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<i>Language family</i>	Indo-European, Germanic Branch	Indo-European, Latin Branch																																																		
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<i>Alphabet</i>	Latin	Latin plus é è à â ê î ô û ç ï																																																		
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<i>Number of countries where commonly spoken</i>	115 Worldwide ranking: 1st	35 Worldwide ranking: 2nd																																																		
<i>Number of countries where language has legal/official status</i>	33 Worldwide ranking: 1st	23 Worldwide ranking: 2nd																																																		
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