



### 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?

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 are 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.