

## VOCABULARY

Words to describe language learning

## 1 Match the questions to the answers.

- |  |       |                                 |
|--|-------|---------------------------------|
| 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 <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ as possible.
- Listen as often as you can to the radio, to songs and to people talking about lots of different <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_, so your pronunciation and vocabulary improve.
- Don't worry about making <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_.
- Do grammar and vocabulary <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ online or in workbooks.
- Learn how to <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ words correctly.
- Make a <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ 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 <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ its meaning. You can then <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ in a dictionary. But remember that it is sometimes not possible to <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ a word from one language to another exactly.

hola  
привет  
merhaba  
olá ciao  
你好  
cześć  
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.

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

VOCABULARY Large numbers

1 Match the numbers to the words.

- two billion \_\_\_\_\_
  - twenty thousand eight hundred and twenty \_\_\_\_\_
  - two hundred million \_\_\_\_\_
  - 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?

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.                              |

