

Course: Advance

Level 2

Day №05

Answer the following questions:

1. English is an official language in how many countries?
a. 13 b. 33 c. 53
2. Which two languages have more native speakers than English?
3. What language is spoken by the most people in the world (native and non-native)?



Match the words with their meaning.

1. Care to

•ability to do something well
without wasting time and effort

2. In theory

•would you like to

3. Appreciate

•Ridiculous

4. Admire

•as some people believe

5. Silly

•to be thankful for

6. Efficiency

•to think something is good or
attractive

Situation: Peter is an Australian employee who started working in Thailand at a foreign bank. He and his new American colleague Richard discover that they disagree about the language Learning. Read their conversation.

Richard: Peter, I'm going to lunch. Care to join me?

Peter: I'd love to, but I've got my Thai language lesson during lunch hour today.

Richard: Well, I admire your effort. I've been here for four years and I just know the basics.

Peter: Doesn't that create any problems?

Richard: Well, you don't really need to speak Thai to work here. After all, English is the company's working language.

Peter: Well, I used to work in Hong Kong. The local staff spoke excellent English, but I think studying Chinese helped me a lot.

Richard: In theory, I suppose that's true. But foreigners look pretty silly trying to speak such difficult languages. In Thai the pronunciation and the polite language are really hard. I've given up.

Peter: Well, I think the local staff do appreciate the effort. I've seen a lot of problems because foreign staff don't understand local conditions.

Richard: Well, if I need help, I'll just ask one of the local staff. Besides, studying takes so much time. I'd rather spend that time being productive.

Peter: Yeah, it's true. It does take a lot of time.

Richard: Besides, we're in the banking business. Money is something everyone understands. It would increase efficiency more if the local staff spoke better English.

Peter: I don't know. They spend a lot of energy learning English—I think we should do the same.

Richard: Well, that's not going to help them get along in a global world. Anyway, I'm hungry! I'll leave you to your books and go get something to eat.

Peter: OK, enjoy.

Enumerate the points made by Richard and Pete.



Richard	Pete
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.



Being in a Foreign Land

Would you learn the local language if you were in a foreign land?



Who needs the local language?



Peter is an Australian employee who is learning Thai to aid his work in a foreign bank in Thailand.

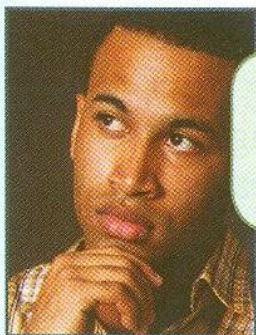
Richard is Peter's American colleague who disagrees with what Peter is doing.

Choose an opinion



☐ **Anna:** It's crazy to live somewhere for four years and not learn the language.

☐ **Shingo:** Why bother to learn the local language when the local staff speaks English?



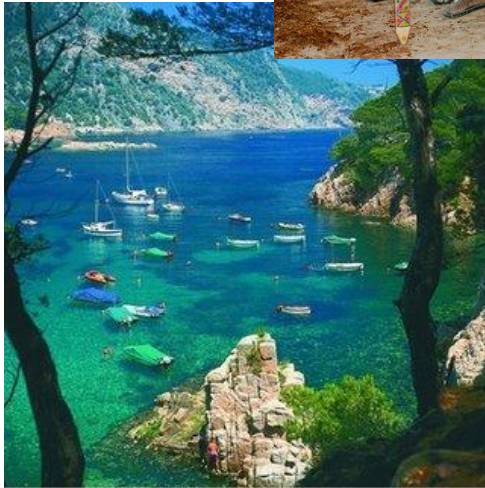
☐ **Mark:** The local staff should speak better English. It's the language of business.

☐ **Iris:** Native English speakers are spoiled. It's important for them to learn a foreign language.



- Why did you choose that argument?
- Classify the other opinions as 'clear, interesting, or good' and explain.

Would you consider living in a foreign country? Why or why not?



***Thank you for
today!***

***I'm looking forward to
seeing you again!***