Learn a Language

Background:

December 1942 saw 153 women gathered at Guide HQ to learning about feeding, sanitation and crowd control. The crowd control could have been anybody from refugees, locals to soldiers all from different backgrounds and countries. As a result, as part of the training for the G.I.S. it was required for the girls to learn a language. Even today it is useful to know how to speak and understand another language.

Time Taken to Complete:

The task will take between 2-3 hours, but you can continue and learn more.

Equipment Required:

- Pen
- Notepad
- Language app (e.g. Babbel, Duolingo, Rosetta Stone (*free through schools*))
- Google Translate
- English to (language) dictionary

Safety Precautions:

- **Unknown websites can be dangerous!** Use only trusted websites.

Suggested Activity:

Choose a Language that you'd like to learn. French, Spanish or German are good places to start.

Learn these phrases:

- Where is the Post Office?
- Where is the nearest food shop?
- Where is the pharmacy?
- Where is the doctor's surgery?
- Where is the nearest hospital?
- Where is the school?
- Where is the vet's?
- Where is the nearest petrol station?

Essential food items:

Milk, Bread, Eggs, Baked Beans, Pasta, Hand Sanitizer, Toilet roll?

Challenge Yourself!

Here are some suggestions if you are looking for more of a challenge:

- Choose a language from a country that the G.I.S. visited
- Learn potential responses to the questions, such as directions e.g. left and right
- Create a few sentences with what you have learnt
- Try and teach your friends and family what you have learnt

Hints and tips:

- Are you learning a language at school, do you know this information already? If so, teach it to another person, learning works better through teaching others.
- Does any of your family or friends speak a language, could they help?

Photos: Logos for apps