

Reading

4 Read what the teenagers said in Lesson 3. Complete these questions with a word in bold from the text. Then ask and answer with a partner.

- 1 Which do you think is more important in a job – having a big _____ or doing interesting work?
- 2 Can you see a _____ between English and your language? Do you know which languages are close to your language?
- 3 What _____ do you have to practise English outside the classroom?
- 4 Do you have a good _____? What techniques do you use to remember new vocabulary?
- 5 Have you ever been in an _____ situation, for example an accident? What did you do?
- 6 What _____ languages do people speak in your region and/or country? Do you or does anyone in your family speak them?

Use of English

5 Find and underline six phrases the speakers use to give their opinions. Write the phrases below.

1 I definitely think

2 _____

3 _____

4 _____

5 _____

6 _____

Speaking

6 Why do you think it is/isn't a good idea to learn a foreign language? Make some notes, then tell other students. Use the phrases from Activity 5 to give your opinions.

Unit 7 Lessons 1–2

DO YOU THINK IT IS GOOD TO LEARN FOREIGN LANGUAGES?

I definitely think learning a foreign language makes you better at your own language. I didn't understand grammar until I started learning French but now I can see a **connection** between French and my own language and that helps me get good grades in both subjects at school. In my opinion, learning a second language helps you to study better.

Faisal, 14

I agree! My mother is a teacher at a college and she says that learning foreign languages can help keep your brain healthy and improve your **memory**! Of course there is a lot of new vocabulary in every language and you need a very good memory to remember it all, so I would say the more languages you know the better your memory will be! Also if you learn more languages, it gets easier to learn them.

Khalfan, 13

I don't agree that it gets easier! I don't think I'm very good at learning other languages. I wish I was. I think it would be fun to make friends online and communicate with people from all over the world. I am going to try hard to learn to become fluent in at least one other language in the future, but I don't know which one I will choose.

Salama, 13

In my view one of the best things about learning a language is that it helps you when you travel to foreign countries. Even if you can only speak a little bit of the **local** language, this makes it much easier to meet people and make friends – and it could save your life in an **emergency**! I'm learning German because I'm going to visit Germany next year with my family. I'm very excited about my trip!

Abdullah, 16

The way I see it is that learning languages can be fun, but it isn't as important as learning about science and technology. Also you don't know which language you will need in the future. But my parents say that you are more likely to get an interesting job if you speak another language! You will have better work **opportunities**, like a bigger **salary** or the chance to work in different countries.

Reem, 14

'I would say that learning another language is really good for training your memory...'



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