

17 – Languages

Useful Vocabulary

mother tongue	comprehension	grasp
native language	pronounce	complicated
foreign language	pronunciation	complex (grammar)
second language	(perfect) accent	technique
native speaker	basic (level)	method
speak like a native	intermediate (level)	approach
communicate with	advanced (level)	culture
express (ideas / emotions)	fluent	nationality
convey (emotions)	proficient	around the world / globe
make myself / yourself understood	acquire (a new language / vocabulary)	bridge the gap between

Practice Questions

1. Do you enjoy learning new languages? Why or why not?
2. How many languages do you speak? Do you consider yourself fluent in all of them? Explain.
3. What do you find the most enjoyable when learning a language?
4. What do you consider the most challenging when learning a language?
5. What are your strengths in language learning? Explain.
6. What are your weaknesses in language learning? Explain.
7. Do you learn languages better in a classroom setting or elsewhere? Explain.
8. What techniques do you use to improve your vocabulary and other language skills?
9. Have you ever had any bad experiences learning English or another foreign language? Explain.
10. Talk about the best language teacher you've ever had.
11. Have you ever used English or another foreign language to communicate while traveling abroad? Describe your experience.
12. Have you ever had any embarrassing experiences trying to communicate in English or another foreign language? Explain.
13. Do you enjoy listening to music in other languages? Why or why not?
14. Which foreign language would you like to learn and why? (not a language you already know or are learning)



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15. How do you think that a knowledge of languages could help you in the future?
16. What is your native language, and what do you like best about it?
17. How does your mother tongue help you learn other languages?
18. In your opinion, which language is the most beautiful, and why?
19. What advantages are there to learning new languages?
20. In your opinion, what's the best method for learning a foreign language?
21. What personal qualities do you think you need to have to be a good language learner?
22. What kind of teacher do you think you can learn languages from most effectively?
23. Do you think that it's possible for someone to teach himself a new language?
24. Do you think that anyone can learn a new language, or are there people who are just not good at languages? Explain.
25. Do you think that there are some ideas that can only be expressed in some languages and not in others? Why or why not?
26. Why do you think it's easier for children to learn languages than adults?
27. At what age should children start learning foreign languages? Explain.
28. In your opinion, should the Ministry of Education require students to learn more than one foreign language? Why or why not?
29. Do you think it's easier to learn how to speak or read a foreign language? Why?
30. Do you think that the English Bagrut properly assesses students' knowledge of English? Why or why not?
31. Do you think that the trend of adding English words to Hebrew is positive or negative? Why?
32. How important do you think it is to know English in Israel? What about other languages?
33. Do you think that tourists to Israel can manage with English alone? What about in other countries? Why or why not?
34. How important do you think it is for language learners to have proper pronunciation? Why?
35. Do you think you could teach your mother tongue effectively? Why or why not?
36. What languages do you think are the easiest to learn, and what are the most difficult to learn? Why?
37. What is the maximum number of languages that you think a person can know well? Why?
38. How important is it to preserve "disappearing" languages?
39. Do you think that it's possible for a non-native speaker to reach a native-speaker level of fluency? Why or why not?
40. In your opinion, is it better to learn a language from a native speaker or from a non-native speaker? Why?



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