

# MAP OF FRENCH-SPEAKING COUNTRIES

The  
Académie  
Française was  
established in  
1635.

The Académie  
Française was the  
first ever organisation  
to preside over a  
language.

French is  
the official  
language in 29  
countries.

French is used as a  
working language by the EU  
and the UN, as well as  
many international  
organisations such as  
Médecins Sans Frontières  
and the Red Cross.

After English,  
French is the most  
commonly taught  
foreign language.

There are  
275 million  
French speakers  
in the world.

Fun fact:  
with the help of the  
Eurostar, you can travel  
from London to Lille in  
just 1 hour 20 minutes.  
Hop on over and  
practise your  
French!