

Workbook key

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1 Learning languages

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Countries: Germany, Portugal, France, Japan, Russia, Italy, China, Greece, Spain, England

Languages: German, Portuguese, French, Japanese, Russian, Italian, Chinese, Greek, Spanish, English

2 **a** CD3 T2 AUDIOSCRIPT/ANSWERS

(*Underlined* = stressed)

1 grammar 2 vocabulary 3 interesting 4 difficult 5 easier 6 pronunciation

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3 **a** 2 China is bigger than Japan.

3 Japanese grammar is more difficult than Chinese.

4 My English pronunciation is worse than my German.

5 The English test was easier than I expected.

6 The book is more interesting than the film.

7 My mum's Spanish is better than her French.

8 Are language courses in Australia more expensive than in the United States?

b 2 English House is bigger than The London School.

3 The groups at The London School are smaller than at English House.

4 The courses at English House are more expensive than at The London School.

5 The classes at The London School are longer than at English House.

6 The social life at English House is more exciting than at The London School.

c Student's own answers

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4 **a** You need time to ¹ learn a foreign language well.

Don't worry about having an accent. Other people can ² understand you.

You need to ³ practise a lot if you want to be fluent.

Don't worry if you ⁴ make mistakes. That's normal.

If you repeat a word a lot of times, it helps you ⁵ remember it.

If you don't ⁶ know what a word ⁷ means, try to ⁸ guess the meaning.

It isn't a good idea to ⁹ translate word for word from your first language.

Don't ¹⁰ forget to do your homework!

b 2 advert 3 newspaper 4 letter 5 form 6 dictionary 7 certificate 8 instructions
9 email

5 **a** 2 The day I got my exam results was the worst day of my life. I failed them all.

3 The most difficult exam that I had this month was History. It was impossible.

4 London is one of the biggest cities in Europe.

5 I love Maths. For me, it's the easiest subject at school.

6 That was the most boring film in the world. I nearly fell asleep.

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b Hi Jackson!

I'm writing this from London – we arrived here on Tuesday, after staying in Madrid and Paris.

London is one of ¹ the most interesting cities in Europe, but unfortunately, it's also one of ² the most expensive places to stay. It's ³ bigger than Paris and of course it's a lot ⁴ older than Sydney in Australia.

You know I love History and there are lots of great museums here – in fact, the British Museum is probably ⁵ the best museum in the world.

The Spanish were ⁶ the friendliest people so far, but it was ⁷ more difficult to communicate with them than with people in London because my Spanish is so bad. Paris was fantastic and I ate ⁸ the most delicious food of my life there. My Aunt Caroline, who's English, says that British food is ⁹ better than French food, but I think she's wrong about that!

Tonight we're going to a show; it's a musical called *Les Misérables*. My cousins say it's ¹⁰ the most popular show in London.

We're flying home to Sydney in five days. See you then!

Charlotte

c Student's own answers

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6 a Marry and learn a language!

b 2 T 3 F 4 T 5 F

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7 a CD3 T4 AUDIOSCRIPT

Interviewer: Hello and welcome to Kings Language School. Now, before you can go to a class, I want to ask you some questions.

Sophie: OK.

Interviewer: Can you tell me your name?

Sophie: Yes, I'm Sophie.

Interviewer: And your surname?

Sophie: Cossart.

Interviewer: How do you spell that, Sophie?

Sophie: C O double-S A R T.

Interviewer: Right. When were you born, Sophie?

Sophie: My birthday?

Interviewer: Yes.

Sophie: It's 5th May.

Interviewer: And your first language is French, isn't it?

Sophie: Yes, that's right. I speak French – and a little English.

Interviewer: Right, I want to ask you some questions about your English, OK?

Sophie: Yes, OK.

Interviewer: How good is your grammar?

Sophie: My grammar?

Interviewer: Yes, your English grammar.

Sophie: Oh ... my grammar is OK. We study a lot of grammar at school and I like doing grammar exercises. My problem is speaking. Speaking is really hard for me. I'm not very good at it.

Interviewer: Well, I understand you perfectly, Sophie. So ... you think your grammar is OK, but you don't think you're very good at speaking. Is that right?

Sophie: Yes, that's right.

Interviewer: And your vocabulary?

Sophie: I think I'm really good at vocabulary. I love learning new words.

Interviewer: Great. Now, how about your listening? I think you understand me quite easily, don't you?

Sophie: Yes, it's fine – if you don't speak too fast, I can understand everything. My listening is really good, I think.

Interviewer: Great. Well done! So that leaves reading and writing. Is your reading better than your listening, Sophie?

Sophie: Oh no. I don't think so. My reading isn't great, it's OK.

Interviewer: And your writing?

Sophie: Uh! My writing is terrible. I'm OK at spelling words, but I'm not very good at writing long sentences. It's very difficult.

Interviewer: Right. Just one last question then, Sophie. Which course are you doing?

Sophie: I'm doing the one-month course.

Interviewer: One month. OK. You know that you have lessons in the morning and do sports in the afternoon on this course, don't you?

Sophie: Yes, that's right. I love sports.

Interviewer: Right then, Sophie. That's all for now. Thank you very much. I hope you enjoy your classes here.

Sophie: Thank you. Bye!

3 (She's having an interview at a language school.)

b Surname: Cossart

Birthday: 5th May

First language: French

Language programme: One-month English and sport course

Level of English:

grammar: OK

vocabulary: really good

listening: really good

speaking: not very good

reading: OK

writing: not very good

8 Student's own answer

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Watch out!

1 2 Emails are ~~quick~~ than letters. quicker

3 The film was ~~funny~~ than the book. funnier

4 Are children ~~more happy~~ than adults? happier

2 2 Reading is more interesting than grammar.

3 Buses are more frequent than trains.

4 Is Lake Como more beautiful than Lake Geneva?

3 2 Françoise has two brothers. Pierre is the younger one.

3 On holiday, the most important thing is good weather.

4 She bought the most expensive dress in the shop.

5 I sometimes like reading magazines, but books are more interesting.

6 The most frequent spelling mistake is *wich* instead of *which*.

4 2 German **3** Italian **4** Russian **5** Spanish