

Research Analyst

Name: **Jennifer**

Profession: **Research Analyst**

Number of years in this line of work: **3**

Native Language: **English**

Other Language(s): **Spanish**

1) What languages do you know? How did you learn them? (At home, At school, etc.)
I began learning Spanish in middle school, but didn't really learn the language until a university exchange program.

2) What is your profession?

I am a Research Analyst.

3) Describe a "typical" day as a Research Analyst. How do you use your language skills?

As a Research Analyst I sift through large amounts of sources collecting/researching reports. A typical day involves a variety of tasks, not all of which engage direct use of another language tucked away in the folds of gray matter has helped immensely with as my ability to phrase things in a variety of ways. In addition, my knowledge of Spanish can use to find information. Depending on the topic, I am able to go to Spanish article material not available in English. Outside of the research tasks, I am often given text must be edited to ensure quality control and accuracy. I believe because Spanish is not Spanish grammar throughout my schooling, my eyes can spot small errors that the

4) What do you enjoy about it?

I enjoy the fact that with the language came knowledge of a new culture. When I speak a set of mannerisms that I engage. It's not that I become a different person when I speak additional sources of expression. I enjoy the new perspectives the language has permitted

5) What language do you think in?

Unless I make a conscious effort, I think in English; although, every now and again I become me unaware.

6) What do you think helped you the most in mastering the foreign/second language?
Without a doubt, immersion in the language helped me the most.

7) What opportunities have knowing another language provided in your life, or otherwise?

The number of job opportunities in my field of interest greatly increases if one has a position, knowledge of Spanish has expanded the sources I can explore for research involving the Spanish language or incorporating elements of Hispanic culture. If no experience immersed in the language, I would not have been included.

8) If you had the time to learn another language now, what language would you choose? Why?
That's a tough question. I would like to learn a number of languages. If I had the time, I would like to learn the Arabic language. I want to understand more of the history and culture and believe it is to learn the language.



9) How do you think your life would have turned out if you had never learned a second language?
I believe learning another language and the opportunities that came along with the language expanded my view of the world. I would not be able to pursue my interests as much if

10) In your opinion, are there more career opportunities for people who
Absolutely.

11) What do you think you would be doing if you weren't a Researcher?
I believe I would work for an international development organization.

12) What advice would you give to somebody who wants to be a Researcher? What languages they should learn?

My profession includes a wide variety of research topics that could include issues such as international finance and education. To have knowledge of another language is a real asset. I would recommend learning languages that are widely spoken and/or languages from countries of great interest to you.