This illustrated booklet on career opportunities requiring proficiency in a second language is intended primarily for students in elementary and secondary schools. Cartoon figures clarify the statistical information and help the student understand the many and varied kinds of vocational careers available. Teachers will find this a helpful publication when students question the rationale of studying foreign language. (RL)
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Did you know...

"the largest employer in the United States and the greatest user of language skills is the Federal government? It employs more than 1.5 million full-time white-collar workers, including more than 90,000 U.S. citizens on overseas civilian assignment."
Did you know...

"in New York City, for example, authorities have had to make provision for communicating with speakers of as many as 54 foreign languages?"

YEAH, SARGE. THEY SAW WHO DID IT. TROUBLE IS, WE DON'T UNDERSTAND SPANISH... OR YIDDISH... OR POLISH, OR CHINESE, OR SWEDISH...
Did you know...

"there are exciting prospects in missionary work for linguists because the church pioneers are often the first to develop alphabets and writing for many languages?"
Did you know...

"an average office worker with a foreign language skill may earn from $15 - $20 more per week than a monolingual worker with the same technical skills. However, may it be stated right at the start that the language is but an additional asset; the job depends in most cases on technical or professional skill or knowledge?"
Did you know... "you don't need to leave the U.S. to use your foreign language skill?"

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Did you know...

"no one really knows how many languages there are in the world, the usually quoted estimate is 3,000?"
Some reflections on the idea of foreign language study as the basis of a ...
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The need in underdeveloped countries for bilingual agricultural experts is great. The personal satisfaction derived from helping others is a major reward.
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Latin is highly desirable for any student planning to have a health career. In addition, many medical breakthroughs have been made in foreign countries. The details of these discoveries are first available to those who can understand the native language of the particular country.
Did you know that James Bond is fluent in French, Italian, Chinese, and Swahili? As a politician, you may get the Irish vote if you speak with a brogue.
Communication among environmental experts of the various countries is essential if we are to preserve our world. The newness of the field, combined with the immediate need for research and solutions, makes this an exciting and desirable career for a person with technical and foreign language training.
Of course, communication is really what foreign language is all about. Thomas Mann put it eloquently when he said: "Speech is civilization itself. The word, even the most contradictory word, preserves contact -- it is silence that isolates."
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The languages spoken by those in the field of personal services are as diverse as the occupations themselves. A missionary stationed in Latin America and a reference librarian in New York City both illustrate possible uses of foreign language in this field.
Although a complex blueprint may look "Greek" if you're not an architect or draftsman, those in construction who are bilingual may get a rewarding job in helping develop a foreign country.
TRANSPORTATION

Probably any child who likes cars has had aspirations to enter the Le Mans race. You'd have a head start if you knew French! Airlines require at least part of their personnel to know a foreign language.
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Now you know...

"a foreign language can be useful in attaining an exciting and well-paying career, provided you have the necessary skill."

"you can use your foreign language skill for pleasure in such ways as traveling, reading foreign books and articles, listening to music in a foreign language, and ordering from a menu in a foreign restaurant."

"increased communication has caused the world to "shrink". A monolingual person will find himself stranded, in a sense, on an island of boredom and loneliness, while a person with foreign language training will have increased friendship, understanding, and happiness."
Now you know...

"your foreign language skill provides a never-ending source of pleasure in the pursuit of leisure time activities."
Now you know...

"man's ability to travel has run far ahead of his ability to communicate."
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