



Work in groups to discuss the questions below.



1. Could people always speak?
2. What was the purpose of speech when we began speaking?
3. How has language changed overtime?
4. What will happen to language in the future?

Not so long ago French was considered the most important language to know. Today it has been replaced by English. Researchers say that soon English will be replaced and the new 'must know' language will be Mandarin Chinese.

5. How do you feel about having to learn another language for international communication?
6. To what extent do we learn culture when we learn language?

7. How many languages can you speak?
8. How well do you speak them?
9. In your country, how many languages do most people know?
10. If you could magically learn four languages fluently, which languages would you choose? Why?
11. Have you heard about Esperanto?
12. Should we all adopt Esperanto as a second language?

ESPERANTO

Esperanto was developed in 1887.

It combines the features of many different languages.

It doesn't represent the culture of any one particular language.

It doesn't replace languages or cultures.

It is designed to be a second language for everyone.

It is the only planned human language.

Its grammar is consistent and each to use.

