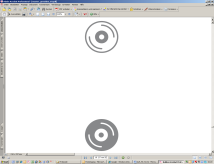
# Unit 1 Speaking English (Key)

** Track 1.1: Why to learn languages**

Interviewer: Hello, Sarah. Thanks for being our guest today.

Sarah: It’s a pleasure. Thank you for having me here today.

Interviewer: Sarah, you were born in the United States and spent the first few years of your life there, but when you were six, your parents decided to move abroad because of a new job your dad took on. Is that correct?

Sarah: Yes, exactly. I travelled a lot in those days. Finally, we settled here in Europe; and that’s where I have been living for nearly ten years now.

Interviewer: You have picked up quite a few languages over the years, haven’t you?

Sarah: Oh yes; I’m fluent in English, of course *(laughs)*, erm ... I’m – I’m quite good at Spanish and German and I understand the most important words and phrases in French and Hungarian. At the moment, I’m trying to study Czech, but that’s really hard.

Interviewer: Wow – that’s impressive. I don’t know half that many languages. Why is it so important to learn languages in your view?

Sarah: Well, first of all languages give you access to knowledge. No matter if you are interested in science, music, computers or sports – the internet, television or newspapers and magazines give you almost unlimited access to knowledge on your favourite subjects. If you know many languages, you understand articles and  
TV shows from all over the world and – and not only those from your home  
country.

Interviewer: I think so, too. And if you have an opinion on one of the articles or TV shows you can write to the producers and tell them what you think.

Sarah: Exactly! Languages are all about communication, aren’t they? If you know many languages, you can get in touch with people from all over the world and talk about your ideas and opinions on – on internet discussion groups, or send e-mails to interesting people, learn about their life and – and culture.

Interviewer: And you can also travel more easily, can’t you?

Sarah: Sure! I experienced that myself many, many times. Knowing languages lets you communicate with people wherever you go: Ask directions, have a conversation, or ask for help. Who knows, maybe a foreign language will save your life someday!

Interviewer: Well ... we shouldn’t expect the worst ... but you’ve certainly got a point there.

Sarah: Last but not least, knowing languages is also important for finding a job. Many global companies agree that people who apply to work for them are more employable if they can speak a second or even third language. So improving your languages is a good investment in your future career.

Interviewer: What a suitable conclusion for this interview. Sarah, thank you very much again for being with us today. Continue learning and enjoy languages and do spread the word. Goodbye!

Sarah: Goodbye!

**1 Listening: Why to learn languages**

**0–d)** Because of her father’s work.

**Q1–a)** Czech

**Q2–b)** Because it is easier to watch TV or read magazines from other countries.

**Q3–a)** on the internet

**Q4–d)** You can get help easily, especially in dangerous situations.

**Q5–b)** Because many international companies want people who speak two or three languages.

#### **2 Reading: Why it is so important to learn English**

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| **0** | All over the world, people speak English fluently. |  | 🗶 | **Some speak English fluently** |
| **Q1** | The author of the text likes meeting other sports fans on the internet. | 🗶 |  | **So I must work** |
| **Q2** | If you don’t understand a book written in another language, there might be an English translation. | 🗶 |  | **Because English is an** |
| **Q3** | Nowadays, there are enough jobs for everyone. |  | 🗶 | **There are too many** |
| **Q4** | If you know English, you can do business with people from all over the world. | 🗶 |  | **English is very important** |
| **Q5** | In Sri Lanka, it is difficult to find someone who speaks English. |  | 🗶 | **It was great to** |
| **Q6** | The author of the text thinks in fifty years English will be as important as today. |  | 🗶 | **I am really curious** |

**5 Language in use: How to learn a language 1**

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**6 Language in use: How to learn a language 2**

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