

1 - Fill in the blanks using the words below. There are two extra words in the box.

communicate – disappear – vary – written – continent – exist

Language is a system of communication. It uses 1..... and spoken forms. People use language to 2..... with each other in a society. They exchange knowledge, beliefs, wishes, and feelings through it. Languages 3..... greatly from region to region. They are so different that a person may not understand the language of someone from another region, country or 4..... . It is not surprising to hear that today about 7000 languages 5..... in the world. There are more than 2000 languages in Africa, 1000 in the Americas, more than 2250 in Asia, about 230 in Europe, and more than 1300 in Oceania.

2 - Circle the correct option.

1. I need (a little/ a few) sleep.
2. Could you buy (a little/ a few) bottles of water for me?
3. My parents give me (a little/ a few) pocket money every week.
4. My friend knows (a little/ a few) English poems.
5. There are (a little/ a few) birthdays to celebrate this month.
6. There's (a little/ a few) rice in the fridge if you get hungry.
7. 'How's your father?' '(A little/ A few) better, thanks.'
8. Can you buy (a little/ a few) loaves of bread on your way home?

3 - Fill in the blanks with "A, AN or SOME".

1. I´ve got apple in my bag.
2. I´ll buy bottles of water from the shop.
3. My teacher´s got new car.
4. There´s water in the bottle.
5. You can have potatoes.
6. We´ve got bread.
7. We need banana.
8. I´ve got orange juice

4 - Babak Saberian is a translator who works for IRIB1. Today, he is hosting Meysam in his office. Read their conversation and fill in the blanks with the phrases from the box below. One phrase is extra.

a language institute – as early as possible – by means of – inviting me – a university student
– three languages – to be honest – besides my mother tongue – an important point

Meysam: Thank you Mr. Saberian for 1..... to your office.

Mr. Saberian: You're welcome!

Meysam: I heard you know 2..... Is that right?

Mr. Saberian: Well, actually four languages.

Meysam: Four! Really?! What languages do you know?

Mr. Saberian: 3..... , Persian, I know English, French and Russian well.

Meysam: Interesting! And when did you learn them?

Mr. Saberian: I began learning English at school when I was thirteen. Then I began learning French in 4..... when I was fifteen. And I learned Russian when I was 5..... in Moscow.

Meysam: Can you use all of them fluently?

Mr. Saberian: I know all of them well, but I use English more.

Meysam: OK. Do you think language learning should start 6..... ?

Mr. Saberian: My experience says interest and hard work are really more important than age.

Meysam: Hmm... that's 7..... May I know what your favorite language is? English, French, or Russian?

Mr. Saberian: 8..... , I enjoy using them all, but my favorite language is absolutely my mother tongue!

5 - Complete the following sentences with gerunds. Make the necessary changes.

read paint shut stop meet

1. My uncle is thinking of his house.

2. that book was very interesting.

3. Do you mind the window, please?

4. He drove two hundred miles without

5. I've really enjoyed you.

6 - Put each sentence into the correct order.

1. you - I - pleased - am - meet - to.

2. invites - she - will - me- , - I - if - go.

3. is - machine - use - easy - to - this - it.

4. went - I - shop - to - to - the -bread - some - buy.

5. don't - thirsty - if - drink- , - will - you - get - you.

6. were - at - we - news - the - surprised.