

Figure 8.6.
Combinations of languages most common among international organization officers
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This figure is based on the entries of the 1,907 biographees that contain information on language proficiency. In these entries 149 languages are mentioned; these 149 languages are listed in Figure 8.3. Of these 149 languages, 60 are listed by only 1 biographee while 53 are listed by more than 4 biographees; these 53 languages in Figure 8.5.

Ten languages are each listed in the entries of more than 90 biographees. This figure 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; 1,235 biographees include English and French; 305 include French and Italian; 175 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	89	261	English							
French	61	241	1235	French						
German	16	197	701	568	German					
Italian	14	57	321	305	179	Italian				
Portuguese	3	14	121	107	45	53	Portuguese			
Russian	5	11	110	79	64	27	7	Russian		
Spanish	13	60	515	439	200	175	111	34	Spanish	
Swedish	1	6	92	50	60	7	4	9	22	Swedish