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.