

Romanian

at Wordsworth

In our school, there are 27 children who can speak Romanian.
Let's learn a few facts about Romania and the Romanian language!

Political Map of the World, February 2021

- AUSTRALIA Independent state
- Bermuda Dependency or area of special sovereignty
- Swy / AZORG Island / island group
- ★ National capital
- ⌘ Other capital

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Can you guess where Romanian is spoken?

Facts about Romania:

- 19,254,000 million people live in Romania
- The name Romania comes from the latin word “Romanus” which means citizen of the Roman Empire. Roma and Romanian are not the same. Some Roma are Romanian because Roma people, originally from India, settled in Romania in the 9th century. They speak Romani and often Romanian too. Not all Romanians are Roma, and Roma communities exist across Europe. Romania is the largest country in the Balkanic region.

Facts about the Romanian language:

- The Romanian language is 1700 years old.
- The Romanian language is a Romance language like Italian, French, and Spanish.
- There are about 34 million people worldwide who speak Romanian.
- The Romanian language is the official and national language of Romania and Moldova.

Famous people who speak Romanian:

- Herta Müller (Novelist)
- Elie Wiesel (Writer)
- Simona Halep (Tennis player)
- Darko Perić (Actor)
- Francesco Illy (Inventor)
- Emma Raducanu (British professional tennis player)



Romanian inventions and discoveries:

- the fountain pen



- the pancreatin, later named insulin
- Victor Babeş wrote the first treaty of bacteriology in the world
- Ana Aslan developed the first anti-ageing product





Mărțișor - A Special Day in Romania



- ▶ Mărțișor is an old tradition celebrated all over Romania every year, on March 1st. The name Mărțișor is a diminutive of March (Martie in Romanian) but also the name of the little talismans with red and white strings, offered as gifts during this holiday. It is believed that people who wear the red and white string will enjoy a prosperous and healthy year. From March 1st to March 8th, when Romania celebrates Women's Day, everything revolves around these tiny gifts. Men and children usually scour the markets and shops in order to find the most beautiful mărțișoare along with bouquets of daffodils, hyacinths or snowdrops for the girls and women in their lives. The other version is a bracelet, made of one red and one white thread, which you can put on your wrist. The white thread symbolises the snow of the winter that's just gone, while the red one symbolises the spring sun and the nature's return to life.
- ▶ Mărțișor is also celebrated in Bulgaria, Albania and the republic of Macedonia, where it is known as Martenitsa.
- ▶ On this day, people wish 'Happy spring!' to each other.

Beautiful places to visit in Romania



Peles Castle

Brasov - a spectacular place for winter sports





Mountains in Transylvania

Bran Castle - often associated with the fictional vampire Count Dracula - resembles Castle Dracula, as described in Bram Stoker's novel *Dracula* (1897), in that both stand on rocky precipices and command spectacular views. But Stoker, an Irish writer, is not known to have ever visited Transylvania. The castle, a Romanian landmark, has a fairy tale quality, peeking out from forested hillsides near Brasov in Transylvania. With roots dating to the 13th century, this medieval castle today is a museum showcasing art and furniture collected by Queen Maria.





Transfagarasan

Named the “the best road in the world” by the Top Gear team in 2009, Transfagarasan has enjoyed a great popularity among the most beautiful roads in the world since.

It is the **second highest road in Romania**, and it is known for its spectacular landscapes. This means 151 km of road curves and twists perfectly set for driving enthusiasts, but also for those who want to admire the beauty of nature in a unique location.



Danube Gorge offers some of the **most spectacular scenery in the country**. It crosses the Carpathian Mountains at the border between Romania and Serbia near the Iron Gates. The road that crosses this area is bordered by water, on one side, and by abrupt rock-walls, on the other side, offering a unique scenery. One of the most stunning sight — **the tallest stone statue in Europe** — is the face of Decebal.

The Black Sea



Conversation

- ▶ Good morning! Buna dimineata!
- ▶ Goodbye! - La revedere!



Greeting gestures:

Romanian people greet friends casually by saying “salut” or “buna”.

One may greet strangers with a more formal phrase like “Good morning/evening”, depending on what time of the day it is.

Romanian people usually shake hands.

Food

Traditional Romanian food and/or snacks



Sarmale:
cabbage leaves stuffed
with mince, rice and spices.



Ciorba - Soup



Polenta/mamaliga



Cozonac - sweet bread with
spices, chocolate, nuts



Papanasi (Romanian doughnuts filled
with cottage cheese, topped with
cream and runny jam)



Romanian Rhapsody by George Enescu with beautiful Romanian landscapes

[George Enescu: RAPSODIA ROMANA 1 si 2 \(full\)](#)

Music

[Nursery rhymes: În pădurea cu alune - Cântece pentru copii | HeyKids](#)

[Ciuleandra \(Romanian Folk Dance\) - André Rieu](#)

[Modern Romanian music: Feli - Creioane colorate \(Official Video\)](#)