

Unit0 Three Interesting Facts about Languages

春休みの宿題で、興味のあることや人について、クラスメートにクイズ形式で伝えることになりました。翻訳家になりたい朝美は、世界の言語について調べて書いています。

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1. How many languages are there?

- It is said that about 7,000 different languages are spoken in the world.
- About 80 percent of them are used by fewer than 100,000 people.

2. What is the most common first language?

- Chinese is used as a first language by the greatest number of people.
- English is used by the third greatest number.

3. Should we learn another language?

- Many researchers believe that knowledge of another language can increase our brain power.
- If we use more than one language, we can choose from a wider variety of jobs.



New Words

- ☒ **fact(s)** [fækt(s)]
- ☒ **spoken** [spóukən] (= speak)
- ☒ **researcher(s)** [risó:rɪʃər(z)]
- ☒ **believe** [bɪlɪ:v]
- ☒ **increase** [ɪnkri:s]
- ☒ **brain** [bréin]
- ☒ **wide(r)** [wáid(ər)]
- ☒ **variety** [və'raɪəti]

Chinese [tʃáɪnɪz]
中国語

- ☒ *It is said that*
- ☒ *a ... variety of ~*

100,000 = one
hundred thousand

[97 words]