

IELTS Speaking Course – Week 9

与语言相关的话题在雅思口语考试中十分常见。它被视为核心个人话题，与工作、学习或家乡等主题同等重要。

- **Blog** = 博客
- **Podcast** = 播客
- **Audiobook** = 有声书
- **Vocabulary log** = 词汇记录
- **Diary** = 日记
- **Record** = 录制

Language Learning Survey		Yes	No
	Do you... in English?		
	• read newspapers and magazines?	☐	☐
	• read blogs or internet sites?	☐	☐
	• read books	☐	☐
	Do you... in English?		
	• listen to music	☐	☐
	• listen to podcasts or audiobooks	☐	☐
	• watch videos or movies	☐	☐
	Do you... in English?		
	• take notes in class	☐	☐
	• use an online dictionary	☐	☐
	• keep a vocabulary log	☐	☐
	• write a personal diary	☐	☐
	• write emails	☐	☐
	Do you... in English?		
	• talk to other people	☐	☐
	• sing songs	☐	☐
	• read books aloud	☐	☐
	• record your voice to check your pronunciation	☐	☐
Total =			

Speaker 1

Speaker 2

Speaker 3

Speaker 4

Speaker 5

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My mother tongue is Mandarin.	I've recently started keeping a journal in English.
It's an integral part of my routine.	I'm essentially bilingual in mandarin and English.
It opens up a world of opportunities .	I frequently consume English-language media.
Phrasal verbs can be quite overwhelming at times.	I make a habit of listening to English podcasts.
It broadens your horizons and allows you to connect with different cultures.	The most challenging aspect for me has been mastering the pronunciation.
I try to incorporate English into my daily life.	I'm also fairly proficient in English.
I use English on a daily basis .	

1 Today, over 50% of the world's total population can speak more than one language. Maybe you are one of these people who can communicate in many languages. However, it may be unlikely that you can speak more than Richard Doner, an American teenager who can hold a conversation in over twenty languages.

- Richard Doner is special because he can speak **more / less** languages than **more / most** people.

2 Richard lives in New York. It is a city where there are people from hundreds of different countries. There are around 180 languages spoken in New York schools. This is why Richard believes that New York is the perfect city for him. 'I can discuss many different topics with people from all over the world and I don't even need to travel to another country,' Richard says.

- Richard is very lucky as he has **many / lots of** opportunities to practice his language skills.

3 Can he see a disadvantage? 'You can never rest. You have to continuously practise and put in lots of effort all the time to be able to remember the languages. I believe that, if your brain doesn't do any work, you can forget what you know. I don't have time to speak all of my languages every day, so if I want to get better, if I want to make progress, the important thing is that I speak each one as often as I can. If I don't, I start to forget the phrases and words that I know'.

- Richard practices speaking each language **all the time / regularly** to improve.

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听某人回答以下雅思题卡中的问题，在说话者的回答中划出他所使用的所有表达方式：



Describe a language that you are studying.

You should say:

- What the language is.
 - How well you know the language.
 - How long you are going to study the language for.
- and explain why you are learning this language.

What language

Chinese / Japanese / Cantonese
Fabulous / inspired / fascinated

How long

Last couple of days / last couple of years

How well

Beginner / upper-beginner / lower-intermediate /
Intermediate / upper-intermediate / advanced

Language Goal

long-term commitment / Mid-term goal /
short-term goal / professional development /
fluent level / career goal /lifelong journey /
proficient level

Motivation

Find a foreign couple / Huge fan of culture /
traditional art / find a job abroad / literature
in its original language / understand films
without subtitles / study in a foreign university

What language

How long

How well

Language Goal

Motivation

选择学生在回答上述问题时遗漏的词语：

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|--------------|------------|---------------|
| 1 A am going | B going to | C am going to |
| 2 A see | B know | C think |
| 3 A having | B doing | C making |
| 4 A look | B see | C check |
| 5 A practise | B try | C speak |
| 6 A using | B use | C used |
| 7 A up | B at | C to |
| 8 A do | B make | C have |

View

Many students use an online dictionary to help them learn a language when they study in class. In this essay, I 1 _____ discuss the advantages and disadvantages of this.

Firstly, if a student doesn't 2 _____ the meaning of a word or phrase, they can find it quickly and easily with an online dictionary. The teacher can continue with the class and doesn't need to stop and answer questions all the time.

Furthermore, a paper dictionary is sometimes too heavy and students don't like to carry one in their bags.

On the other hand, when a student is not very confident, or if they are afraid of 3 _____ a mistake, they might start to use their dictionary in the wrong way. If they stop to 4 _____ every word or phrase they do not know, they won't 5 _____ their language skills enough and they won't improve.

Additionally, it is very difficult for a teacher to check that the students are 6 _____ their computers to look 7 _____ a word and not just playing online games. If they do not focus on the class, they won't 8 _____ any progress.

To sum up, an online dictionary is often useful for students. However, in my opinion, students should only go online when the teacher says to do so. If not, they won't learn for themselves.