

Do you think it is useful to **know / knowing**¹ another language?

Yes, it is, **for example / definitely**². Speaking to someone in their own language, **even if / of course**³ it is only for a short time, makes that **country / person**⁴ feel more at ease. So when you visit another country it is **really / a little bit**⁵ useful.

So in your opinion, knowing just **a few / small**⁶ words makes a difference?

Yes, it makes **very different / all the difference**⁷. People really like it when you **try / trying**⁸ to speak their language.

What do you think **for / that**⁹ the advantages are of learning languages?

Learners who know **another / second**¹⁰ language have better reading skills and a **wider / longer**¹¹ vocabulary. When it comes to work, you're **a little bit / more likely**¹² to be successful if you speak the language **of / from**¹³ the people you do business with. **For example / It's useful**¹⁴ if you work for a Japanese **series / company**¹⁵ in Europe or America, you need to **speak / speaking**¹⁶ some Japanese. They say that people **who / which**¹⁷ use languages in their jobs earn **about / times**¹⁸ 8% more than people who don't use them. Also, **studies / colleges**¹⁹ show that it improves your brain power. And **now is / there is**²⁰ even some evidence that people who are bilingual live longer!

Replace the words in brackets with words from Exercise 1.

- a I always feel *at ease* (relaxed) with my language teacher.
- b Learning languages has a lot of (good points) .
- c I need to work on my listening and speaking (abilities) in Spanish.
- d My vocabulary (gets better) when I watch films with subtitles.
- e Scientists have (information from research) that sleeping is good for your memory.