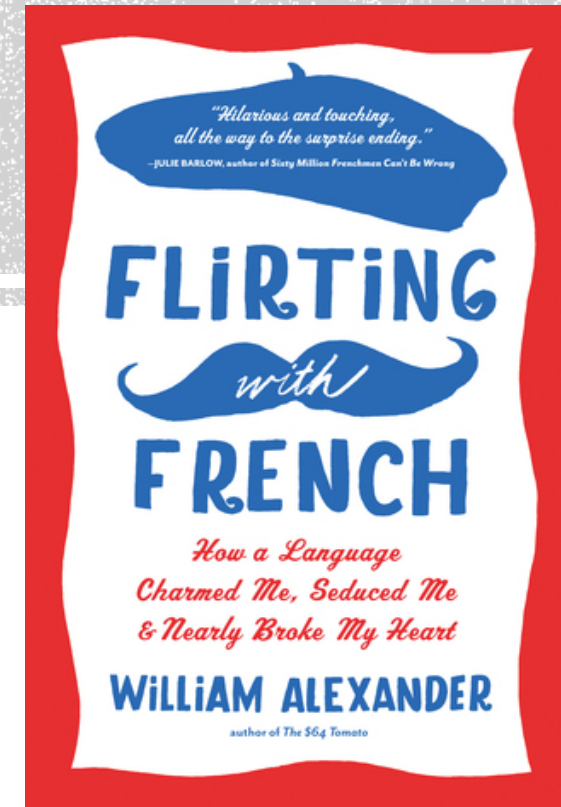


FLIRTING WITH FRENCH

The challenges of learning a language

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A LOOK AT LANGUAGES TODAY

- Languages that are currently spoken today- 6809
- Only 250 are spoken by 1 million or more people
- A language requires at least 100,000 speakers for to survive
- Only 600 of the languages spoken today will survive



A LOOK AT LANGUAGES TODAY

- **260 million speak Hindi as their first language**
- **335 million speak English as their first language**
- **414 million speak Spanish as their first language**
- **1.2 billion speak Chinese as their first language**



ENGLISH IS DIFFICULT!

- A farm can produce produce.
- The soldier decided to desert his dessert in the desert.
- The present is a good time to present the present.
- At the Army base, a bass was painted on the head of a bass drum.
- The dove dove into the bushes.
- I did not object to the object.
- The bandage was wound around the wound.
- They were too close to the door to close it.



QUIRKS OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE

**Using your knowledge of English
phonemes please pronounce the
following:**

Ghoti



HOW TO PRONOUNCE GHOTI

Gh = phoneme “gh” in laugh

O = phoneme “o” in women

ti = phoneme “ti” in nation



How to pronounce
GHOTI



FISH



EVEN AFTER YOU HAVE ENGLISH MASTERED, THERE ARE STILL MANY VARIATIONS...

Try to figure out the following conversation

- CDEMDEB ducks
- MR not ducks?
- SMR!
- CDEMDB wengs
- LIB
- MR ducks!



LOOSE TRANSLATION

- CDEMDEB ducks
- MR not ducks
- SMR!
- CDEMDBD wengs
- LIB
- MR ducks!
- See dem, dey be ducks
- Em are not ducks
- Yes, em are!
- See dem de be da wings
- I'll be
- Em' are ducks



TRANSLATION CLOSER TO TRADITIONAL ENGLISH

- CDEMDEB ducks
 - MR not ducks
 - SMR!
 - CDEMDBD wengs
 - LIB
 - MR ducks!
- See those ducks
 - Those are not ducks
 - Yes they are
 - See, there are their wings
 - Wow, I guess they are ducks!

