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## Student engagement in second language learning - oui, on est capable!

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## Inspiring Minds

How many of us can proudly declare that they speak both official languages of Canada, English and French? Bilingualism may be at the heart of Canadian identity, but not so many among can confidently speak French even after all those years spent in compulsory French class. What happens in Core French class and why so many students stop their language studies after grade 9? Why student engagement in Core French classroom is notoriously low and how can we, practitioners, get to the root of the problem, analyze the research findings and draw meaningful implications for practice for thousands of disheartened Core French teachers out there who strive to keep their students engaged and motivated, yet find the task extremely challenging. My name is Irina Klimenko, and my MPEd Capstone project is dedicated to exploring practical solutions to improve, maintain and hone student motivation in second language learning.