

Language

You are A. Ask and answer these questions with your partner.

- 1 Are some languages more beautiful to listen to than others? If so which? Are there any languages that you really don't like the sound of? Why?
- 2 What languages have you studied? How well can you read, write and speak each of them?
- 3 How is your personality different when you speak another language? For example, are you more or less outgoing?
- 4 Some people say Korean and Japanese are similar. Do you agree?
- 5 Do you like Japanese?
- 6 How many languages can you speak?
- 7 What kinds of judgements do you make about people based on their accent or dialect? What does accent or dialect tell you about someone's education, background, or income?
- 8 Which do you prefer, speaking or reading?
- 9 How do you study other languages?
- 10 When did you start to learn English?
- 11 What do you find most difficult to learn in English?
- 12 How many kanji does Japanese have?
- 13 Why do you want to improve your English? For example: work, travel, pleasure.
- 14 Do you like to watch movies in English?
- 15 How long have you been studying English?
- 16 Are you interested in French?
- 17 What do you think of Esperanto?
- 18 How many languages are there in the world?
- 19 What's the best way to learn a language?
- 20 Japanese has three types of characters. Which do you like best?
- 21 To speak its language well, how important is it to know something about the culture of a country?
- 22 What languages would you like to learn in future?
- 23 Do you, or have you ever attended an English conversation class?
- 24 Do you think English grammar is easy?
- 25 How old were you when you learned katakana?
- 26 Do you think it's ever possible to speak a language like a native? Explain your reasons.

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You are B. Ask and answer these questions with your partner.

- 1 Do you like learning foreign languages?
- 2 Have you ever watched an English lesson on TV?
- 3 What language other than English is good for the business world?
- 4 Have you ever had a friendship with someone who spoke a different language? What language(s) did you use to communicate? How did it affect your relationship?
- 5 How often do you read in another language? What kinds of things do you read? Why?
- 6 At what age did you begin studying a second language? Do you think age affects a person's ability to learn a new language?
- 7 In other countries, how do people learn languages?
- 8 Which language has the most complicated grammar?
- 9 How can the Internet be a helpful tool when learning a foreign language?
- 10 What careers are possible if you speak a foreign language?
- 11 Which language do you think is the most difficult to learn? Why?
- 12 In what major ways is English grammar different from the grammar of your native language?
- 13 What is the most difficult word to write?
- 14 Which would you prefer, group lessons or one to one lessons?
- 15 Do you like to listen to music in other languages? Do you make an effort to understand the words?
- 16 What Internet websites do you use for learning English?
- 17 What language would you choose as a third language?
- 18 Do you think you learn more English inside or outside the classroom? What do you do on your own to improve your English?
- 19 Which do you prefer, writing, speaking, listening or reading?
- 20 How do people who come from different regions of your country speak differently?
- 21 What is the best way to learn a language?
- 22 Do you know the history of Japanese language?
- 23 What language do you want to learn?
- 24 Can you learn a language by watching television?
- 25 Do you want to study Korean?
- 26 Is it good to sit an exam that shows your level in English?