
Figure 8.6.
Most frequent combinations of languages
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This figure is based on the entries of the 1,843 biographees that contain information on language proficiency. In these entries 130 languages are mentioned; these 130 languages are listed in Table 4. Of these 130 languages, 49 are listed by only 1 biographee while 44 are listed by more than 4 biographees; these 44 languages are listed in Table 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: 2 biographees include Arabic and Dutch in the list of languages in which he or she is proficient; 870 biographees include English and French; 214 include French and Italian; 131 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	2		Dutch								
English	67	185	English								
French	42	154	870	French							
German	10	113	478	368	German						
Italian	9	39	232	214	120	Italian					
Portuguese	0	9	77	70	32	38	Portuguese				
Russian	4	4	81	62	45	22	5	Russian			
Spanish	7	43	366	299	136	131	72	26	Spanish		
Swedish	1	3	63	29	37	5	1	5	12	Swedish	