

## Learning languages discussion questions

1. What did you think about analysing and breaking down the language in the way you just did with the Greek word roots? Is it interesting? Will it help you to learn? Do you think that is the same for everybody?
2. Do you think that opportunities to speak are more important than being corrected? Why do you say that?
3. What do you think the consequences of having other lessons at school taught in English would be?
4. What are the advantages and disadvantages of having all your errors corrected?
5. What is the best way to learn a language, in your opinion?
6. How much does how you should learn a language vary from person to person?
7. Do you believe that parents in your country put too much emphasis on learning English? Why do you have that opinion?
8. Do you think your government is doing enough to promote foreign languages?
9. How has the importance of English in your country changed over the last 50 years?
10. What can be done to improve English language education for kids, do you think?
11. Do you think that the teaching of foreign languages is getting better or worse? What makes you say that?
12. In your opinion, how important is starting a language young?
13. When is the best age for learning a foreign language (whilst still being in your own country) efficiently?
14. What is the best way to help a baby learn its own language fast and well?
15. Why do mothers talk to children who are too young to understand?
16. Why do people talk to babies in a particular way? Do you think that is true all round the world?

*Make more questions with the sentence stems above or below*

Do you think that ... is a good idea?

In what ways do ... benefit society?

Why do some people ...?

Do you think there is a danger that ...?

What are your predictions for the ... in the next few years?

What do you think ... will be like in ... years' time?

Do you think that ... is changing?