# Speaking Your Language

Canada is made up of people from every country and culture in the world. Many of us speak different languages, and many Canadians speak more than one language. In Canada, our official languages are English and French. What is your native language?

In the spaces below, match the English word from the story to the French word. If you know a third (or more) language, add it to the activity in the space provided. It's important for our children to learn our native languages to stay connected with our culture.

| Your Choice | English | French |
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| Example: sposare (Italian) | to marry → | épouser |
| _____ | rules | tambour |
| _____ | father | jouets |
| _____ | toys | élégant |
| _____ | family | règles |
| _____ | brother | frère |
| _____ | piano | piano |
| _____ | drum | famille |
| _____ | to sing | chanter |
| _____ | practice | père |
| _____ | elegant | pratiquer |

Are any of the words in English and French the same?
Are there words that are similar in your native language?

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### What You'll Need:

Activity sheet for each child, pencil.

### Take it Further:

Learning a new language is a great way to keep our brains working. Go online to learn how to say the words above in another language.