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READING & WRITING SKILLS

UNIT 1: Places

Exercise 1: Reading for main ideas

Read the email from a tutor to her students. Choose the correct answer

1 Which place has the most official languages?

- ☒ India
- ☐ Dubai

2 Which language has the most speakers?

- ☒ Chinese
- ☐ Arabic

3 Which place has the most languages?

- ☐ London
- ☒ Papua New Guinea



Exercise 1: Reading for main ideas

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840

150

100

23

2011

200

7,000

300

60

one billion

- 1 There are over  languages in the world.

There are over 7,000 languages in the world.

- 2 People in Asia and Africa speak  % of the world's languages.

People in Asia and Africa speak 60 % of the world's languages.

The place with the
country has a pop
are over 840 lang
small number of s
people who spoke

Here is a question
maybe your home
see or hear every d

All the best,

Joanna

✓ People in Europe speak % of the

world's languages.

People in Europe speak 4 % of the world's languages.

4 There are around people who speak Arabic.

There are around 300 million people who speak Arabic.

5 More than % of the world's population
can speak Chinese

More than 15 % of the world's population can speak
Chinese.

6 There are fewer than countries in the
world

There are fewer than 200 countries in the world.



9 There are more than  languages in
Papua New Guinea.

There are more than 840 languages in Papua New
Guinea.

10 There are fewer than  people who speak
the Abaga language.

There are fewer than 150 people who speak the
Abaga language.

UNIT 1: Places Exercise 3: Reading for detail

Look at the underlined words in the email. Choose the correct answers.

- 1 The number of Arabic speakers is near, but not exactly, 300 million. ❌

☐ True
☐ False

True

- 2 Less than 15% of the world's population speaks Chinese. ❌

☐ True
☐ False

False

- 3 There are more than 200 countries in the world. ❌

Dear all,

In our class yesterday
has the most languages
there is a question for

There are probably more
today. 60% of all the
Europe you can only find

Some languages are used
million people in different
are more than one billion
of all the people in the world

There are under 200 countries
more than one language
official languages. True?

☐ False

False

4 Exactly 6.3 million people live in Papua New Guinea. ✗

☐ True

☐ False

False

5 There are more than 840 languages in Papua New Guinea. ✗

☐ True

☐ False

True

6 There are more than 150 speakers of Abaga. ✗

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Exercise 2. Scanning to find information



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False

5 There are more than 840 languages in Papua New Guinea. 

☐

True

☐

False

True

6 There are more than 150 speakers of Abaga 

☐

True

☐

False

False

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Exercise 4: Nouns, verbs and adjectives

Choose the correct word class for the underlined word.

1. Trains and buses in Delhi are sometimes very crowded.

adjective

2. There are 11 official languages in South Africa.

adjective

3. I don't want to live in an ugly, noisy city.

verb

4. Cairo has many great things to see.

adjective

5. Public transport in this city is good, but not very cheap.

5 Public transport in this city is good, but not very cheap. 

noun

6 The people here are very friendly. 

noun

7 They are building a new motorway next to our village. 

verb

8 The building where I live is right next to the university. 

noun

9 Tokyo is a modern, clean place, and there are many traditional, old parts, too.



adjective

10 It is very difficult to clean these old monuments. 

verb

verb

11 Many people move to big cities to find work 

noun

12 I work in the city centre. 

verb

Check

< Exercise 4: Nouns, verbs and adjectives (1)

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- 1 Dubai is a  city in the United Arab Emirates with a  of about 2 million.

Dubai is a **large** city in the United Arab Emirates with a **population** of about 2 million.

- 2 The  language is Arabic, but you can also see English everywhere.

The **official** language is Arabic, but you can also see English everywhere.

- 3 Tourism is a very  industry: more than 7 million



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< Exercise 4: Nouns, verbs and adjectives (1)

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Tourism is a very **important** industry; more than 7 million **visitors** come every **year**.

4 There are many where you can buy
clothes or jewellery, and thousands of where you can eat
 food from around the

There are many **shops** where you can buy **luxury** clothes or jewellery, and
thousands of **restaurants** where you can eat **delicious** food from around
the **world**.



< Exercise 4: Nouns, verbs and adjectives (1)

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 food from around the 

There are many shops where you can buy luxury clothes or jewellery, and thousands of restaurants where you can eat delicious food from around the world.

5 Also, Dubai is home to many  for example the Burj Khalifa, which is 829.8 metres 

Also, Dubai is home to many skyscrapers for example the Burj Khalifa, which is 829.8 metres tall.



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UNIT 1: Places Exercise 7: Nouns, verbs and adjectives

Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.

1 Paris is a ✗

Paris is a **beautiful city**.

2 He lived in two ✗ Brazil and the US.

He lived in two **different countries** Brazil and the US.

3 I would like to live in a ✗ away from crowds.

I would like to live in a **quiet area** away from crowds.

4 Most people think that this is ✗

Most people think that this is **an expensive city**.

5 I live in a ✗

I live in a modern building.

6 Urban areas are usually more  than rural ones.

Urban areas are usually more polluted than rural ones.

7 There are many  to visit in my country.

There are many interesting places to visit in my country.

8 The  are in the centre of the city.

The expensive hotels are in the centre of the city.

9 New York has very .

New York has very exciting nightlife.

10 There is a  selling food and clothes.

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There is a traditional market selling food and clothes.

Your score

Try again

Check

Show answer

Exercise 7: Nouns, verbs and adjectives (3)

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Put the sentences. Use the words in brackets.

I live in Morocco. (live)



Start again

I live in Morocco.

It is an excellent place to study. (is)



Start again

It is an excellent place to study.

3 This city has three metro lines. (has)



Start again

This city has three metro lines.



4 Most megacities in Asia, South America and Africa. (are)



Start again

Most megacities **are** in Asia, South America and Africa.

5 My city does not any interesting museums. (have)



Start again

My city does not **have** any interesting museums.

6 The capital of Sri Lanka Colombo. (is)



Start again

The capital of Sri Lanka **is** Colombo.



Start again

Many large cities or towns have problems with pollution.

8 The biggest city in the world probably Tokyo. (/s)



Start again

The biggest city in the world is probably Tokyo.

9 Most people who live in this city friendly. (are)



Start again

Most people who live in this city are friendly.

There ☒ four official languages in Singapore: English, Malay, Tamil and Mandarin Chinese. Some parts of the city ☒ more Chinese (like Chinatown). Other parts ☒ more Tamil (like Little India). However, you can see English everywhere, on street signs or shop signs. English ☒ the common language.

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I ☒ lucky because I grew up here. It means that I can speak two languages: Chinese and English.

I am lucky because I grew up here. It means that I can speak two languages.

9 Most people who live in this city friendly. (are)

Start again

Most people who live in this city are friendly.

10 More than a million people in this city public transport every day. (use)

Start again

More than a million people in this city use public transport every day.



Read what Emre says about his hometown, Izmir. Choose the correct word

1  about 3 million people in Izmir.

There are about 3 million people in Izmir.

2  too many tourists.

There aren't too many tourists.

3  lots of things to see and do.

There are lots of things to see and do.

4  mountains nearby

There are mountains nearby

5  restaurants where you can eat fish

There are restaurants where you can eat fish.

5  restaurants where you can eat fish.

There are restaurants where you can eat fish.

6  a traditional market.

There is a traditional market.

7  a castle.

There is a castle.

8  a beach in the city centre.

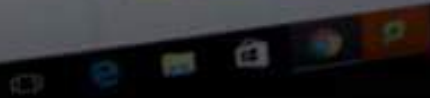
There isn't a beach in the city centre.

9  an airport.

There is an airport.

10  boats to the islands.

There are boats to the islands.



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