Figure 8.6.
Most frequent combinations of languages
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This table is based on the entries of the 1,410 biographees that contain information on language proficiency. In these entries 101 languages are mentioned. These 101 languages are listed in Table 8.4. Of these 101 languages, 37 are listed by only 1 biographee while 40 are listed by more than 4 biographees; these 40 languages are listed in Table 8.5.

Ten languages are each listed in the entries of more than 40 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; 531 biographees include English and French; 128 include French and Italian; 72 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.

	Arabic	Dutch	English	French	German	Italian	Portuguese	Russian	Spanish	Swedish
Dutch	1									
English	50	140								
French	27	96	531							
German	6	70	303	216						
Italian	4	24	147	128	73					
Portuguese	0	5	41	38	17	22				
Russian	1	5	65	41	33	16	3			
Spanish	5	25	228	170	83	72	37	19		
Swedish	0	1	38	14	19	1	1	0	7	