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Do you have a time machine?

I've lost count of the number of times that I have heard this retort upon telling my peers that, aside from merely studying the Latin language, I speak it. Having honed their French during a semester in Bordeaux or their German while in Frankfurt, they wonder how, short of time travel, anyone could actually speak Latin.

Although it is true that no nation, not even Vatican City, boasts of Latin as its mother tongue, classicists



