

Narrator: Listen to part of a podcast on languages. Nadia Timmerman is here to tell us about her new book, called 'Different Languages, Different Personalities?' When I'm around Portuguese speakers, I'm just more outgoing. I conducted many surveys with people who spoke two or more languages and it is possible. Nadia, I grew up speaking Portuguese and English. My friends tell me I'm funnier in Portuguese than I am in English. Nadia: Well, you can be more outgoing in one language. What happens more often is how people use languages in different contexts. So when I speak Russian, I use a lot more 'slang' or more informal words. Miguel: Oh, so you mean my personality doesn't really change – it's more a matter of how I use the different languages? I'm your host Miguel Pardo. Nadia: Yes, it is! It's interesting how differently people act when speaking different languages. Nadia: Sure. Nadia: Exactly! Is that possible?