Culture and Language Learning

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Lessons from Abroad

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• Languages support the moral, social and economic initiation of young people into the culture and wider civilisation that surrounds them.

Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority 2009
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• *English language proficiency enhances the personal and intellectual development, and extends their understanding of other cultures through the English medium.*

( Hong Kong Curriculum Development Council, 2004 )
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- Language studies are cultural studies
- .....participate in English children’s culture and literature through words, pictures, music, and movement.

- Norwegian Ministry of Education and Research 2007
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- Learning a foreign language is a liberation from insularity and provides an opening to other cultures. A high-quality languages education should foster pupils’ curiosity and deepen their understanding of the world.

National Curriculum in England, Framework for Consultation (February 2013)
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• *Language encodes and reflects its culture and learners cannot gain the same depth of understanding to engage with cultural difference through their own language*

Fernández (2007)
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Clapping games video clip

• www.tes.co.uk/teaching-resource/Primary-French-Deux-jeux-de-mains-6085164/