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# **Additional Language - Malayalam or Hindi or Arabic or French**

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# 1. Functional Language and Advanced Grammar

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An additional language (whether regional like Malayalam or Hindi, or foreign/classical like French or Arabic) provides students with bi-lingual capability. This is highly useful in a multi-lingual business landscape. Understanding the grammatical foundations, structural differences, and syntax allows for better communication. This module covers the core elements of functional language usage, advanced grammatical structures, vocabulary expansion, and formal correspondence in the target language.

## Grammatical Foundations & Syntax

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### Sentence Structure (Syntax)

- **SVO vs. SOV:** English uses Subject-Verb-Object (SVO), while languages like Malayalam and Hindi use Subject-Object-Verb (SOV) order.
- **Gender & Agreement:** Hindi and French have grammatical gender that affects verb endings, whereas Malayalam verbs remain neutral.

### Morphology & Vocabulary

- **Agglutination:** Malayalam combines root words and suffixes (e.g., sandhi rules) to form complex single words.
- **Roots & Patterns:** Arabic builds vocabulary from three-letter consonant roots, modifying them to change meaning.

## Functional Correspondence & Business Terms

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Writing in business environments requires specialized vocabulary:

- **Official Letters:** Writing letters of application, inquiry, or complaint following formal cultural protocols.
- **Idioms and Proverbs:** Using culturally specific phrases to make communication natural and effective.
- **Technical Glossaries:** Translating commercial terms (e.g., inflation, investment, revenue) into the target language.

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