

1 Speaking

Discuss the following questions with a partner.

- Do you think English will remain the world's business language in your lifetime?
- Do you think that having a global business language is a good or a bad thing? Why?

2 Listening

Listen to five people talking about English as a global business language. Do they agree (A) or disagree (D) with the idea?

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Speaker 1	
Speaker 2	
Speaker 3	
Speaker 4	
Speaker 5	

3 Listening

Listen again. What reasons do people give for their opinions?

English as a global language

Pros	Cons

4 Language

When we are giving our opinion it is important to support it with reasons and examples – saying why we think so. Complete the phrases below with the words in the box.

Giving reasons	Giving examples
because / as	For example ...
It's _____ because ...	For _____ ...
One reason is that...	such as
Another _____ is ...	_____ example is ...
due to the _____ that ...	Another _____ is ...

mainly one instance fact example reason

Think of some more phrases with your group and add them to your lists.

5 Speaking

Complete the last two questions in your own way. Discuss the following questions with a partner. Give your opinions and remember to give reasons and examples.

- What is the best form of exercise?
- What is the best time to study?
- Where is the best place to eat?
- Where is the best place for foreign tourists to visit?
- What is the best _____?
- What is the best _____?

6 Pronunciation

When we have different opinions it's important to disagree in a polite way. We can do this by using polite language and intonation.

Listen to your teacher read the beginning of some counter arguments. What do you notice about the intonation of the underlined parts? Mark if the intonation goes up (↗) or down (↘).

- a. That's true but it would make international communication much easier.
- b. I see what you mean but I still think it's better not to have a global language.
- c. Yeah, maybe you're right but what about keeping our cultural identity?

7 Speaking

You work as a manager in a marketing company called GMS (Global Marketing Solutions). The company has many international clients and is thinking of changing their official company language to English. This means that all meetings and email communication would be done in English.

Your teacher will give you further instructions to prepare for the meeting.

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