

*Support material for Higher Spanish*

*Listening monologue: learning: languages*

You listen to Sebastian talking about his knowledge of languages.

*You have one minute to study the questions*

1	At what age do pupils start learning English in Spain?			1
2	Why did he think learning English was a waste of time when he was young?			1
3	How old was he when he changed his mind?			1
4	Where exactly was he when he made this decision?			2
5	Why does he now think it is important to learn languages?			1
6	What other language is he now learning?			1
7	Overall, which statement best reflects Sebastian's views? Tick (✓) the correct statement.	He is learning languages because he has to.		1
		He finds it difficult learning languages.		
		He is learning languages because he wants to.		

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Listening dialogue: learning: languages

You listen to Manuel, a young tennis player, being interviewed about his life. *You have one minute to study the questions*

1	What does Manuel's job involve?		1
2	Why are languages important for him?		2
3	What is the most important thing for him?		1
4	He discusses several sets of people he has to talk to. Give any two of them.		2
5	Why does he think it important to talk to the last set of people he mentioned?		1
6	When is he most nervous talking in another language?		1
7	Why does he think young people should study a language?		1
8	What language is he learning now?		1
9	Why is he doing so?		2

**Section 2 — WRITING — 10 marks**

Manuel ha hablado de los idiomas que habla y de su vida. Y tú, ¿qué idiomas hablas? ¿Has hablado español en España? ¿Crees que es importante poder comunicarte en varios idiomas?

Escribe 120—150 palabras, en español, para expresar tus ideas.