

Table 44.1. Gender distribution in question 44: “In 20 years’ time, what other foreign language do you think could compete with English for the status of the most important international language in Finland?”

	Total respondents	Gender		p
		Male	Female	
		n=745	n=750	
	n=1495			
	%	%	%	
1. Russian	23.1	25.7	20.5	0.011
2. German	20.6	22.1	19.1	
3. French	8.9	6.9	10.8	
4. Swedish	6.5	5.9	7.1	
5. Spanish	4.9	3.8	5.9	
6. Chinese	2.6	2.5	2.6	
7. Some other language	1.1	1.4	0.8	
No response	32.4	31.6	33.2	

A language was included in the category of *some other language* if the percentage was under 1 percent.

Table 44.2. Age group distribution in question 44: “In 20 years’ time, what other foreign language do you think could compete with English for the status of the most important international language in Finland?”

	Total respondents	Age				p
		15–24	25–44	45–64	65–79	
		n=233	n=519	n=566	n=178	
	n=1495					
	%	%	%	%	%	
1. Russian	23.1	19.2	21.4	27.1	20.8	0.016
2. German	20.6	21.2	22.4	18.2	22.1	
3. French	8.9	12.0	6.9	9.3	9.3	
4. Swedish	6.5	9.8	6.0	5.8	5.6	
5. Spanish	4.9	6.2	5.9	4.0	2.5	
6. Chinese	2.6	4.3	2.6	2.3	0.9	
7. Some other language	1.1	2.0	0.8	1.2	0.4	
No response	32.4	25.3	34.0	32.0	38.3	

A language was included in the category of *some other language* if the percentage was under 1 percent.

Table 44.3. Residential area distribution in question 44: “In 20 years’ time, what other foreign language do you think could compete with English for the status of the most important international language in Finland?”

1: city with over 50 000 inhabitants, 2: town with less than 50 000 inhabitants, 3: rural centre, 4: countryside.

	Total respondents	Area				p
		1	2	3	4	
		n=1495	n=640	n=322	n=254	
	%	%	%	%	%	
1. Russian	23.1	22.8	24.1	22.1	23.5	< 0.001
2. German	20.6	16.1	23.1	28.3	21.0	
3. French	8.9	10.2	9.5	6.8	7.0	
4. Swedish	6.5	6.4	7.7	7.0	5.0	
5. Spanish	4.9	7.9	1.5	2.1	4.4	
6. Chinese	2.6	3.9	1.1	1.4	2.1	
7. Some other language	1.1	1.4	0.8	0.4	1.2	
No response	32.4	31.3	32.2	31.9	35.8	

A language was included in the category of *some other language* if the percentage was under 1 percent.**Table 44.4.** Educational distribution in question 44: “In 20 years’ time, what other foreign language do you think could compete with English for the status of the most important international language in Finland?”

1: Primary school (grades 1-6 in the Finnish system), 2: Lower secondary school (grades 7-9/10 in the Finnish system), 3: Upper secondary school, upper secondary school graduate or vocational education graduate, 4: Polytechnic degree, 5: University degree.

	Total respondents	Education					p
		1	2	3	4	5	
		n=1495	n=167	n=250	n=680	n=148	
	%	%	%	%	%	%	
1. Russian	23.1	20.3	22.7	24.2	22.9	24.9	0.001
2. German	20.6	23.9	25.5	20.2	27.7	10.9	
3. French	8.9	9.0	8.6	9.6	8.1	8.3	
4. Swedish	6.5	6.7	7.8	6.5	4.6	6.9	
5. Spanish	4.9	0.2	3.9	5.5	3.4	8.4	
6. Chinese	2.6	1.0	2.5	3.1	0.8	3.6	
7. Some other language	1.1	0	2.4	1.1	1.8	0.2	
No response	32.4	38.8	26.6	29.9	30.7	37.0	

A language was included in the category of *some other language* if the percentage was under 1 percent.

Table 44.5. Occupation distribution in question 44: “In 20 years’ time, what other foreign language do you think could compete with English for the status of the most important international language in Finland?”

1: Managers, 2: Experts, 3: Office and customer service workers, 4: Healthcare workers, 5: Manual workers.

	Total respondents	Occupation					p
		1	2	3	4	5	
		n=1495 %	n=77 %	n=403 %	n=344 %	n=88 %	
1. Russian	23.1	21.7	27.1	20.7	16.2	25.9	0.003
2. German	20.6	10.7	16.0	25.2	30.0	18.6	
3. French	8.9	13.1	7.2	9.5	7.8	8.4	
4. Swedish	6.5	6.3	4.7	6.4	12.2	6.9	
5. Spanish	4.9	1.5	6.9	6.2	3.6	3.1	
6. Chinese	2.6	3.1	2.5	1.8	4.2	1.7	
7. Some other language	1.1	0	1.3	0.6	0	1.8	
No response	32.4	43.5	34.3	29.4	25.9	33.6	

A language was included in the category of *some other language* if the percentage was under 1 percent.