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WRITING • A report on a survey

I can use *but* and *however* to contrast results.

THINK! What is your favourite song in English? Do you listen to many songs in English?

Language survey: Report

These are the results of our survey on using foreign languages. The results are from interviews with eight people in our class of thirteen, so more than half of the class.

Learning and speaking

Everybody in the group is learning a second language and a few people speak more than two languages. One or two people are thinking of studying languages in the future, but nobody in the group speaks English outside class.

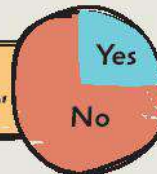
Internet and social media

Half of the people in the group visit websites which are in other languages. However, less than half of the survey group post comments or messages online in another language.

Other media

Everybody in the group listens to English songs, but only a few people watch TV programmes or films in other languages.

'Do you post comments online in another language?'








Communication survey: questions

- Are you learning a second language at the moment?
- Do you speak more than two languages?
- Do you ever speak English outside class?
- Do you ever visit websites that are in another language?
- Do you ever post comments or messages in another language?
- Do you ever listen to English songs?
- Do you watch films or TV programmes in another language?

- 1 Read the language survey report. How many people are there in the class? How many people watch TV programmes in another language?
- 2 Complete the Key Phrases from the text. Which key phrases are followed by a verb in the singular form?

KEY PHRASES

Numbers of people

- Everybody ¹..... group 
- More than half ²..... 
- Half ³..... in the group 
- ⁴..... than half 
- A ⁵..... people 
- ⁶..... in the group speaks English.

Language point: Contrasting ideas

- 3 Find the words *but* and *however* in the survey. Do they come at the beginning, middle or end of a sentence?

4 Match 1–4 with a–d.

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| 1 Everybody speaks English in class, but ... | a. only a few people read in a second language. |
| 2 Everybody reads in their own language. However, ... | b. songs in English are more difficult to understand. |
| 3 Everybody listens to songs in English. However, ... | c. everybody is learning English. |
| 4 A few people know three languages, but ... | d. nobody speaks English outside class. |

5 USE IT! Follow the steps in the Writing Guide.

WRITING GUIDE

A TASK

Do another survey with the questions in the communication survey and in about 60 – 80 words, write a report about the results.

B THINK AND PLAN

- 1 Ask the questions in your survey and make a note of the results.
- 2 Decide which of the phrases in the language point you need to use.

C WRITE

Paragraph 1: Introduction
Paragraph 2: Question topics

- Learning and speaking
- Internet and social media
- Other media

D CHECK

- expressions of quantity
- *but* and *however*
- the layout and neatness of your report