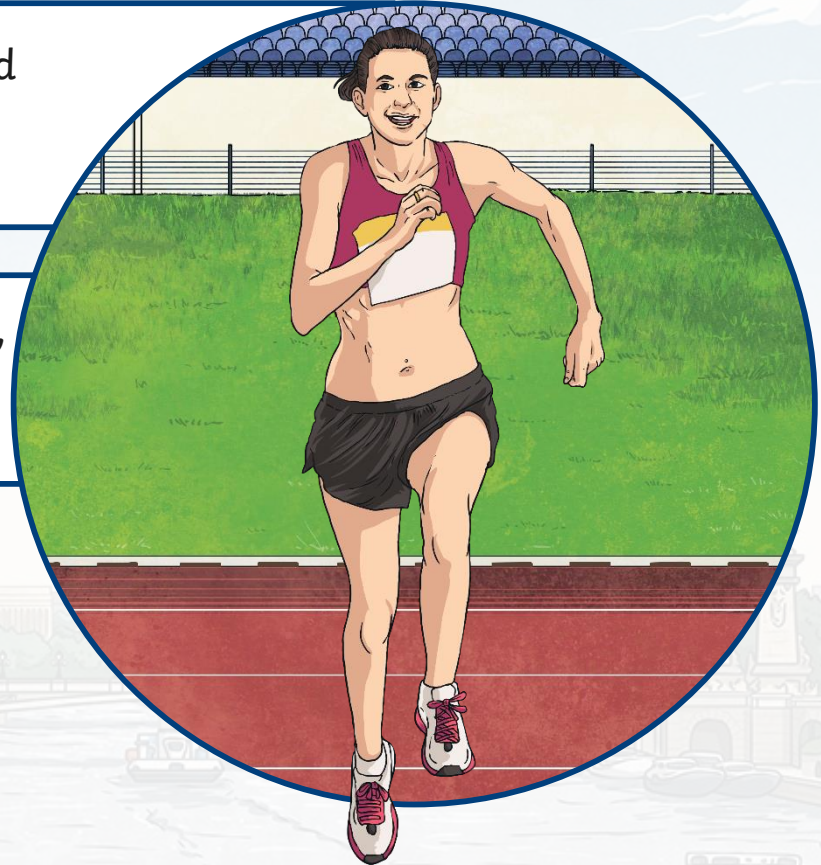


In Louisiana, many people speak French as well as English and Creole.

Jeux de la Francophonie

The Jeux de la Francophonie is an art and sporting event held every four years in a French-speaking country.

The 2017 games were in the Côte d'Ivoire, and the next games will be in New Brunswick, Canada, in 2021.





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