Start thinking

Answer the questions.

1. What languages do students learn at your school?
2. Which languages do you think are very difficult to learn?
3. Which language do most people in the world speak?

Comprehension check

1. Watch the DVD. Choose the correct answers.
   1. How many languages are there in the world?
      a. about 600  
      b. about 6,000  
      c. about 16,000
   2. Which of these is an English-speaking country?
      a. Thailand  
      b. Austria  
      c. New Zealand
   3. Where is there a lot of English?
      a. on the internet  
      b. on the radio  
      c. on TV

2. Watch again. Order the things you see 1–6.
   __ a tomato  
   __ a map of the world  
   __ some chips  
   __ a yogurt  
   __ the internet  
   __ an international sign

3. Watch again. Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

   Spanish  English  Americans  British  Oxford  Canada

   1. ________ is one of the world’s most common languages.
   2. Many people speak ________ as a foreign language.
   3. The ________ English Dictionary has got over 200,000 words.
   4. ________ is an English-speaking country.
   5. British people and ________ have different words for chips.
   6. Americans and ________ people pronounce tomato in different ways.

4. Watch again. Match questions 1–6 with answers a–f.
   1. What are the world’s most common first languages? __________
   2. How many people speak English as a foreign language? __________
   3. How many books has the Oxford English Dictionary got? __________
   4. Which countries have got different words for crisps? __________
   5. Which countries pronounce yogurt in different ways? __________
   6. What do people usually do when they don’t understand a word? __________

   a. The UK and the USA.  
   b. 20.  
   c. Australia and the UK.  
   d. Mandarin Chinese and Spanish.  
   e. Use a dictionary.  
   f. Over 750 million.

5. Watch again. Choose the correct words.
   1. English is / isn’t the world’s most common first language.
   2. English is / isn’t a common foreign language.
   3. English has / hasn’t got a lot of words.
   4. English is / isn’t difficult.
   5. English has / hasn’t got the same words in all the English-speaking countries.
   6. English has / hasn’t got the same pronunciation in all the English-speaking countries.
   7. English is / isn’t an international language.
   8. It’s / isn’t easy to practise your English on the internet.
Language check

Present simple: affirmative and negative
- Over 750 million people also speak English.
- When you don’t understand a word, use a dictionary.

Subject and object pronouns
- It’s an international language.
- We don’t use them all every day.

6 Complete the sentences using the affirmative or negative form of the verbs in the box.

say pronounce learn use practise
take speak

1 Many people in the world _______ Mandarin Chinese and Spanish.
2 People in different countries also _______ to speak English as a foreign language.
3 People _______ the Oxford English Dictionary to school or to work.
4 We _______ all the words in the OED every day.
5 Americans _______ chips, not crisps.
6 Australians _______ yogurt in the same way as British people.
7 Some people _______ their English on the internet.

7 Complete the sentences using the correct form of the verb in brackets with subject and object pronouns.

1 I’ve got a lot of friends. (see)
   _______ _______ _______ every day.
2 Adam and Beth listen to Lady Gaga. (like)
   _______ _______ _______ a lot.
3 My dad has got a new car. (drive)
   _______ _______ _______ to work.
4 My aunt and uncle have got two children. (love)
   _______ _______ _______ very much.
5 Helen has got a friend. (phone)
   _______ _______ _______ every evening.
6 You’re a good friend. (help)
   _______ _______ _______ with my homework.

Extension

Look at the photos and answer the questions.

Photo A
- What can you see in the photo?
- What do you think the boy is looking at?
- How often do you use the internet?
- Do you visit websites that are in English?

Photo B
- What can you see in the photo?
- Where do you think these things are?
- How often do you use a dictionary?
- Do you prefer to look up words on a computer or in a dictionary?