

## GRAMMAR

### Present perfect and past simple

1 Look at the sentences from the recordings on page 90. Which are present perfect and which are past simple?

- 1 She lived in Sweden three years ago.
- 2 She learned Russian last year.
- 3 She's spoken Japanese since she was a baby.
- 4 Did you go to Spain in the holidays?
- 5 I've already finished mine.
- 6 The teacher gave it to us three days ago

2 Complete the rules with *present perfect* or *past simple*.

- 1 We use the
  - a \_\_\_\_\_ with words and phrases like *yesterday, ago, last year, in the holidays*.
  - b \_\_\_\_\_ with words like *since, already, yet, just, ever*.
- 2 We use the
  - a \_\_\_\_\_ to talk about an action that began in the past but continues into the present.
  - b \_\_\_\_\_ to talk about someone's general life experiences.
  - c \_\_\_\_\_ to talk about an action that finished in the past.
  - d \_\_\_\_\_ to talk about an action that finished in the past, but the result is important or interesting now.

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3 Match the sentences to uses a–d in part 2 of Exercise 2.

- 1 Have you done the German homework yet?
- 2 I've noticed you're all using a good level of vocabulary these days.
- 3 Did you meet anyone interesting?
- 4 I haven't missed any lessons this term.
- 5 She's lived all over the world!
- 6 She hasn't learned much English yet.
- 7 I've just heard some amazing news!
- 8 Our French teacher has won first prize in a competition!
- 9 We had a lesson with her this morning.

4 Complete the text with the present perfect or past simple form of the verbs in brackets.



### An amazing language learner

Susanna Zaraysky (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (study) 11 languages (English, Russian, French, Spanish, Italian, Portuguese, Croatian, Ladino, Hebrew, Arabic and Hungarian) and speaks eight of them. Susanna (2) \_\_\_\_\_ (be) born in Russia and first (3) \_\_\_\_\_ (learn) English when she (4) \_\_\_\_\_ (move) to California. She (5) \_\_\_\_\_ (study) French and Spanish at school. Then, one day, she (6) \_\_\_\_\_ (hear) some tourists speaking in Italian and (7) \_\_\_\_\_ (decide) to learn that language. Portuguese came next and then all her other languages. Susanna (8) \_\_\_\_\_ (write) several books and (9) \_\_\_\_\_ (be) on TV many times. She (10) \_\_\_\_\_ (have) a special interest in language and music for many years. On her blog, you'll find many interesting articles about this as well as video clips and language learning advice.

5 Choose the correct verb form to complete each sentence.

- 1 Yesterday, I *have watched / watched* a swimming competition with my brother.
- 2 I *already bought / have already bought* the tickets for the film tonight.
- 3 I'm in Melbourne, and I *saw / have seen* the beach and the sea.
- 4 My friend John *has watched / watched* the competition with me.
- 5 We *have arrived / arrived* home at 8 o'clock in the evening.
- 6 It was a great party. We *have danced / danced* all night and *have eaten / ate* too much food!

6 Complete the conversations with the present perfect or past simple of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 A: \_\_\_\_\_ (do) your homework yet, Tania?  
B: Yes, I \_\_\_\_\_ (finish) it an hour ago.
- 2 A: Where \_\_\_\_\_ (you go) on holiday last summer, Robin?  
B: We \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to New York to visit my sister. She \_\_\_\_\_ (live) there since 2014.
- 3 A: \_\_\_\_\_ (you ever eat) curry?  
B: Yes, I \_\_\_\_\_ (have) some yesterday. Delicious!
- 4 A: \_\_\_\_\_ (you enjoy) the *Toy Story* films when you were little, Sergio?  
B: I \_\_\_\_\_ (never see) any of the *Toy Story* films. But I \_\_\_\_\_ (like) *Despicable Me*.

7 In pairs, make conversations. Ask a question in the present perfect, and answer in the simple past. Use the conversations in Exercise 6 for ideas.



## READING

1 Look at questions 1–4. In pairs, discuss the questions. Then, read the texts quickly to check your answers.

- 1 How many languages are there in the world?
- 2 What European language family does Polish belong to?
- 3 Which Asian language has the most speakers?
- 4 What are some common second languages in Africa?

2 Read the texts again and answer the questions.

- 1 What are the three biggest languages in the world? How many speakers do they have?
- 2 Which continent has the most languages?
- 3 Which country has the largest number of languages?
- 4 What is special about the Basque language?
- 5 What has happened to some of the languages of Australia and Oceania?

# LANGUAGES of the WORLD



There are around 7,000 different languages in the world today. Languages that are similar to each other are in groups or 'families'. Some languages have a lot of speakers and others have very few. Many of the smaller languages have no writing, so when the last speaker dies, the language dies too.

## Europe

Europe has 284 different languages. One language family here is Romance languages, which includes Spanish, Portuguese and Italian. Another is Slavic languages, such as Russian, Polish and Czech.

English belongs to the Germanic group, and is the third largest language in the world: 335 million people speak it as a first language and 505 million speak it as a second language. The Basque language from Spain and France is very unusual. It doesn't belong to any language family!

## Asia

Asia has 2,303 languages. Chinese has a billion speakers – more than any other language in the world. Hindi is the world's fourth largest language, and Arabic comes fifth. Some parts of Asia have a very large number of languages.

## Australia and Oceania

This area has 1,311 languages in total. The main language of Australia and New Zealand is English, but there are a lot of smaller languages too. Papua New Guinea has only around 8 million people, but it has 832 languages – more than any other country! Unfortunately, some Aboriginal languages are very small now and have only one or two speakers.

## Americas

This area has 1,060 languages. English and Spanish have the most speakers on these continents. Spanish, with 406 million speakers, is the world's second-largest language. Portuguese is spoken in Brazil. While in Canada people speak mainly English and French. There are also many other native languages, for example Mam, a Mayan language, which people speak in parts of Mexico and Guatemala.

## Africa

Human language probably began on this continent. There are 2,146 languages here. Many people in Africa can speak more than one language because, as well as their own language, they also speak English, French or Portuguese.



## TALKING POINTS

12 Watch the video and discuss the questions.

- What languages do you speak?
- What languages are you studying?
- What languages do your parents speak?

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## VOCABULARY

Words to describe language learning

### 1 Match the questions to the answers.

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

## GRAMMAR

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### 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.**

- 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.                              |