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The Times has a fascinating article today which suggests that British workers will suffer during the recession because of their inability to speak other languages.

> *...it is clearer than ever that British workers' inability to take advantage of the opportunities offered by the world's largest single labour market - the EU - stems in large part from longstanding reluctance to make more than a token effort with foreign languages.*
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> *In all, about a quarter of the world's population speaks at least some English. In Europe the figure is far higher: for young Europeans it is 60 per cent. This does mean that, from EU committee rooms to European corporate boardrooms, meetings are increasingly held in English. But it also points to a huge pool of multilingual Europeans who now find themselves at a distinct advantage over mainly monolingual Britons in the European jobs market.*

Just one more reason why people should think about learning another language.