

## Раздел 2 (задания по чтению)

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Вы проводите информационный поиск в ходе выполнения проектной работы. Определите, в каком из текстов A–F содержатся ответы на интересующие Вас вопросы 1–7. Один из вопросов останется без ответа. Занесите Ваши ответы в таблицу.

- 1) How many words are there in the English language?
  - 2) Why do people learn foreign languages?
  - 3) What languages are more widespread than English?
  - 4) Whose speech can be hard to understand?
  - 5) Which skills suffer without knowledge of letters?
  - 6) Who do foreign languages come naturally to?
  - 7) What are two types of language skills?
- A** People learn a foreign language for many reasons – to get a better job, to travel, or simply to enjoy the culture in question more deeply. People study at school or college, or even while they are working. It takes a great effort and can be expensive, but it is also rewarding. You can discover a completely new world through a new language.
- B** Learning a foreign language might involve mastering a new alphabet, perhaps Greek, Arabic or Georgian, all of which can look impossibly cryptic to someone used to the Latin alphabet. But the teacher will probably insist that learning the new alphabet is extremely important, as a student won't be able to develop reading or writing skills effectively without it.
- C** Sometimes a student of a foreign language can read, listen and speak to a high standard, but their writing skills may be relatively poor. Active skills (writing, speaking) often lag behind passive skills (reading, listening), but another factor may be spelling. English is notoriously difficult in this respect – consider the spelling and pronunciation of the word 'though' for example, and pity the poor student.
- D** It might be relatively simple to grasp the rules of English grammar – subject, verb, object, etc – but many students find themselves struggling to make such easy progress with their vocabulary. There are said to be around a million words in English, perhaps making it the richest language in history. It would certainly be exhausting to learn all of them!
- E** Even if a student has completed many years of language study, visiting the country where the language is the mother tongue can still be a challenge. Native speakers often do not realise what is easy to understand and what is not, and students may find the language they have spent years studying suddenly impossible to understand in the mouths of the natives.
- F** So what foreign language should you learn and why? You want to meet new people and communicate with them, so the obvious answer is English, because it is the world's 'lingua franca' in the age of the Internet, apart from anything else. But it is not the most widely-spoken language on earth. It is third behind Chinese and Spanish, so if you want someone to talk to, maybe you should learn one of these!

Запишите в таблицу выбранные цифры под соответствующими буквами.

Текст	A	B	C	D	E	F
Вопрос						