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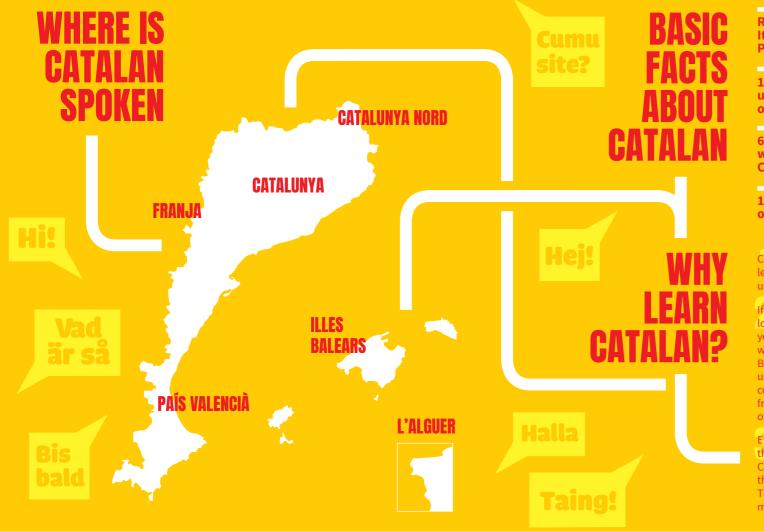
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Romance language, like French, Italian, Spanish, Occitan, Spoken language Portuguese or Romanian in the EU

17th most used language on Wikipedia

10 million speakers

6 out of the 10 most visited websites in the world have **Catalan versions** 

19th most used language on Twitter

Catalan is used in 74.5% of all lectures given in Catalan universities.

If you speak some Catalan, locals will be delighted – you'll be one step ahead when making friends! Besides, you will be able to understand the conversations of your local friends when speaking to other locals and get involved.

Even with a foreign accent, the fact that you speak basic Catalan shows at first sight that you are not a tourist. This can help you out in many situations.

Learning Catalan gives you greater access to many cultural offerings in Barcelona, such as theatre, lectures and readings – a lot of these types of events are

Speaking Catalan will increase your employability if you decide to stay in Barcelona after your Erasmus is finished, since a minimum level of oral and written fluency in the language is required for most jobs.

in Catalan.

7th most studied language in the European Union

161 universities throughout the world teach Catalan

Locals are incredibly proud of their language. This is due to the fact that Catalan was banned for so long under Franco's dictatorship and that Catalan speakers are Europe's biggest language group not having official status in the European Union.

Catalan can be distinguished as a language of its own from the 9th century onwards after developing from Vulgar Latin.

Catalan is the mother tongue of personalities who are known worldwide, such as singers (Rosalia), architects (Antoni Gaudí), sportsmen (Pep Guardiola, Gerard Piqué, Rafael Nadal and the Gasol brothers), painters (Salvador Dalí, Joan Miró or Antoni Tàpies) or chefs (Ferran Adrià and the Roca brothers).

English has words borrowed from Catalan, such as barracks, paper or aubergine.

Hola, bon dia Hello, good morning

Parles anglès? Do you speak English:

Molt de gust Nice to meet you

Perdó! Em sap greu

Com va? How are you?

Adéu Goodbye

Gràcies

Thank you

**Bona nit** Good evening/ good night

**Ouant costa això?** How much is this?

> Em posaries una cervesa, si us plau?

Can I have a beer, please?

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