

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 1,398 biographees that contain information on language proficiency. In these entries 138 languages are mentioned; these 138 languages are listed in Figure 8.3. Of these 138 languages, 60 are listed by only 1 biographee while 43 are listed by more than 4 biographees; these 43 languages are listed in Figure 8.5.

Ten languages are each listed in the entries of more than 65 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; 818 biographees include English and French; 211 include French and Italian; 179 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	61	158	English								
French	39	146	818	French							
German	11	118	463	374	German						
Italian	9	39	224	211	126	Italian					
Portuguese	0	9	79	72	33	38	Portuguese				
Russian	4	6	78	61	45	22	5	Russian			
Spanish	7	41	352	298	137	129	75	26	Spanish		
Swedish	1	3	60	30	38	4	1	5	11	Swedish	