**World Language**

1. **Definitions:**
2. What is a lingua franca?

**Topics for discussion:**

**Before reading:**

1. What language has the status of a world language?
2. What political, economic and social factors promoted its spread? List them taking into account chronological order and geography.
3. In what domains is it important to have a lingua franca?
4. What are the alternatives to giving privileged status to one language?
5. What is bilingualism? Why is there an increasing number of people who are at least partially bilingual?