

Listening

1 **Listen** You are going to listen to two people talking about an invented language called Toki Pona. What would you like to know about Toki Pona? Think of questions to ask.

Who invented it?

Do the words Toki Pona mean anything?

2 Read these incomplete notes. Do they answer any of your questions in 1?

Toki Pona

1. Sonja Lang is the creator of Toki Pona. She also works as a (6) **journalist**.

2. Toki Pona is used to communicate (6) **with** and positive feelings and people.

3. Toki Pona means (6) **good** and (6) **happy**.

4. Sonja created Toki Pona in the (6) **year** and (6) **approximately** (6) **14** and (6) **15**.

5. In Toki Pona you can say many things using (6) **few** words.

6. The Toki Pona word 'lalo' means (6) **love**.

7. In the beginning Toki Pona only had words for the numbers one, two and (6) **three**.

8. You can't say 'please' or 'thank you' in Toki Pona. You need to use (6) **yes** and (6) **no**.

9. The idea is that you can learn Toki Pona in (6) **two** hours.

10. People are learning Toki Pona in Japan, Belgium, (6) **the USA** and (6) **the UK**.



11 Listen and complete the notes in 2 with one or two words or a number in each gap.

Look back at your questions in 1. Did you find all the answers? If not, where could you find the answers?



Critical thinking

Grammar in context

Defining relative clauses
Look at these sentence questions.

- 1 It's a language (that) ...
- 2 It isn't a language that ...
- 3 Sonja Lang is the person ...
- 4 'Pona' is a word which ...
- 5 Lang is the person who ... Toki Pona.
- 6 Japan is just one country using it.
- 7 2001 was the year when Toki Pona ...

- 1a Look at the sentences in 1. Which relative clause is in bold in 1?
- a things?
 - b possessions?
 - c places?
 - d times?

2a Look at the sentences in 1. Which relative clause comes immediately after can we omit the relative pronoun?

2b Do defining relative clauses extra/non-essential information, thing, place or time of the sentence?

3 Choose the correct alternative. Are both alternatives correct?

- 1 She's the teacher **of** the English class. / She's the teacher **who** teaches English.
- 2 These are the words **that** I use. / These are the words **which** I use.
- 3 An Americanism is a word **that** comes from the USA, not the UK. / An Americanism is a word **which** comes from the USA, not the UK.
- 4 The boy **whom** I met on holiday is from London. / The boy **who** I met on holiday is from London.
- 5 Swahili is one of the languages **that** are spoken in Kenya. / Swahili is one of the languages **which** are spoken in Kenya.
- 6 James Joyce was a writer **of** the novel 'Ulysses'. / James Joyce was a writer **who** wrote 'Ulysses'.