LEARNING A LANGUAGE

some words and expressions you might need

mother tongue

a second language

foreign language

learn by watching TV, listening to...

to teach yourself a language

to speak fluently

a native/ non-native speaker

to speak a language like a native

to improve your grammar , speaking abilities....

learning a language takes time and dedication

to communicate in English

speak face-to -face

to learn a language online

to become a confident speaker of English

to have a good range of vocabulary and grammar

an English-speaking country

to be bilingual

4A COMMUNICATIVE Language learning

a Look at the statements and tick (✔) if you agree or put a cross (✗) if you disagree in the column next to it.

1   To be able to speak English well, you have to live in an English-speaking country for at least a year. _____

2   Life offers you more opportunities if you can speak English well. _____

3   It's never too late to be able to learn a new language. _____

4   My main reason for learning English is because I want to be able to get a good job. _____

5   It doesn't matter if you make mistakes in English if people are able to understand you. _____

6   There's not much you can do to improve your English outside the classroom. _____

7   Tourists should always be able to say some basic phrases in the language of the country they are visiting. _____

8   A person can never be 100 per cent bilingual. _____

9   Most people prefer to see a foreign film with subtitles than see it dubbed into their own language. _____

10   The internet can help you when you're learning a language. _____

11   Listening to other people speaking English is the only way I can improve my pronunciation. _____

12   Most young people in my country can communicate well in English. _____

13   A child can learn English just by watching TV in English. _____

14   A good teacher can influence how much you enjoy a language. _____

15   To be able to communicate well in a foreign language, pronunciation and vocabulary are more important than grammar. _____

b Compare your answers with your partner and explain why you agree or disagree.