

(7) LANGUAGES

ACTIVITY 1: Use the following words to complete the sentences.

accent alphabet bilingual dialect fluently
ideogram interpreter multilingual native speaker
translator

- 1) If you speak a language _____, you speak it freely and easily.
- 2) If you learn a language from birth, you become a _____ of that language.
- 3) Lucas is _____ - he speaks English, Spanish, Arabic, and French really well.
- 4) A _____ works with written words of different languages in books and articles.
- 5) A person's _____ often indicates which part of the world he or she comes from.
- 6) Bella's _____ - she speaks Italian and Swedish really well.
- 7) The English _____ has 26 letters.
- 8) English has different _____ - for example British English, Scottish English and American English.
- 9) An _____ works with the spoken words of different languages at meetings.
- 10) An _____ is a symbol that has meaning in the same way as words and phrases.

ACTIVITY 2: Check the answers that are true for you.



I'm multilingual.

I use ideograms.

I'd love to work as an interpreter.

I wouldn't like to work as a translator.

I sometimes speak English with native English speakers.

My language has different dialects.

When I speak English, I don't have an accent.

ACTIVITY 3: Personal questions.

1) Why is it useful to learn languages?

2) Why are you learning English?

3) What languages would you like to learn?

4) How many languages can you say *Hello!* in?

Key phrases Talking about languages

It's useful for (getting a job).

How do you say ... in ...?

I like the sound of

I'd love to learn

I (only) know a bit of

I have / don't have trouble with (grammar).

I find it easy / difficult to