



What is interlingua ?

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In 1951, a group of European and American linguists, after a long analysis of attempts to create an international language, arrived at the conclusion that the latin vocabulary was the common inheritance of all the western languages, and together with the scientific terminology originating in Greek has become the general means of international communication in the modern world, especially in science.

This extremely rich vocabulary was to be operated with a plain and simple grammar, reflecting the tendency of modern languages to move in the direction of simplification.

This was published with the name INTERLINGUA, presented initially in two fundamental works: *Interlingua English Dictionary* with 27.000 international words, and *Interlingua Grammar*. Interlingua es a completely natural language, pleasant in appearance and agreeable to read. Every word adopted in interlingua must pass the test of being used with a common meaning in at least three of the **control languages**: English, French, Italian, Spanish/Portuguese. If there is not a common word, so decide the **consultation languages**: German, Russian and Latin.

Humanity is travelling in the direction of a world without frontiers. For instance, we have the United Nations, the European Union, Nafta, Mercosud and others. Regrettably, communication between the nations has to overcome the problems caused by the existence of 2.800 languages and 8.000 dialects. Common sense suggests the urgency of adopting interlingua as a sort of **bridge-language** for use in international relations.

The 900 million people who speak the romance languages Portuguese, Spanish, Italian, French and Romanian, together with speakers of English, which, although originally a Germanic language, now contains well over 60% romance words, can understand a technical text in interlingua **without any previous study**. It is also **recognizable** with a little help, by speakers of Germanic and Slav languages. For the people of Asia and Africa, interlingua es in fact their common denomination, the key which opens the doors to the western languages, and thus of science and technology.

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