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# European Day of Languages 2025

How to get involved!



# 1. Enter the poster competition!

## Initiative 2025: Languages open hearts and minds!



Create a poster illustrating the 25th anniversary motto of the European Day of Languages “Languages open hearts and minds!”. This reflects that learning languages harnesses both the emotions and the brain. As well as potentially boosting brain power and connecting people, learning languages can facilitate the exchange of ideas, emotions, and experiences – strengthening empathy and respect for different ways of life.

You can use symbols, quotes and artwork to convey messages and let your creativity run wild!

Send us an image (jpg or gif) of the poster you produce to be showcased on the EDL website. There will be prizes for the top 5 most creative entries and 25 of the posters will proudly be displayed at the premises of the European Centre for Modern Languages!

**The submission form will be available soon.**

**Deadline for submissions: 15 October 2025**

## 2. Enter the t-shirt design competition!

### Initiative 2025: Languages open hearts and minds!



- Send us your design/image/graphic and have your layout on the official EDL T-Shirt!
- 1. Please keep in mind that the design should be about languages, not countries. So please **don't use flags or similar**.
- 2. You can use up to **3 colours**. Keep in mind that we need a simple design that is not too complex or that has small details. This will increase printing quality.
- 3. The design cannot go over the seams of the t-shirt, it must be placed on the front. Keep in mind that the maximum printing surface is 30 cm x 30 cm
- 4. The design cannot contain third party **copyright** logos or material.
- 5. By sending us the design you agree that we can use it free of charge on our websites, on the t-shirts and on promotional media (such as Facebook or flyers). Of course we will always add your name to it.
- 6. Please upload **.jpg or .gif** only
  - Submission deadline: **31 December**.
  - **The winner will also receive up to 10 t-shirts to give to his/her classmates!**



# Last year's winner: Languages for Peace



Tomás Gaspar  
Portugal



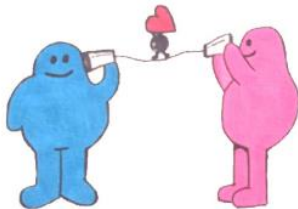
Selçuk Mogul  
Türkiye



Vanessa Słoma  
Poland



Laura Rocha



Dutu Nicoleta



ΙΣΙΔΩΡΑ ΠΑΡΖΙΓΚΑ  
Greece

Other examples of designs!

## EDL T-shirt contest winner 2025

The winner of the 2024 EDL T-shirt contest is 2025 is **Naile Begaj** (Greece). Congratulations!



While I was designing this logo, I had the terms "communication" and "peace" in mind. The green speech bubble symbolises "communication" and the pigeon is a symbol of "peace". Both of them aim at showing that language learning promotes cultural awareness, respect and friendship. This competition encouraged me and my classmates to think about the benefits of speaking many languages and getting to know many cultures. As our teacher keeps saying "The more languages you speak, the more people you reach!" - Naile Begaj, 12

### 3. Enter the song performance competition!

## Initiative 2025: An anthem for the European Day of Languages!



Help to create (and perform) a multilingual anthem for the 25th anniversary of the European Day of Languages!

With the help of artificial intelligence we have generated the text of a song in English entitled 'Voices of Europe' (see below).

We now invite schools, organisations, associations and, of course, other language enthusiasts to make it a truly multilingual work — either by translating/adapting the text into a language they speak, or even to go a step further and develop their own version of an anthem.

For the initiative we invite videos of the resulting anthem being performed as well as the song text in the language used for the performance — a truly multilingual version of the song will be developed from the submissions!

Who knows, maybe we will end up with a chart-topping hit on our hands!

**Further details, audio files and submission form coming soon**

**Deadline for submissions: 15 October 2025**

## **Title: "Voices of Europe"**

**Verse 1:** In every heart, a voice is found,  
A melody that knows no bound.  
From mountains high to oceans wide,  
Our words unite, our hearts collide.

Through languages, we learn, we grow,  
A world of wonders we come to know.  
Together we sing, together we strive,  
A symphony of tongues alive.

**Chorus:** Voices of Europe, strong and free,  
A tapestry of unity.  
Through every word, a bridge we build,  
With love and peace, our dreams fulfilled.

**Verse 2:** Each language holds a story deep,  
Of laughter shared and tears we weep.  
From past to future, hand in hand,  
We celebrate this vibrant land.

Let's cherish all, from old to new,  
The tones, the rhythms, every hue.  
A rainbow's glow, a starry light,  
A world of voices shining bright.

**Chorus:** Voices of Europe, strong and free,  
A tapestry of unity.  
Through every word, a bridge we build,  
With love and peace, our dreams fulfilled.

**Bridge:** No borders can divide our song,  
In every voice, we all belong.  
Let's celebrate diversity,  
Our shared and rich identity.

**Chorus (Key Change):** Voices of Europe, strong  
and free,  
A tapestry of unity.  
Through every word, a bridge we build,  
With love and peace, our dreams fulfilled.

**Outro:** So raise your voice, let's sing as one,  
Our journey's just begun.  
In harmony, we'll always stay,  
On this European Language Day.

# Languages Challenges!





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**4. Get involved with the Languages Challenges over the Summer!**

# European Day of Languages

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### Summer challenge!





# Summer Languages Challenges! Become a top agent!

Expand your knowledge of languages, have fun and earn a certificate, Satchel points and potentially prizes by completing challenges one of the following ways:

**Complete 10 or more challenges in the European Day of Languages challenges handbook.**



or

**Complete the languages challenges on the European Day of Languages phone app.**



**There are 50 challenges to choose from.**

**Keep a record of the ones you do to bring to your class teacher in September. Anything where lots of innovation, aspiration or resilience can be demonstrated may earn you a prize!**

**You could print off the handbook from the website or note your challenges carefully in a notebook.**

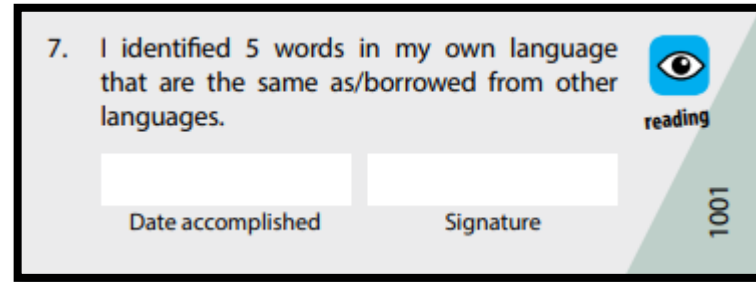
**You must move through the levels and do the challenges in the order set by the app.**

# European Day of Languages Challenges Handbook

You can access the electronic copy of the challenge book here to print or look at on your computer/device. [European Day of Languages > Activities > Language challenge \(ecml.at\)](#)

**Note down the challenges you complete and the date done.**

Here is an example →



7. I identified 5 words in my own language that are the same as/borrowed from other languages.

reading

Date accomplished

Signature

1001

**Even better if** you can bring examples of some of the challenges you do to your class teacher in September! Videos, pictures + flashcards etc..



**Complete 10 Challenges or more and you will be awarded with a certificate and Satchel points!**

# Are you up to the challenge?



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# Are you up to the challenge?

This year we are inviting everyone to participate in a language challenge around the European Day of Languages! The 51 challenges contained within the handbook encourage learners to go a little outside their comfort zone and take advantage of the plentiful opportunities available to practice or learn more about a language beyond a classroom context. You can choose easy challenges that don't involve much time – such as "count from 1-10 in 3 different languages within one minute" to ones that are a bit more demanding "together with a friend, write the words to a song/rap in a foreign language". There should be something for everyone and you may discover that you actually know more than you think about languages!



## WHY 50+1 CHALLENGES?



First and foremost the challenges should be fun! We call them challenges as they encourage you to do something new - that you probably would not normally do and indeed to go a little beyond your comfort

zone. Some involve an element of risk – but as the saying goes – nothing ventured, nothing gained!

The 50+1 challenges offer a varied range of possibilities, which you can pick and choose from according to whether you are applying them on a mission, in a classroom setting, on your own, or with friends or family. Some are more difficult than others (with the most difficult indicated by an icon) but the majority are intended to be flexible and adaptable to different ages, contexts, languages and levels of language proficiency.

We hope that you will be inspired by some of the challenges and, as a result, will develop your own which you are then welcome to add to the list.

## THE 51<sup>ST</sup> CHALLENGE

The '51<sup>st</sup> challenge' is a special one, where you can truly unleash your creativity and show to the world (or at least a small part of it!) what you can do in one or more foreign language/s. It is simply called 'What do you dare to do in a foreign language?'.

In this challenge, you are invited to post a short video clip (no longer than 30 seconds) to the European Day of Languages' website around this motif. It can be based on one or more of the challenges in the handbook, or can be entirely your own idea.

However, please do not do anything that will endanger either your own or anyone else's health in the process! A video of the most creative entries will be compiled on the European Day of Languages' website.



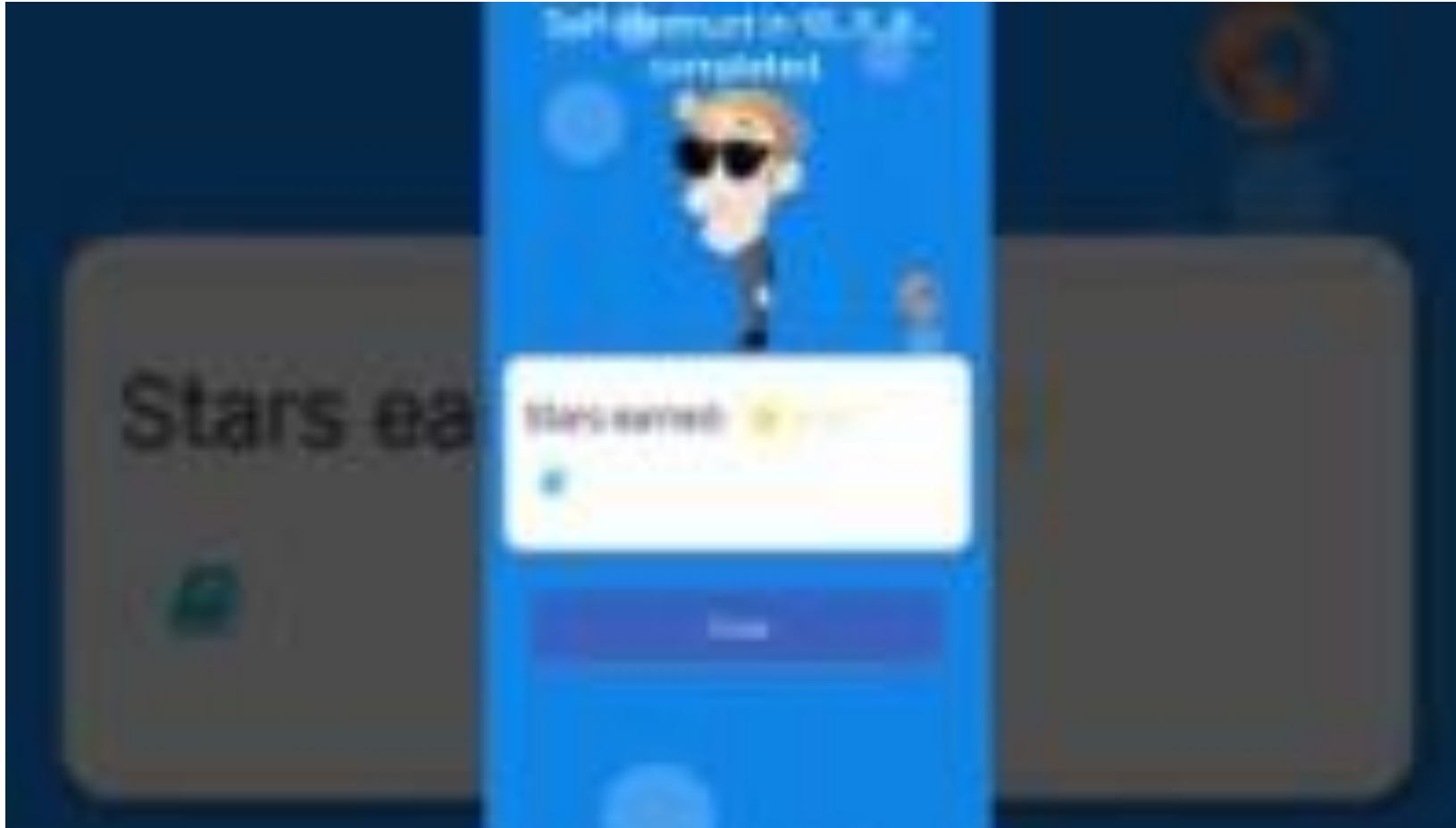
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# Using the app? Here is a peek.



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