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Interlingua: a working tool

Interlingua is not a project or an experiment. It is currently used in conventions, literature and magazines. You can read Interlingua if you had no more than one semester of high school French or Spanish or Latin and flunked it. You can read and understand a great deal of it, even if you have never had contact with any foreign language.

Here is a brief sample of Interlingua:

Le unitate del civilisation occidental corresponde in grande misura a un unitate linguistic. Le linguas que nos distingue como francese, anglese, espaniol, germano, italiano, etc., ha in commun un fundo si extensive de ideas e de principios, de formas e constructiones, que on se senti fortiate reguardar los como variantes del mesme standard. Iste standard es Interlingua, le "lingua general" que differe del linguas coordinate in illo solo como un typo differe del individuos que illo representa".