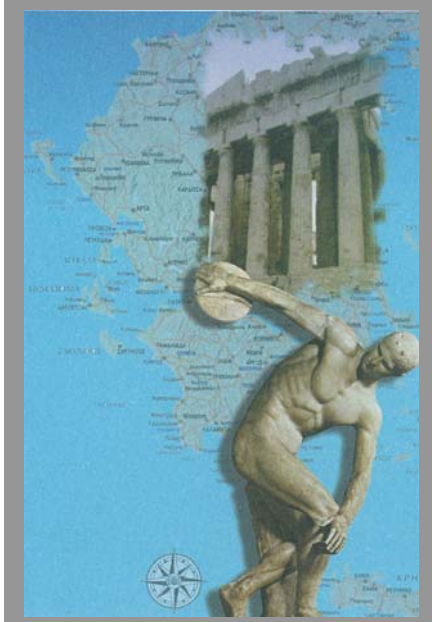




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On completing my degree, I worked in Real Estate in the area of Property Investments, and more recently in Financial Planning. Greek assists me greatly in dealing with clients who have a very limited command of the English language and provided an advantage over others as I had a market segment that specifically chose me because I could communicate with them. Also, I believe it made me more employable, above others who only know one language.

Knowing another language in our global environment is almost essential for success in today’s workforce. As the world gets smaller, communication between nations becomes easier. Being bilingual will open up opportunities in Greece and in other European Union member countries. Large multinational Greek and Cypriot banks have recently opened offices in Australia and will need Greek speakers.

Learning a language will open your mind to another culture, teach you analytical skills, and open doors in many industries from the Public Service, Banking, Tourism, Finance, and International Trade. It will give you the edge that is required in today’s world.

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