

5 Communication

Aims: Talking about languages, keeping in touch, globalisation
Making comparisons | Expressing attitude | Pronunciation: Consonants
Exam technique: Giving yourself time to think

Vocabulary: Languages



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Listen to someone talking about the languages they speak. Listen again and write the words and phrases that correspond to definitions 1–6. You will hear the answers in order.

- 1 the language that you learn from your parents when you are a baby _____
- 2 able to speak more than two languages very well _____
- 3 able to speak the language easily and correctly _____
- 4 speak a language well enough to communicate about basic things _____
- 5 not as good at something as you used to be because you have not done it for a long time _____
- 6 learn something without effort over a period of time _____

Listen again and find five collocations with the word *language* that correspond to definitions 7–11.

- 7 a language that is spoken internationally _____
- 8 a language that is spoken by only a small proportion of people in a country _____
- 9 a language that is not spoken as a native language in your country _____
- 10 a language that is used by many people _____
- 11 a language that you speak well but that is not your native language _____