



Ideology and vocabulary course for IELTS

Session 6

Language and society

Key phrases for Language topics

- **Several languages die out every year. Is it important or fewer languages are better?**
- **Social and practical problems of living in a society with a different language.**
- **The reasons for learning a foreign language: travel, work.**



Several languages die out

It is good	It is bad
<p>Convenient life with fewer languages → English has become a “lingua franca” → all business interactions and diplomatic negotiations</p>	<p>Languages take thousands of years to develop → they evolve out of culture and daily life → if they die “culture erosion” happens → e.g. tradition of storytelling in one language will disappear.</p>



Living in a country with a different language

<i>Social problems</i>	<i>Practical problems</i>
<p>They cannot speak the language → their abilities to socialize will be hampered → cause social problems → may lead to discrimination → e.g. refugees (Arabs and Persians) in other countries who cannot speak the target language and people look down on them</p>	<p>not many practical problems → google has solved many problems → they can order food online through pictures only or find an address by Google Translate.</p> <p>But</p> <p>They cannot do any more than that → financial issues and law need language proficiency.</p>



The reason for learning a foreign language

- There are cheaper flights these days.
- Teleworking is another reason → people do not need to go to workplace everyday so they travel and work at the same time.
- Through travelling they can learn about people and their traditions.
- Social life has changed → they marry later in life and have time to take trips or they have fewer kids so they can make more frequent trips as couples.



Summary of new words and ideas

Extinction of languages	Evolve: Languages evolve out of culture and daily life	Business interactions And Diplomatic negotiations	Hamper
Cope with the language barrier	Troublesome	Practical problems	Minority languages
Prevalent languages	Shift in working styles	Teleworking	?



Key phrases for society writing topics

- **Can you tell about a person's culture and character from their clothes.**
- **Can music bring people from different cultures and ages together.**
- **Choose friends with similar opinions Vs. with different opinions.**
- **Teenage years being the happiest time Vs. adult life brings more happiness instead of greater responsibilities.**



Tell about a person's culture and character from their clothes

Yes	No
<p>Special clothes give us an idea about background or nationality → robes for Buddhas and veil for Muslims → so the attire mirrors tradition</p> <p>But</p> <p>Attire shows nothing about character.</p>	<p>The influence of western culture → most countries dress similarly → suits, jeans and T-shirts</p>



Can music bring people from different cultures and ages together

Yes	No
<p>Music does not need interpretation → because it affects our emotions and touches our heart. → we can appreciate the melody and depth of the music, regardless of age.</p> <p>Different musical instruments are used in each country's music → piano which belongs to GB is now used worldwide, even in Chinese music → so, different cultures can get close to each other.</p>	<p>Each music belongs to specific age groups → e.g. rap belongs to the juveniles.</p> <p>But It is not always like this; national anthem belongs to everyone → some old people like rap just like the young who enjoy listening to classical music.</p>



friends with similar opinions Vs. with different opinions

Yes	No
<p>They are more compatible → same choice in clothes, music, etc. → their friendship is quite safe.</p> <p>They can enjoy their time together more → same taste when they go to cinema e.g.</p>	<p>A friend with disagreeing viewpoint can improve us → can notice the weaknesses → can bring a variety of new ideas only because they look at things differently</p> <p>Have a different perspective.</p>



appearance and dressing style	Disagreeing viewpoint	Veil/ denim jeans/ robe	The attire mirrors tradition	Eliminates distinctions between cultures	Like-minded friends
Companion	Compatriot	Compatible	perspective	?	?

