



## EDITORIAL

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Welcome to this year's edition of Polyglot. I hope you will enjoy the range of articles written by teachers around the country. While I am not a language teacher, I've been a student of various languages for 16 years, so working on Polyglot has been interesting - to learn about some of the things that go on within the teaching world and to see all the effort put into bringing the best to the students. I have particularly enjoyed reading about all the new technologies and how they are being used in the classroom to support language learning.

I am living in Barcelona at the moment and putting much of what I learned in the New Zealand classroom to use speaking Spanish here. I am also learning Catalan. Catalan was prohibited in Francoist Spain (1939-1975) but today it is an official language of Catalonia; it is taught throughout the education system and is the language of commerce, media and regional politics. Most Catalan people seem to prefer to speak it over Spanish and it is a great example of how minority languages can survive and thrive given the right environment.

Thank you to the contributors for making this year's Polyglot possible.

Best wishes

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