What You Will Discover

Using a language learning platform, such as Duolingo or Google Translate, discover some common phrases of another language.

The Adventure

Communicating in a new language can be very difficult, but it’s sometimes a challenge we face, especially when traveling. Pick a language and try to learn some common phrases (like “Hello” and “Can you help me find this?”) in that language. Practise the phrases with others in your Section.
Safety Note
How can you make sure everyone feels included? Perhaps some of your peers already speak a second language and can share some tips!

Plan
• How will you get access to a language learning platform?
• How will you make sure everyone in the Section can be involved?
• What supplies will you need for this activity?
• What languages will you explore?

Do
#ScoutsDoStuff: Share this adventure and the phrases you learned with a younger Section, or with your friends and family!

Review
• How did it feel to say such different sounds and words?
• Which languages were the most difficult to speak?
• How did it feel to not understand what others were saying to you?

Try this
Keep it Simple
• Take a voice note of you speaking and compare it with the real phrase. How close do they sound? Keep recording to practise your new words.

Take it Further
• How articulate do your phrases sound in the language? Use a translator platform and test if it can translate your phrases back to English. Try finding an international Scout who speaks that language to keep practising, or watch your next movie in that language to see what you can pick up.

Online Resources
• Duolingo Online
• Google Translate
• About the Sustainable Development Goals

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