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

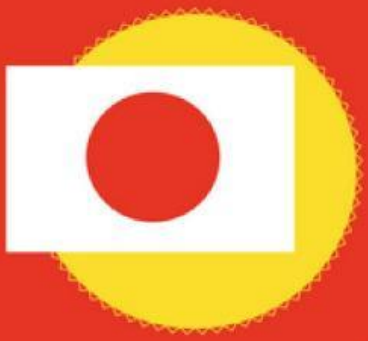
SOME DIFFERENCES BETWEEN

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.

LIVEWORKSHEETS

LISTENING

PREPARE FOR THE EXAM

Listening Part 4

1 **For each question, choose the correct answer.**

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1 You will hear a girl called Lucy talking to her mum. What are they discussing?
- A when Lucy will eat this evening
- B how Lucy will get to basketball practice
- C if Lucy's mum can work late

2 You will hear a girl called Sam talking to her friend about playing musical instruments. Why does she prefer the piano to the guitar?
- A She plays a variety of music on the piano.
- B Too many other people play the guitar.
- C The guitar is more difficult.

3 You will hear a girl talking about her Chinese homework. What is she explaining?
- A She needs the most time to do the listening exercise.
- B She enjoys doing the writing exercises.
- C She has only done the reading exercise today.

4 You will hear a boy talking about his English lesson today. What does he say about it?
- A He used his dictionary a lot.
- B His teacher could not help him.
- C The work he had to do was hard.

5 You will hear a girl called Sophie talking to a friend about an article she read. What was the topic of the article?
- A how to learn lots of languages
- B why it is good to learn languages
- C the best age to learn more languages

EXAM TIPS

- You will hear each conversation twice like this: Conversation 1, Conversation 1, Conversation 2, Conversation 2, etc.
- Check your answer the second time you listen.

WRITING

A text about languages and you

1 **Read the text and correct it with capital letters.**

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My name is carys and I am from wales, which is a country in the uk (the united kingdom of great britain and northern ireland). the uk is in europe. wales has two languages: welsh and english. most people in wales speak english, but many also speak welsh. At home I speak english because my parents are from scotland. I learn welsh at school. I also learn spanish and french at school.

2 **Write notes about you. Don't forget to use capital letters.**

Your name: _____
Your country and its continent: _____
Languages of your country: _____
Language(s) you speak at home: _____
Language(s) you learn at school / another place: _____

3 **Write a paragraph using your notes from Exercise 2. Write 50–70 words.**

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