

## •VOCABULARY•

## 1 Circle the correct option. (1 point each)

- There are 6,800 \_\_\_\_\_ in the world.
  - idioms
  - tongues
  - languages
  - speakers
- English is used by many people around the world. It has become \_\_\_\_\_.
  - extinct
  - international
  - complicated
  - academic
- There are only 350 million \_\_\_\_\_ speakers of English.
  - native
  - genuine
  - technical
  - first
- English constantly \_\_\_\_\_ words from other languages.
  - lends
  - invents
  - disappears
  - borrow
- A person who knows a lot about languages is called a(n) \_\_\_\_\_.
  - linguistic
  - linguist
  - speaker
  - expert

## 2 Complete the signs. The first letter is provided for you. (1 point each)

- Meeting p\_\_\_\_\_
- Danger! Keep o\_\_\_\_\_
- No p\_\_\_\_\_
- Do not e\_\_\_\_\_
- Smoke-free z\_\_\_\_\_

## 3 Unscramble the letters in the box to form words and complete the sentences. (1 point each)

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- Don't drop your \_\_\_\_\_ *iPod* or it may break.
- One slice of \_\_\_\_\_ is not enough for him.
- The smell of \_\_\_\_\_ always wakes me up in the morning.
- When a \_\_\_\_\_ erupts, it can block out the sun.
- I like the meat in my \_\_\_\_\_ to be well done.

## •GRAMMAR•

## 4 Write affirmative (+) and negative (-) sentences using the verbs in the box. Use the cues. (3 points each)

doing	taking care of	watching
washing	driving	

- She / like / dishes (-)  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
*She doesn't like washing dishes.*
- He / like / in the rain (-)  
 \_\_\_\_\_
- My parents / like / the news every evening (+)  
 \_\_\_\_\_
- Jack / love / math problems (+)  
 \_\_\_\_\_
- I / mind / the neighbor's dog (-)  
 \_\_\_\_\_

## 5 Match the sentences (1-5) with the follow-up sentences (a-e). (1 point each)

- c 1. Mia can play the guitar.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ 2. No, I can't swim.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Heather can't ride a horse.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ 4. My brother and I can play tennis.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ 5. She can predict the future.
- She's afraid of falling off and breaking her neck.
  - We're not very good players though.
  - Her father taught her to play it.
  - She has special powers.
  - I never took swimming lessons.

6 Write sentences using *could* or *couldn't*. Use the cues and the follow-up sentences. (3 points each)

- Last year / I / hit a baseball / very well  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
*Last year, I couldn't hit a baseball very well.*  
 Now, I'm so much better at it.
- He / play the piano / when he was three years old.  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Everyone thought he was a genius.

3. They / dance the tango / when they were younger.

\_\_\_\_\_

Now, they'd rather sit and watch other couples dance.

4. Ashley / bake special cakes

\_\_\_\_\_

So, she enrolled in a baking class to learn how.

•READING•

- 7 Read the text. Correct the statements by changing the underlined words. (1 point each)

**The Mandarin language**

Mandarin is the official language of the People's Republic of China. Most Chinese people living in northern and southwestern China are native speakers of some dialect of Mandarin. In fact, Mandarin is spoken by over 720 million people in China; that is, 70 percent of the population. There are also many Mandarin speakers in other countries, such as Taiwan, Singapore, and Malaysia. The total number of speakers in the world is probably around a billion, but no one knows for sure. In any case, more people in the world speak Mandarin than any other language, including English.

The grammar of Mandarin is not especially complicated. Compared to other languages, Mandarin word structure is simple and uncomplicated, with words consisting of one or two morphemes. But the writing system is more complex and has little relation to the spoken language. It is based on written symbols or characters that are over two thousand years old. There are around 40,000 different characters — that is a lot to learn!

Today more and more people are interested in learning Mandarin. This is because China has opened its doors to the West and there are many business opportunities for European and American companies. Perhaps in the future, Mandarin will take the place of English and become the language of international communication. So start learning now!

1. Most Mandarin speakers live in the southeast of China. *north and southwest*
2. Mandarin is spoken by fifty percent of the population. \_\_\_\_\_
3. The total number of Mandarin speakers in the world is around one million. \_\_\_\_\_
4. The writing system is similar to the spoken language. \_\_\_\_\_
5. The writing system is based on sounds. \_\_\_\_\_
6. China has opened its doors to the East. \_\_\_\_\_
7. Mandarin will never become an international language of communication. \_\_\_\_\_

•COMMUNICATION•

- 8 Fill in the blanks with the correct word to complete the dialogue. (1 point each)

A: Excuse me. Are you Jamie?

B: Yes, I <sup>1</sup> am.

A: How do you do? I'm Mrs. Yates.

B: Nice to <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ you, Mrs. Yates.

A: Welcome to Ireland!

B: <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ you. I'm glad to be here.

A: <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ was the trip?

B: It was great! I felt so excited on the way here.

A: Is this your first <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ in Ireland?

B: Yes, it is.

A: Is that <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ backpack?

B: Yes, it's <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_.

A: It's heavy! What <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ you have in it?

B: Oh, just some small gifts for you and your family.