
Figure 8.6.**Combinations of languages most common among international organization officers**
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This table is based on the entries of the 1,930 biographees that contain information on language proficiency. In these entries 154 languages are mentioned; these 154 languages are listed in Figure 8.4. Of these 154 languages, 64 are listed by only 1 biographee while 53 are listed by more than 4 biographees; these 53 are listed in Figure 8.5.

Ten languages are each listed in the entries of more than 90 biographees. This table gives totals for combinations of these ten languages. For example: 1 biographee includes Arabic and Dutch in the list of languages in which he or she is proficient; 1,286 biographees include English and French; 313 include French and Italian; 180 include Italian and Spanish.

It should be noted that the figures in these tables are derived from information provided by the biographees themselves; according to general policy, the editors took people at their word and made no effort to check the accuracy of the claims.

See also 7.1. for a complete list of languages, and 7.2. for details on languages used by international organizations.

Dutch	Arabic 1	Dutch								
English	92	277	English							
French	62	258	1286	French						
German	17	210	737	598	German					
Italian	14	60	328	313	184	Italian				
Portuguese	3	16	129	113	46	55	Portuguese			
Russian	6	11	112	80	66	27	7	Russian		
Spanish	13	63	532	451	206	180	118	32	Spanish	
Swedish	1	5	94	52	62	7	4	9	23	Swedish