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Francophonie Summit (November 14, 2026)

TEACHING GUIDE

ℹ️ **What?** The 20th Francophonie Summit, the big meeting of countries that share the French language.

👤 **Who?** The heads of state and government of the 90 members of the International Organisation of La Francophonie (OIF).

🌍 **Where?** In Phnom Penh, the capital of Cambodia, in Asia.

🕰️ **When?** On November 15 and 16, 2026.

❓ **Why is it important?** Because French is spoken on all five continents, and its member countries work together for peace and education.

🎯 **For this activity, your goal will be to learn a little more about La Francophonie around the world and the country hosting the Summit.**

OBJECTIVES

- Discover the OIF and the Francophonie Summit
- Locate five member countries on a world map
- Compare French with the world's other major languages
- Calculate a difference, a sum, and a ratio
- Read the share of French speakers by continent
- Understand the link between Cambodia and La Francophonie

SUBJECTS

- **Social Studies**
  - Countries and continents of the world
  - Independence in Africa and Asia
  - The birth of La Francophonie
- **Mathematics**
  - Operations with large numbers
  - Percentages
  - Reading graphs
- **English**
  - Informational text
  - Languages of the world
  - Short written answers

COMPETENCIES

- Read and interpret graphs
- Calculate with large numbers and percentages
- Find places on a map with Google Earth
- Read and understand an informational text
- Make connections between history and current events

DURATION

- Approximately 60 minutes

GETTING STARTED

- Ask the child which countries they think speak French
- Ask them if they know people who speak one language at home and another at school
- Ask them which language they think is the most spoken in the world
- Explain that a "summit" is a meeting of country leaders

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

STEP 1 — La Francophonie Around the World. Viewing of a short video about the OIF, followed by locating five member countries hidden on a world map, using Google Earth and flags.

Q1 — Canada.
Q2 — Belgium.
Q3 — The Democratic Republic of the Congo (accept DRC or Congo-Kinshasa; not "Congo" alone).
Q4 — Madagascar.
Q5 — Cambodia.

STEP 2 — French by the Numbers. Reading of two graphs (the 10 most spoken languages; French speakers by continent), followed by calculations and data reading.

Q6 — 246 million (558 − 312 = 246).
Q7 — Yes, by 38 million (312 + 335 − 609 = 38).
Q8 — About 5 times (1,500 ÷ 312 ≈ 4.8).
Q9 — 2 (English and Mandarin).
Q10 — 64.3% (50.4 + 13.9 = 64.3).
Q11 — Europe (29.2%).
Q12 — About 6 (6.2%).

STEP 3 — Why Cambodia? Reading of texts on the history of Cambodia and on the four founders of La Francophonie, followed by short written answers.

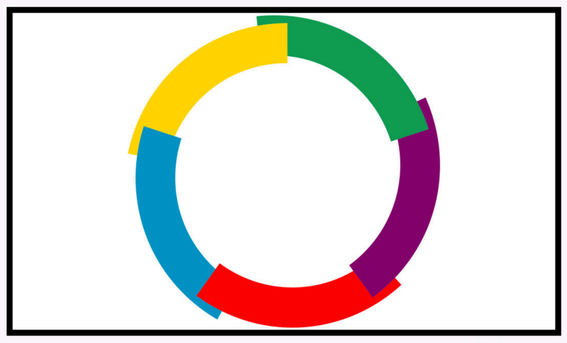
Q13 — Africa and Asia (Senegal, Tunisia, Niger; Cambodia).
Q14 — Léopold Sédar Senghor.
Q15 — Niger (in Niamey).
Q16 — It is the anniversary of the creation of the OIF's ancestor, on March 20, 1970.

WRAPPING UP

- Review with the child what they have learned
- Ask them what surprised them the most (e.g., five continents, nearly two thirds of French speakers in Africa, a king crowned at 18)
- Ask them why sharing the same language can help countries work together
- Help them discover other families of countries with EXPLORERS PLUS

FURTHER EXPLORATION

▶️ International Organisation of La Francophonie. *The French Language in the World (2026).*
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vqJgKauJMOA



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1 — Cabo Verde (Cape Verde)
2 — Angola
3 — Peru
4 — Iraq
5 — Türkiye (Turkey)
6 — Azerbaijan
7 — Libya
8 — Spain

Mystery word — CAPITALS

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French Has Cousins!

La Francophonie is not the only big family of countries! Here are four other groups. For each one, find the names of the two countries whose flags are shown. Write the first letter of each country in the box with its number: you will discover a mystery word linked to the activity!

The Arab League



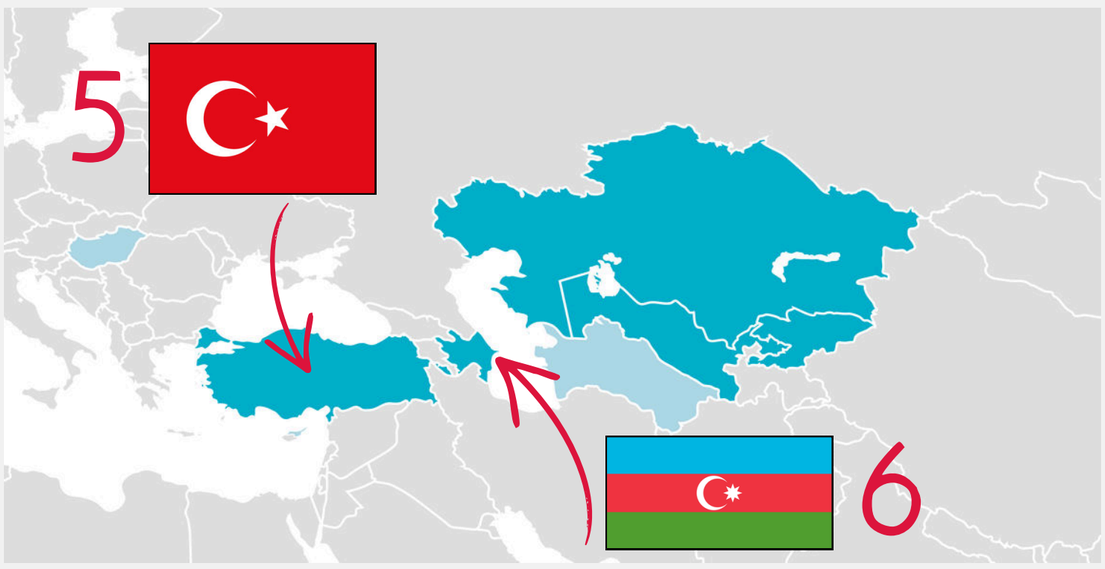
The Ibero-American Community



Secretaría General Iberoamericana

Secretaria-Geral Ibero-Americana

The Organization of Turkic States



The Community of Portuguese Language Countries



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The mystery word is:

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