

LANGUAGES

1 Read the text and circle the best title.

- a. Language Studies in England
- b. A different Language to Study
- c. Why English People Study Languages

Most students at school study at least one and maybe two languages apart from their own. European children tend to learn European languages and in England these languages are probably French, Spanish, or German. But one student, Alex Brown, learns another language after school, and it's not European. It's Swahili.

Alex is interested in the language because his grandparents are originally from the southern part of Africa and their first language is Swahili. Therefore, every day when classes finish, Alex goes to his grandparents' house for his extra class. Alex really enjoys learning from his grandfather because he loves hearing all the old stories about his grandfather's childhood.

Alex's dad picks him up after the class to take him home. "I'm very happy that my son is learning the language of my father," he says. "When he is older he can go to Africa to visit his distant family and talk to them."

2 Reread and answer these questions.

1. What languages do English students normally study?

They usually study French, Spanish, or German.

2. Who studies Swahili?

3. Why does he study Swahili?

4. What does Alex love hearing about?

5. Who picks Alex up after class?

6. What does Alex's dad think of his son learning Swahili?

7. Who can talk to Alex when he goes to Africa?

> Write

3 Think of one subject that you like and one you don't like studying and explain why.

I really like studying music and I hate studying mathematics. I enjoy going to music class because ...