

**Cave Languages**  
**Primary Languages Update – November - December 2024**

### **Christmas Resources**

If you go to the 'Sharing Good Practice' page of my website, in the section 'Interesting links to resources online' you will find the entries for December 2014 – 2023 which have links to a variety of resources to use in the weeks leading up to Christmas. Most of them should still be available. Here are the most popular ones from the last few years:

Videos Simple Christmas Songs in French

[Je vous souhaite un Joyeux Noël! - YouTube](#)

Simple Spanish Christmas Songs

[Vamonos](#)

Simple French Nativity Story with audio also in Spanish

[YouTube Primary Languages Network](#)

[Nativity Story Spanish - YouTube](#)

Festive phrases in different languages

[Coffee Break Languages](#)

Interactive Christmas Stories in English, French, German and Spanish

[French stories for language learning | Little Red Languages](#)

Goethe Institute video Christmas in Germany

[German Christmas Video](#)

Christmas Songs and Stories in French

[Christmas songs and stories](#)

Design a Christmas jumper

[Un Pull de Noël | Fun with French \(funfrenchactivities.blogspot.com\)](#)

Advent calendar in German.

[Advent calendar – The Voyage Kids](#)

Christmas resources in various languages

[Christmas \(scilt.org.uk\)](#)

Christmas vocabulary in French

[Learn and Play with Christmas vocabulary in French - YouTube](#)

Christmas/New Year song in Spanish

[Rockalingua](#)

Christmas around the world

[Primary school assemblies: Christmas Around the World - BBC Teach](#)

New for this year

A simple French Christmas song

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X-V3IF8-fPk>

### **Bring the world into your classroom**

The British Council held a webinar recently and during the session experienced teachers shared practical strategies for developing school partnerships and exploring innovative project ideas that inspire students to engage with the world beyond their local community. You can watch the recording here [Bring the World into the Classroom with the British Council on Vimeo](#)

### **Culture Exploration**

The Goethe Institut is offering resources and lesson plans to provide an insight into French, Spanish and German culture. You can find the resources here.

[Cultural Exploration / Performance Sessions - Culture Days - Goethe-Institut United Kingdom](#)

### **Language Taster Sessions**

The Goethe Institut is offering resources for taster sessions in French, Spanish and German. The sessions can be run by language teachers or teachers with intermediate/advanced knowledge of the language. Each taster session contains a Powerpoint presentation, Teacher's Lesson plan and worksheets. [Language Taster Sessions - Culture Days - Goethe-Institut United Kingdom](#)

### **Collins Dictionary Discount Code**

You can get 50% off all dictionaries when you enter the code DICT25 at the checkout online <https://collins.co.uk/products/9780008312701> The offer is valid until 31<sup>st</sup> July 2025

### **Primary Spelling Bee**

If you would like to organise a Primary Languages Spelling Bee, you can register here to enter your school in the Routes into Languages competition

<https://www.routesintolanguages.ac.uk/events/primary-bee> or you can get ideas about how to organise your own.

### **Creative Writing in Language Lessons**

We had a very interesting and informative meeting at the ALL Thames Valley Primary Hub meeting in October. If you would like to read about creative writing activities in primary language lessons, have a look at the notes on this page of my website [Thames valley primary hub - Cave Languages: advice, training courses and support for the delivery of languages in primary schools](#)

### **North East Festival of Languages**

Between January and March 2025 a wide range of events and activities for KS1 and KS2, many online, is being offered in the 'Express Yourself' festival. You access them for free by registering here

[Key Stages 1 and 2 \(3-11 years\) – Express Yourself](#)

### **Making the case for primary languages**

The Europa School in Oxford is offering a conference dedicated to language learning in primary education for all settings. It will take place on the 31<sup>st</sup> January 2025 at the school.

You can find out more here

[Making the case for languages from Primary Tickets, Europa School UK, Abingdon | TryBooking United Kingdom](#)

As always, if you have any queries, please contact me. Remember that to find out the latest news and information in between the newsletters, keep checking the Sharing Good Practice page of the Cave Languages website

[Sharing good practice - Cave Languages: advice, training courses and support for the delivery of languages in primary schools](#)

Best wishes

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