





# In this lesson, we will learn about language:

- read an article about language;
- learn words and expressions about language;
- share your opinions about the importance of language.

# **Key words:**

1. conform

6. migration

2. Braille

7. portmanteau

3. intriguing

8. traverse

4. dynamicity

9. ingenious

5. obsolete

## Reading

Read the passage and pay attention to the key words.

Language is communication in its broadest sense. Language does not have to conform to English, French, Korean, or any other 7,100 languages spoken globally; rather, it can be everything. It could be words, letters, sentences, or sounds; at the same time, it could take the form of a sign, bodily movements, or Braille. However, the diversity of language is not only its intriguing feature; but also its dynamicity.

Comprehension Check:

- 1. What is a language?
- 2. What are the different forms of a language?



## Reading

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Language is evolving; it is not fixed. As new languages emerge, some spoken languages become obsolete. There are, in fact, 241 extinct languages. It has changed dramatically over the millennium for three reasons. One of them is trade and migration. As different cultures interact, people share and borrow words from other languages. These are called loanwords. Words like kimono, tsunami and Sudoku were originally Japanese but are used in English. Another factor driving language evolution is the development of new technologies. We create new words and phrases to describe things that did not exist. Some of these are portmanteau words. Finally, some words gain new meaning through time. For example, the mouse that was a rodent is now a part of a computer.

#### Comprehension Check:

- 3. Why did some spoken languages become obsolete?
- 4. Why has language changed dramatically?



# Reading

Read the passage and pay attention to the key words.

Language is diverse and dynamic, and it is vital. It enables us to express our emotions, art, and selves. Furthermore, language helps us build connections with others and create a sense of community, helping us broaden our perspective, as we traverse life. It allows us to be much smarter, more ingenious, and more loving human beings.

Comprehension Check:

5. What can language enable us to do?

6. How can language help us?



# Respond to Reading

Identify the feature of language being described in each sentence.

☐ Write the letter of your answer on the space provided.

A. Diverse

**B.** Dynamic

C. Vital

- \_\_\_\_\_1. Judy communicates through sign language.
- \_\_\_\_\_2. The word surf has two meanings.
- \_\_\_\_\_3. Language avoids conflicts.
- 4. There are 7,100 languages in the world.
- 5. We use different loanwords.

### Free Talk

Describe the benefits of learning a second or third language.

"Benefits of learning a Second Language"

"Benefits of learning a Third Language"

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☐ Why is language important?

☐ Why do people learn more than one language?

☐ How did you learn the languages that you know?

Make a short summary of the topic you have learned today.

Language is diverse. It comes in various forms. Language is dynamic as it is constantly changing. Language is vital. It allows people to see and understand different perspectives.



☐ Talk about the importance of language.

You may use some of the words you've learned.

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Your opinion...