

London's Languages **Syracuse Symposium**



FRENCH **Language Passport**

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Place of Origin:
France



*London areas
most spoken in:*
**City of London,
Hammersmith &
Fulham, Kensington
& Chelsea**

Some facts about French:

- ~45% of modern English words are of French origin
- French is the 2nd-most widely taught language in the EU
- French is the official language of 29 countries (many of them in Africa)
- the language is monitored and protected by *L'Académie Française*, founded by Cardinal Richelieu in 1634

Idioms Exercise

Review the phrases below. Speaking with your group (but without Googling!), guess the meaning of each idiom.

Phrase: *Avoir la moutarde qui monte au nez*

Literal Translation: to have mustard going up your nose

What we think it means: _____

Phrase: *Occupe-toi de tes oignons!*

Literal Translation: look after your onions!

What we think it means: _____

Phrase: *En faire tout un fromage*

Literal Translation: to make a whole cheese about it

What we think it means: _____
