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A: **How many languages do you speak?**

B: Four. I speak English, French, Spanish and German.

A: Wow! That's amazing! **Which language do you speak best?**

B: English, of course. It's my native language. Then Spanish.

A: **Is your Spanish better than** your French?

B: Yes, my Spanish is more fluent than my French. I think the Spanish pronunciation and the grammar **are easier than** French.

A: What about your German? **Do you speak it** fluently?

B: No, my spoken German **is worse than** my French. I think German **is the most difficult** language of the four.

A: **Aren't German words similar to** English words?

B: Yes, they often are, but German grammar is terrible!

2

A: Which city do you like best, London or Cambridge?

B: Well, London is a very noisy city. Cambridge is quieter.

A: But there aren't as many things to do in Cambridge, so life is more boring there.

B: Yes, London is more exciting. But I think the people in Cambridge are friendlier.

A: That's true. It's easier to make friends in Cambridge.

B: And Cambridge is very beautiful – more beautiful than parts of London.

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A: **How many words are there** in the English language, Professor?

B: We don't really know, but probably over one million words.

A: Is this number **getting bigger**?

B: Yes, there are about 25,000 new words a year in the English language.

A: **How many words does a normal person know?**

B: It depends on the person's education, but most people have an active vocabulary of around 50,000 words.

A: **Which is the most frequent letter in** the English language?

B: The letter E, but it isn't the most interesting letter.

A: **Which is the most interesting letter** and **why?**

B: The letter X. Because it has 10 different meanings.

4

A: Do you speak Italian fluently?

B: Yes, I do, but I have a foreign accent when I speak it.

A: Do you make any mistakes?

B: Yes, I do. But I think that's normal.

A: How long did it take you to learn Italian?

B: I started ten years ago, and I'm still learning. You never stop learning a language.

A: Do you often have to look words up a dictionary?

B: No, I can usually guess the meaning of a new word.

A: Do you ever translate from English?

B: Not really. I try to think in Italian when I speak it.