



# Foreign Language Merit

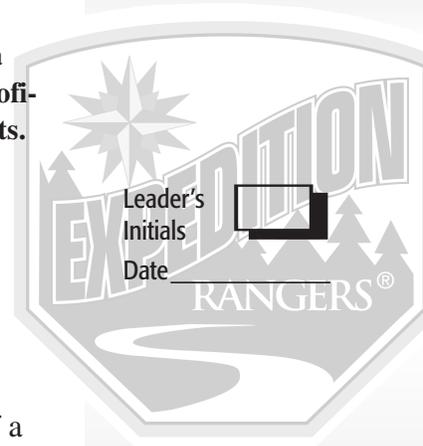
**Note:** This merit may be completed by earning at least a B for one semester of a foreign language in high school; OR by speaking, reading, and writing proficiently in a second language; OR by completing the following requirements.

One semester of high school foreign language with a grade of B or higher

OR

Proficiency in a second language demonstrated

1. Visit a foreign country where your native language is not the primary language for at least two weeks and complete the following:
  - a. Talk with a resident directly, through an interpreter, or with the help of a language book. Write a report including your questions, dialogue, and findings.
  - b. List the main religion(s) of the country you visited. Describe the churches there including denominations, number of churches, size of congregations, etc.
  - c. Order a meal at a restaurant. Describe your conversation as you placed your order and relate if the food you received was what you intended to order.
  - d. Ride a bus or other public transportation. Use your foreign language to tell the driver or conductor where you want to go. Describe any difficulty you had in reaching your intended destination.
  
2. Memorize and recite John 3:1–21. Then translate those verses into the foreign language of your choice. This must be your own work. Copying from a Bible translation or computer program is not permitted.
  
3. Describe things a visitor should know about the country you visited in Requirement 1 prior to arriving to avoid offending the residents.
  
4. Attend a community event that features another culture’s food, sports, dancing, crafts, etc. Write a two-page report that describes the various features, their origins, and any cultural significance.



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