

CAREERS

Bilingual Careers

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There are many jobs for bilingual people. You might be an interpreter, a translator, a teacher, or a police officer. You could work as a clerk or cab driver.

Some jobs require that you speak two languages. You take on an important role. You talk with people who need your help. Teachers, police officers, interpreters, radio station staff, travel guides, and health aides may need to be bilingual.

In other jobs, knowing a second language helps you get the job. It could help you as a waitress, store clerk, or hotel clerk. It could help you be a telephone operator, bus driver, or taxi driver. You can help talk to people who don't know English.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

An **interpreter** needs to be good at speaking two languages. A **translator** needs to be good at speaking *and* writing two languages. You may need to go to school to become better at speaking and writing both languages.

For some careers you will need to have

more than a high school degree. Such jobs could be for a teacher, a doctor, or a nurse. You could get a job in international business or in the field of travel.

The other jobs, like clerks, wait staff, and cab drivers, see a second language as helpful. It would be enough to speak in both languages. The most important part for many jobs is to talk politely and get along with people.

JOB OUTLOOK AND EARNINGS

There will always be jobs to help people who don't know English. Being bilingual is a great skill. It can be used to help you and others. The amount you get paid depends on the job you do. A job will pay more if it requires that you speak *and* write both languages.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

You can find out more by talking to your local state employment office. Also talk with the employers for jobs you think you could do. Let them know you speak two languages. ■

