## Why Learn French?

- More than 220 million people speak French on the five continents
- French is the second most widely learned foreign language after English, and the sixth most widely spoken language in the world & the only language, alongside English, that is taught in every country in the world
- Spoken in Canada (Quebec), Belgium, Switzerland, West-Africa, Haiti, many Caribbean Islands, Asian countries such as Vietnam and Cambodia

## **Employment**

- French is the language of diplomacy: French speakers often find employment working for US embassies abroad or in foreign service positions
- French is useful in the medical professions: many NGO medical organizations such as Doctors Without Borders use French as their primary language
- French is the official language of the United Nations, the European Union, UNESCO, NATO, the International Olympic Committee, the International Red Cross and international courts as well as three cities where EU institutions are headquartered: Strasbourg, Brussels and Luxembourg
- French is a useful language in the business world as France and the United States have solid commercial partnerships. Over 4,600 French companies conduct business in the U.S., providing over 650,000 American jobs.

## **Must-See Places**

- Paris, Lyon, Marseille, and the French Riviera (France)
- Montreal and Quebec city (Canada)
- Brussels (Belgium)
- Guadeloupe, Maritnique, and Guyane (Caribbean)
- Madagascar, the Comores, the Seychelles islands, French Polynesia

