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3 WORDPOWER *most*

a Read the text and answer the questions.

1 Which four languages does the family speak?
2 Which language does the writer prefer speaking? Which does her mother prefer speaking? Why?



One family – four languages

My mother is Mexican, my father is from Germany, we spent ten years in England and now we live in Italy. So we speak four languages in our family!

[1]**Most** of the people we know here are Italian, so when people come to our house we speak Italian [2]**most** of the time, but [3]**most** of them understand English too so we sometimes speak English and Italian together. I like speaking English [4]**most** of all because I was at school in London and also because it's an international language and [5]**most** people speak it. But with my parents I usually speak Spanish or German. My mother always prefers to speak Spanish with us – she says it's [6]**the most** beautiful language in the world.

b Look at the phrases with *most* in the text in 3a. Which of phrases 1–6 mean ... ?

a more than all the others
b nearly all (or about 70–80%)

c Look at the phrases *most of the people* and *most people* in the text. Which is about ... ?

a people in general
b a particular group of people

d Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

people	of the way
of the evening	of my friends

1 I spent most _____ at a friend's flat, then I went home.
2 Most _____ in the USA speak English, but there also 35 million Spanish speakers.
3 It's a lovely walk. You go along a river most _____.
4 I'm nearly 70 and most _____ don't work now.

e Write two sentences about your life. Choose two phrases.

most of the time
most of my friends
most of all
most days

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