

16 LANGUAGES OF THE WORLD

VOCABULARY

Words to describe language learning

1 Match the questions to the answers.

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| 1 What is the topic of Unit 16? | | a on a news website |
| 2 Which words on this page are difficult to spell ? | | b in a dictionary |
| 3 What is the meaning of 'mistake'? | ..... | c learning languages |
| 4 Can you translate 'guess' into Spanish, please? | ..... | d something that is not correct |
| 5 Where do you find lots of articles? | ..... | e four |
| 6 When do you make a list? | ..... | f 'exercise' and 'vocabulary' |
| 7 Where do you look up words you don't know? | ..... | g <i>adivinar</i> |
| 8 How many exercises are there on this page? | ..... | h before going shopping |

2 Read the web page about learning languages and complete the text with the words in the box.

articles exercises guess list look it up mistakes spell topics translate

Tips for learning languages

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We'd like to give you some tips for learning languages. Learning a language is one of the most useful things you can do with your free time. It's hard work, but it's also a lot of fun. These are some things you can do to help improve your level in the languages you are studying.

- Read as many books and magazine or news ¹ as possible.
- Listen as often as you can to the radio, to songs and to people talking about lots of different ², so your pronunciation and vocabulary improve.
- Don't worry about making ³
- Do grammar and vocabulary ⁴ online or in workbooks.
- Learn how to ⁵ words correctly.
- Make a ⁶ of new vocabulary and then play games with the words to help you learn them.
- When you read or hear a word you don't know, try to ⁷ its meaning. You can then ⁸ in a dictionary. But remember that it is sometimes not possible to ⁹ a word from one language to another exactly.

hola

привет

merhaba

olá **ciao**

cześć **你好**
hello

GRAMMAR

Present perfect and past simple

1 Choose the correct verbs to complete the sentences.

- 1 *Did / Have* you ever studied Arabic?
- 2 *Did / Have* you do any tests in school last week?
- 3 *Did / Has* anyone in your family learned to speak four languages?
- 4 When *did / have* you first study English?
- 5 How long *did / have* you been an English student?

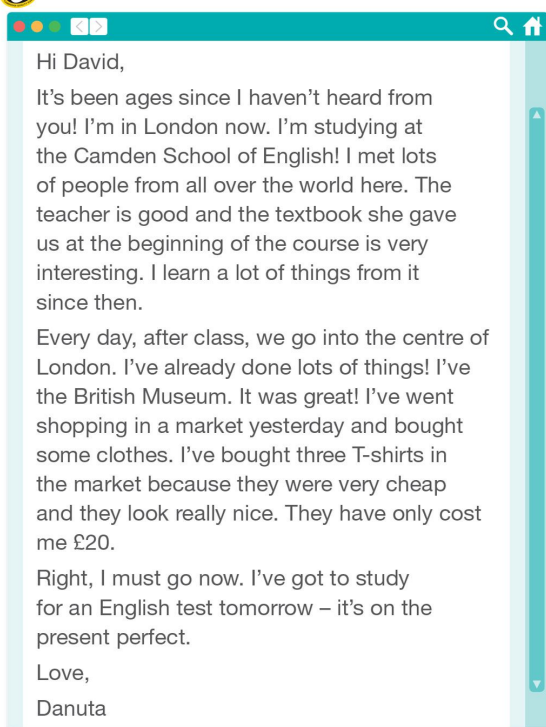
2 Answer the questions in Exercise 1 for you.

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5

3 Write sentences in the present perfect or past simple.

- 0 she / work / in New Zealand and South Africa
She's worked in New Zealand and South Africa.
- 1 I / never / meet / anyone / from the USA
.....
- 2 we / go / to Cyprus / last year
.....
- 3 he / study / Chinese and Arabic / two years ago
.....
- 4 she / watch / a great cricket match / on Saturday
.....
- 5 he / not win / any chess competitions / since 2009
.....
- 6 we / not see / my grandparents / last month
.....
- 7 I / never / eat / Mexican food
.....

4 Underline seven mistakes with the present perfect and past simple in the email.



Hi David,

It's been ages since I haven't heard from you! I'm in London now. I'm studying at the Camden School of English! I met lots of people from all over the world here. The teacher is good and the textbook she gave us at the beginning of the course is very interesting. I learn a lot of things from it since then.

Every day, after class, we go into the centre of London. I've already done lots of things! I've the British Museum. It was great! I've went shopping in a market yesterday and bought some clothes. I've bought three T-shirts in the market because they were very cheap and they look really nice. They have only cost me £20.

Right, I must go now. I've got to study for an English test tomorrow – it's on the present perfect.

Love,
Danuta

5 Correct the mistakes in Exercise 4.

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6
- 7

VOCABULARY

Large numbers

1 Match the numbers to the words.

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|---|--|-------|
| 1 | two billion | |
| 2 | twenty thousand eight hundred and twenty | |
| 3 | two hundred million | |
| 4 | two hundred and twenty-five | ..... |
| a | 200,000,000 | |
| b | 225 | |
| c | 2,000,000,000 | |
| d | 20,820 | |

2 Read the text and answer the questions. Write numbers for your answers.

ONE WORLD, MANY LANGUAGES

There are about seven billion people in the world today and there are about seven thousand, one hundred languages. But about four billion people speak just twenty-three of these languages as their first language. More than fifty million people speak each of these languages.

- 0 How many people live in the world today?
about 7,000,000,000
- 1 How many languages are there in the world today?
about
- 2 How many people speak just 23 of the world's languages?
about
- 3 How many people speak each of the 23 languages?
over

3 Answer the questions with words. Go online to find the answers.

- 0 How many people live in the UK?
Sixty-five million people live in the UK.
- 1 How many people live in your country?
.....
- 2 How many people in the world speak your first language?
.....
- 3 How many languages are there in your country?
.....

READING

1 Read the article. Then choose the paragraph(s) where you find the information 1–4.

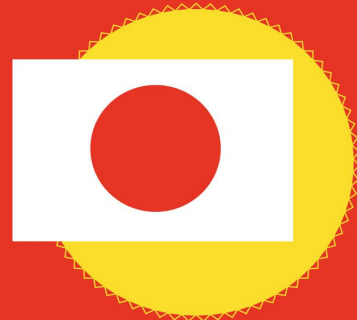
1 the number of people living in China and Japan	Paragraph 1	2	3
2 the first languages of China and Japan	Paragraph 1	2	3
3 the size of China and Japan	Paragraph 1	2	3
4 the world's four largest countries	Paragraph 1	2	3

SOME DIFFERENCES BETWEEN CHINA AND JAPAN

1 China is a very large country in East Asia, with grass lands, deserts, mountains, lakes, rivers and more than 14,000 kilometres of coast. China covers an area of 9,388,211 square kilometres. Only Russia, Canada and the USA are larger. China has about 300 languages that people in different parts of the country speak as a first language. About 848,000,000 Chinese people speak Mandarin, more than any of the other Chinese languages. This is also a lot more than the total number of people who speak both English and Spanish as a first language. More people speak Mandarin in China's cities than in the countryside.

2 Japan is also in East Asia. It is a group of 6,852 islands, some very large and some very small. Tokyo, the capital, is on the island of Honshu. The area that Japan covers is much smaller than China. Sixty-two other countries in the world are larger than Japan, including Norway, Mali and Mexico. It has 364,555 square kilometres of land. Most people in Japan speak Japanese as their first language. It has six or seven other languages, but very few people speak these.

3 1,409,517,397 people live in China, and 127,484,450 people live in Japan. This means that for every square kilometre of China, there are 150 people. But in Japan, there are 350 people for every square kilometre. There are only nine countries in the world with more people than Japan, including China – China has more people living in it than any other country.



2 Read the text again and match the sentence halves.

- | | | |
|--|-------|---|
| 1 Fourteen thousand kilometres is the length of the | ..... | a Mandarin. |
| 2 China is smaller than | ..... | b nearly all Japanese people. |
| 3 Most Chinese speakers' first language is | ..... | c three other countries. |
| 4 There are six thousand eight hundred and fifty-two | ..... | d people for every square kilometre of Japan. |
| 5 Japan is the sixty-third | ..... | e largest country in the world. |
| 6 There are three hundred and fifty | ..... | f islands in Japan. |
| 7 Japanese is the first language of | ..... | g Chinese coast. |

LISTENING



PREPARE FOR THE EXAM

Listening Part 4

1 For each question, choose the correct answer.



- 1** You will hear a girl called Lucy talking to her mum. What are they discussing?
 - A** when Lucy will eat this evening
 - B** how Lucy will get to basketball practice
 - C** if Lucy's mum can work late
 - 2** You will hear a girl called Sam talking to her friend about playing musical instruments. Why does she prefer the piano to the guitar?
 - A** She plays a variety of music on the piano.
 - B** Too many other people play the guitar.
 - C** The guitar is more difficult.
 - 3** You will hear a girl talking about her Chinese homework. What is she explaining?
 - A** She needs the most time to do the listening exercise.
 - B** She enjoys doing the writing exercises.
 - C** She has only done the reading exercise today.
 - 4** You will hear a boy talking about his English lesson today. What does he say about it?
 - A** He used his dictionary a lot.
 - B** His teacher could not help him.
 - C** The work he had to do was hard.
 - 5** You will hear a girl called Sophie talking to a friend about an article she read. What was the topic of the article?
 - A** how to learn lots of languages
 - B** why it is good to learn languages
 - C** the best age to learn more languages



EXAM TIPS

- You will hear each conversation twice like this:
Conversation 1, Conversation 1, Conversation 2,
Conversation 2, etc.
- Check your answer the second time you listen.

WRITING

A text about languages and you

1 Read the text and correct it with capital letters.

My name is Carys and I am from Wales, which is a country in the UK (the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland). The UK is in Europe. Wales has two languages: Welsh and English. Most people in Wales speak English, but many also speak Welsh. At home I speak English because my parents are from Scotland. I learn Welsh at school. I also learn Spanish and French at school.

2 Write notes about you. Don't forget to use capital letters.

Your name: _____
 Your country and its continent: _____
 Languages of your country: _____
 Language(s) you speak at home: _____
 Language(s) you learn at school / another place: _____

3 Write a paragraph using your notes from Exercise 2. Write 50–70 words.