

《高中英语》（上外版）

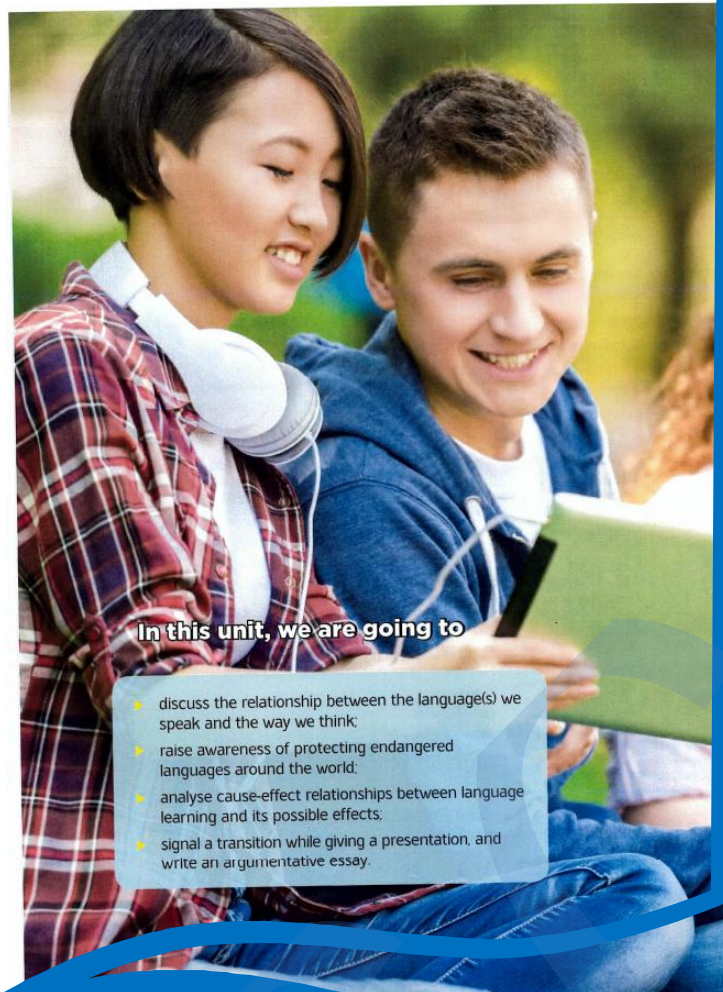
选择性必修第二册第二单元第4课时

Language and Mind

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课时	授课内容
1	Getting Started/ Reading A
2	Reading A/ Vocabulary Focus
3	Reading A/ Grammar in Use
4	Listening and Viewing
5	Reading B
6	Critical Thinking and Speaking
7	Writing
8	Further Exploration and Self-assessment

学习目标 Learning Objectives:

At the end of the lesson, you will be able to ...

- 1.能依据视听内容获取内容要点和支撑性论据;
obtain the main idea and supporting details of the listening and video discourse and summarize the speaker's opinions on learning a foreign language;
- 2.能借助问题中的关键提示词获取相关细节;
get the relevant details with the help of the key words in the given information;
- 3.能理解多模态资源所传达的不同学习者的经历,就学习外语的好处表达自己的观点。
form your own opinions about the benefits of learning a foreign language.

Warm-up



Culture Link

Languages Are Disappearing

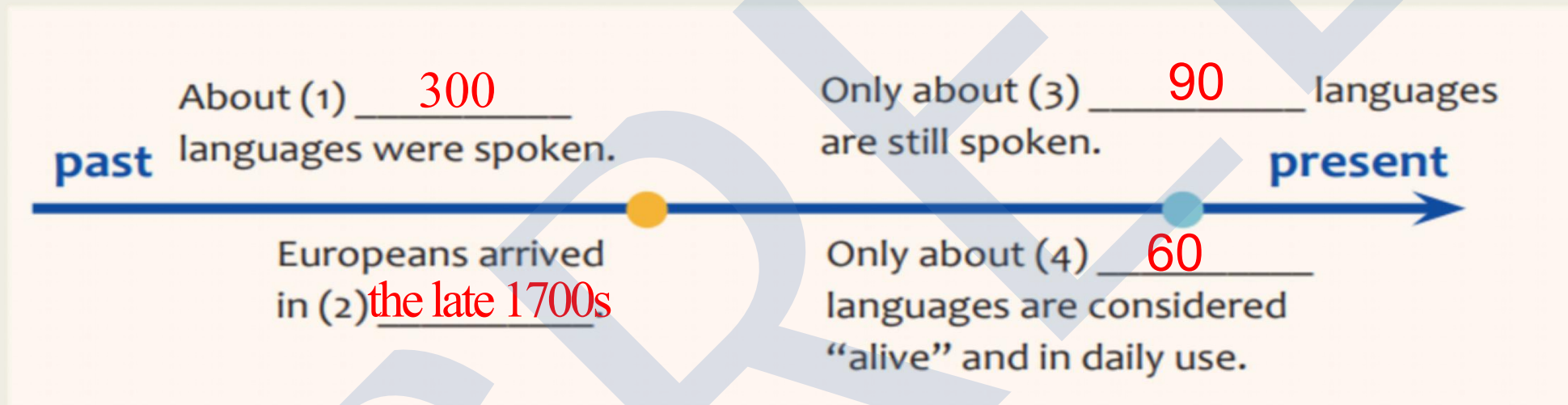
You probably know that much of the world's environment is under threat, but you might not know that languages are disappearing alongside plants and animals. There are around 7,000 living languages in the world, but UNESCO predicts more than half will have disappeared by the end of the century. If a language dies out, much knowledge goes with it. There are plenty of linguists who are studying and trying to save the world's dying languages.



1. How many living languages are there in the world now?
2. How many languages will have disappeared by the end of the century?
3. What will happen if a language disappears?

Listening: Saving Critically Endangered Languages in Australia

Listen and complete the timeline:



1. About how many languages were spoken in Australia?
2. About how many languages are still spoken today in Australia?
3. When did Europeans arrive in Australia?
4. How many languages are considered "alive" and in daily use in Australia?

Listen again and complete the diagram

Language is a central part of the (1) _____
of Australia's Aboriginal communities.

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a strong (4) _____.

What would happen if the native languages in Australia disappeared?

Discussion

Can you speak the fluent Shanghai dialect?

Do you think the Shanghai dialect is important in today's life?

Why?

The Shanghai Dialect Struggles to Survive in China

Dialects in China have hit a bump in the road because Putonghua is encouraged in daily life. In particular, the number of people speaking the Shanghai dialect is decreasing. A combination of factors, such as the influx of people from other provinces, has led to the decline of the Shanghai dialect.

One of the problems faced by Shanghainese speakers is that few young people know the dialect. Experts in language studies, such as retired Professor Qian Nairong of the Shanghai University, are working to preserve it. Qian published a dictionary of the Shanghai dialect in 2007. Older generations are trying to pass on the language skills to younger generations. *AFP recently reported that Tongji University in Shanghai has organised a voluntary class in the Shanghai dialect, teaching basic Shanghainese so that younger generations and foreigners can converse with elderly Shanghai local people in the Shanghai dialect.

What problem do Shanghai speakers face?

What can we do to preserve the Shanghai dialect?

Viewing

Why Should Students Learn Foreign Languages? (Mini-lecture)

- I. Watch the video clip in silent mode and try to answer the questions.
 1. What is the possible relationship between the two boys?
 2. What were they busy doing?

1. They are good friends.
2. They were busy applying for colleges.



II. Watch the video clip again with sound and answer the questions.
Did the boys both succeed in what they were doing? Why?

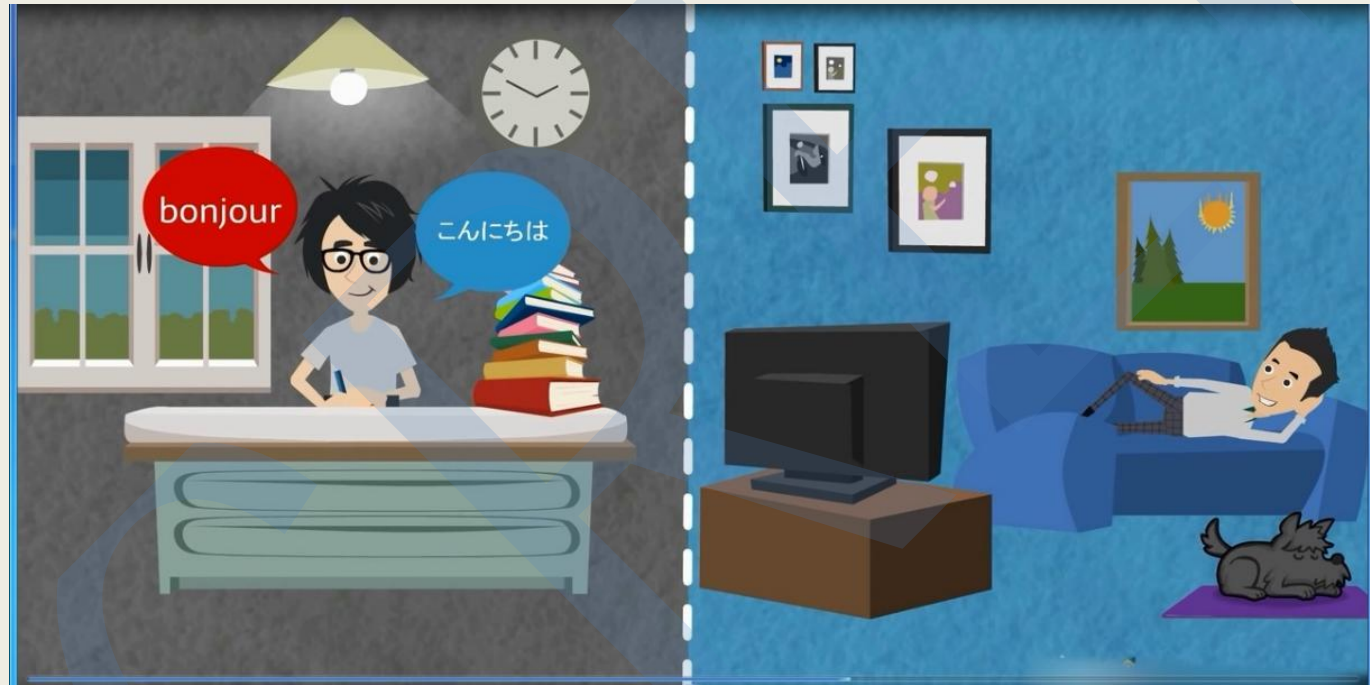


John
(convert his application into
admissions)



Matt
(face rejection)

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learn a new language

laze around

III. Watch the video clip once more and complete the table.

Name	Similarities	Differences
John	Both of them like playing basketball. They have similar (1) <u>grades</u> .	During his free time, John involved himself in (2) <u>learning new things</u> while he also managed to learn (3) <u>a new language</u> of his choice.
Matt		Matt is as (4) <u>intelligent</u> , but he wasted most of his time doing nothing, just (5) <u>lazing around</u> .

IV. Pick out the items that are the benefits of learning a foreign language based on what you have watched.

- ☒ 1. enhancing a global mindset
- ☐ 2. getting high scores in exams
- ☒ 3. developing the ability to appreciate other cultures
- ☒ 4. improving thinking and life skills
- ☐ 5. being employed by the best organisations
- ☒ 6. getting into a good college
- ☒ 7. studying in the best universities abroad

Viewing: Why Should Students Learn Foreign Languages?



Suppose you were Matt, tell the story between you and John, reflect on yourself and analyze why John succeeded.

Word bank:

apply for...

admissions to...

involve himself in...

convert...into...

face rejection

enhance / raise / sharpen / improve

John and I have been friends for a very long time. We applied for colleges for higher education together. John successfully converted his application into admissions to the best of colleges with scholarships while I faced rejection. Reflecting on the experience, I deeply regret wasting so much time. During our free time, John involved himself in learning new things, including a new language of his choice. On the other hand, I simply lazed around.

Learning a new language helped John enhance his global mindset and raise his ability to appreciate other cultures, thus making him open to learning. Besides, it helped him sharpen his cognitive and life skills, which improved his chances of gaining entry into graduate schools since most universities favour candidates who understand a foreign language and its culture as well.

Try to learn everything about everything and
everything about something.

—Tomas Huxley

尽可能广泛地涉猎各门学问，并且尽可能深入
地择一钻研。

——赫胥黎

Assignments

1. Complete the exercises of Reading and Viewing on pages 27-30 in the workbook.
2. Summarize the benefits of learning a foreign language mentioned in the exercises.

Thank you!