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Task 4

Local and Global Communities

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Warm-up

1. When people speak another language/dialect in the streets of Toronto, how do you know it is not English?
2. Do you know how to say any words or expressions in another language/dialect (not your first language or English)?
3. Write down one or two words/dialects and teach your colleagues how to say them.



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- English is often used when people who speak different first languages wish to communicate. In this situation, we call it “English as a Lingua Franca.”
- However, this doesn’t mean we can’t use a few words in another language in an English conversation.
- How do you feel when an English speaker greets you in your first language? Or say thank you in your first language?

Listening

- Look at the card you have received. Can you say “thank you” in the languages indicated?
- Second, listen to people say “thank you” in 30 different languages and number them in your card as you hear (from 1 to 30).



Important: when you hear English, skip it.
You don't have it in your card.

Check Your Answers

Check your answers here

- Did you know some of these words before?
- What strategies did you use to understand and number the languages you heard?
- Did you notice you can use the same/ similar words to say “thank you” in different languages?

Source: Innovative Language Learning. (2014, November 19). *How to say Thank You in 31 Languages* [video file]. Retrieved from <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w3RnrfVaYAs>

Answers in Your Card



31 WAYS TO SAY THANK YOU



Role-Play

Making a Polite Request

- Work in pairs. Think about a situation in which you would make a polite request in English. You might want to use expressions such as *I would appreciate if you could...* and *I was wondering if you could...*
- Think about the role you will play (professor/student/customer/shopper/etc.) and the language background you both will share (Arabic/Korean/Portuguese/Japanese/etc.). Thank the person in the language you share.
- Your audience will try to identify :
 1. Your role (professor/student/customer/friend/etc.)
 2. The language(s) you used

During this task:

How comfortable did you feel saying “Thank You”
in another language?

How many new ways to say “Thank you” did you
learn today?



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Thank you for your participation