
Figure 8.6.
Most frequent combinations of languages
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This figure is based on the entries of the 2,050 biographees that contain information on language proficiency. In these entries 141 languages are mentioned; these 141 languages are listed in Table 4. Of these 141 languages, 57 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; 897 biographees include English and French; 215 include French and Italian; 130 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.

Dutch	Arabic 2	Dutch									
English	72	200	English								
French	43	156	897	French							
German	10	118	492	369	German						
Italian	9	40	242	215	118	Italian					
Portuguese	0	9	82	73	32	38	Portuguese				
Russian	4	5	90	64	50	21	5	Russian			
Spanish	8	42	385	305	136	130	75	25	Spanish		
Swedish	1	3	63	29	36	5	1	5	12	Swedish	