

Cub Scout Academics: Languages and Culture



REQUIREMENTS

Tiger Cubs, Cub Scouts, and Webelos Scouts may complete requirements in a family, den, pack, school, or community environment. Tiger Cubs must work with their parents or adult partners. Parents and partners do not earn loops or pins.

Belt Loop

Complete these three requirements:

- _____ 1. With your parent's or adult partner's permission, talk with someone who grew up in a different country than you did. Find out what it was like and how it is different from your experience.
- _____ 2. Learn 10 words that are in a different language than your own.
- _____ 3. Play two games that originated in another country or culture.

Academics Pin

Earn the Language and Culture belt loop and complete seven of the following requirements:

- _____ 1. Earn the BSA Interpreter Strip.
- _____ 2. Write the numbers 1–10 in Chinese or another number system other than the one we normally use (we use the *Arabic* system).
- _____ 3. Visit an embassy, consulate, or chargé d'affaires for another country.
- _____ 4. Make a display of stamps or postcards of another country. Explain the importance or symbolism of the things depicted to that country's culture.

- _____ 5. Learn 30 words in a language other than your own. Practice saying these words with your den or an adult family member.
- _____ 6. Learn a song in another country's language. Sing the song for your den or an adult family member, and then tell what the words mean.
- _____ 7. Say five words in American Sign Language. One of these words could be your first name.
- _____ 8. Visit a restaurant that specializes in recipes from another country.
- _____ 9. Watch a TV show or movie in a foreign language. Tell how easy or difficult it was to understand what was happening.
- _____ 10. With your parent's or adult partner's permission, interview an interpreter. Find out what his or her job is like.
- _____ 11. Make a list of 30 things around your home that were made in another country.
- _____ 12. Read a book or story about an immigrant to the United States.

If the Scout's first language is not English, then English may be used to satisfy the appropriate requirements.

Resources

Local cultural societies can be an excellent resource for information and contacts about their culture and language. Libraries and museums are also excellent sources of information, along with the Internet. (Be sure you have your parent's or adult partner's permission first.) These organizations are advocates of early-age language programs:

Interpreter Strip Requirements

Go to <http://www.scouting.org/scoutsorce/Media/InsigniaGuide/05E.aspx> to find a link to interpreter strip requirements.

Advocates for Language Learning

P.O. Box 4962
Culver City, CA 90231
Phone: 310-398-4103

American Sign Language

<http://www.lifeprint.com>

Amazing Language Facts

- There are more than 2,700 languages in the world. In addition, there are more than 7,000 dialects. A dialect is a regional variety of a language that has different pronunciation, vocabulary, or meaning of words.
- The most difficult language to learn is Basque, which is spoken in northwestern Spain and southwestern France. It is not related to any other language in the world.
- All pilots on international flights identify themselves in English.
- The language in which a government conducts business is the official language of that country.
- More than a thousand different languages are spoken on the continent of Africa.

Writing Numbers in Japanese

1	一	5	五	9	九
2	二	6	六	10	十
3	三	7	七		
4	四	8	八		

Saying "Hello" or "Good Day"

Spanish	Hola
German	Guten Tag
French	Bonjour
Japanese	Konichiwa
Chinese	Ni hao
Portuguese	Bom dia
Hawaiian	Aloha
Italian	Buon giorno
Arabic	Al salaam a'alaykum
Thai	sa-wa DEE Krab (boy)
Russian	Zdravstvuite
Tagalog	Magandang tanghali po
Turkish	Merhaba
Indonesian	Selamat pagi
Greek	Kalimera

American Sign Language

