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Vocabulary

<i>Word</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Synonym</i>
mother tongue	the language that you first learn to speak when you are a child	first language
indigenous	(of people and their culture) coming from a particular place and having lived there for a long time before other people came there; relating to, belonging to or developed by these people	native
stigmatise	to describe or consider somebody/something in a way that unfairly suggests that they are bad or do not deserve respect	label
recognition	the act of accepting that something exists, is true or is official	acknowledgement
reignite	here: to start the discussion again	
acquire	to gain something by your own efforts, ability or behaviour	develop
literacy	the ability to read and write	
nurture	to care for and protect somebody/something while they are growing and developing	
fallacy	a false idea that many people believe is true	delusion
ban	to decide or say officially that something is not allowed	prohibit
malicious	having or showing a desire to harm somebody or hurt their feelings, caused by a feeling of hate	malevolent, spiteful, vicious
detrimental	harmful	damaging
allegation	a public statement that is made without giving proof, accusing somebody of doing something that is wrong or illegal	accusation
fertility	the ability to produce babies, young animals, fruit or new plants	fecundity
electromagnetic	having both electrical and magnetic characteristics (or properties)	
prominent	important or well known	noticeable
choreography	the art of designing and arranging the steps and movements in dances, especially in ballet; the steps and movements in a particular ballet or show	
whopping	very big	extraordinary, incredible
elaborate	very complicated and detailed; carefully prepared and organized	detailed, intricate
conspicuous	easy to see or notice; likely to attract attention	noticeable, prominent
loom	to appear as a large shape that is not clear, especially in a frightening way	impend
prospective	expected to do something or to become something	potential
tier	one of several levels in an organization or a system	
hefty	(of an amount of money) large; larger than usual or expected	
diligently	in a way that shows care and effort in your work or duties	vigorously

Sources: <https://www.oxfordlearnersdictionaries.com> and <https://www.merriam-webster.com>

Content questions

Jamaica: Patois to the people?

1. What is the origin of Jamaican Patois? Who started speaking it and when?
2. What other languages do they say have influenced Jamaican Patois?
3. Who is Mark Golding and what is he asking the state to do?
4. What is the Jamaican government trying to do at the same time?
5. Ever since the 1950s, UNESCO has carried out studies regarding the use of the mother tongue in education. What have they concluded?
6. What is Dr. Farquharson's main argument for letting Patois become an official language of Jamaica?

Nepal: app apprehension

7. Why is the decision to ban Tik Tok in Nepal facing critique among the opposition politicians?
8. What is the worry among countries that are enforcing restrictions on the app. Why do they think it is dangerous?

Science: reproduction at risk

9. According to science, what could be happening to young men who use their mobile phone more than 20 times a day?
10. Which mobile phones are they saying are more dangerous, 2G and 3G or 4G and 5G?

Music clip

11. Circle whether the statement is TRUE or FALSE
 - a. The artist is 31 years old. TRUE/FALSE
 - b. The song is called *Water*. TRUE/FALSE
 - c. The artist's name is Tyla and she is South African. TRUE/FALSE
 - d. People have tried to copy her choreography on Tik Tok. TRUE/FALSE

India: vows are exchanged

12. How many weddings are expected to take place between the end of November and the middle of December?
13. How much money will these weddings bring into the country's economy?
14. What is the first question asked by an Indian matchmaker?
15. Describe a typical Indian wedding.

Language points

How well do you know your word classes?

There are four major word classes in English: verbs, nouns, adjectives and adverbs. Other word classes include prepositions, pronouns, determiners, conjunctions and interjections.

Focusing on a word that is descriptive in nature, the adverbs, circle the adverb (s) you find in the sentences below. Once you have found the adverbs in all the sentences, write your own definition of what an adverb is underneath.

Example:

Traditionally, patois has been stigmatized.

Adverb: traditionally.

16. It is time for Jamaica to formally recognise Jamaican.

17. So why wouldn't we as a country embrace what we have and really nurture it.

18. Guest lists can sometimes go up to thousands of people.

19. It is a celebration that often highlights the inequalities in Indian society instead of simply being a day for joy.

An adverb is:

Discussion points

Language...

What language we speak is deeply connected to our self-image. We identify as speakers of a certain language and express ourselves in different ways depending on who we speak to, the situation we are in and what the topic is about. Scientists say we have different language domains. Perhaps one language domain is used to learn in school, another language domain is to speak to people in the community where we live, another language domain is used with friends and while playing video games online, and yet another language domain might be used when we want to express emotions with our closest family.

- How many languages do you know? How many languages do you speak on a daily basis? How many different languages do you speak in your classroom?
- What is the language policy at school? Which languages are you allowed to use? Is it different for different subjects? What is the language policy in the classroom you are in now?
- Do you think you learn enough languages at school, or would you like to learn more? If you could learn any language you'd like, which one would you pick and why?
- Do you recognize the concept of language domain described above? Do you think there is a difference in the way you speak depending on who you are speaking to and in what setting? Would you speak the same way with your mother as you would with your teacher or your friends for instance?
- Is there a language that has particular importance to you? If so, what makes it important?

A future spouse...

In today's program we learnt about Indian weddings and the sheer amount of money that goes into them with thousands of guests and elaborate decorations. We also learnt that most weddings in India are arranged and that money plays a big part when parents of daughters contact matchmakers to find a prospective groom. Sometimes parents even have to take on hefty loans in order to provide their daughter with a future husband.

- What is your take on arranged marriages? What, do you think, are the pros and cons?
- Wedding planners and matchmakers are not very common in Sweden. Do you think it is something that we lack? If yes, why? If no, why not?
- Would you consider getting married one day? If so, what sort of wedding would you like to have? Would it be big or small, indoors or outdoors, expensive or cheap?
- Have you ever been to a wedding? If you have, what was it like? Who was getting married? Where? What kind of wedding was it? What was your favorite part of the ceremony? If you have never been, what would you expect to see at a wedding?



Teachers' note

Questions for working with the first photo on page 1:
 Imagine the photo is an image in a fairy tale. Work in pairs and create the wedding fairy tale by answering the following questions. Don't forget to start with 'Once upon a time...'

- Who is the female with the painted hand?
- Who is the male groom?
- Why are they getting married?
- Are they in love?
- Where are they getting married? What is the setting like?
- What happens during the ceremony?
- Does everyone approve of the wedding?
- Are there troubles to overcome? Or have the troubles been overcome already?
- Will they end up living happily ever after?

Write approximately 200 words. Once you have finished your fairy tale, swap stories with another pair in your class and give constructive feedback. Revise your story after the feedback you received and give the fairy tale to your teacher. Decide together with your teacher how to showcase your work. Perhaps the stories can be posted on a wall in the school cafeteria or library? Perhaps they can be turned into a booklet for your parents and siblings to take part of? Perhaps they can be used in the school paper? Perhaps they can be shared in your classroom only?

KEY

1. The language that was developed in the seventeenth century by enslaved people from West and Central Africa.
2. They say that Jamaican Patois is influenced by African languages, Spanish, Portuguese, Irish and different Taino indigenous languages.
3. Mark Golding is the opposition leader and he is asking the state to recognize Patois as a formal language alongside English.
4. The Jamaican government is trying to remove the monarchy as head of state.
5. The studies carried out by UNESCO have concluded that the use of the mother tongue in education is beneficial and that children who are taught in their mother language acquire literacy much faster.
6. Dr. Farquharson argues that making Patois official is a human right, the right to have access to information.
7. The opposition politicians see it as an attempt to limit freedom of expression.
8. The countries are worried that Tik Tok might be leaking personal data to the Chinese government.
9. A new study has found that exposure to the electromagnetic radiation of mobile phones are linked to a reduced sperm count.
10. The 2G and 3G mobile phones were more dangerous than today's 4G and 5G mobile phones.
11. A. False
 B. True
 C. True
 D. True
12. There are 3.5 million weddings expected to take place.
13. The wedding will bring 51 billion US dollars into the Indian economy.
14. How much money are you ready to spend?
15. Weddings in India are expensive and 90% are arranged marriages. The venue is lavishly decorated and all the guests will wear the latest fashion. It is wildly expensive and there are sometimes thousands of guests. Some parents will have to take on hefty loans in order to be able to afford a wedding, which can cost up to millions of dollars..
16. Adverb: formally
17. Adverb: really
18. Adverb: sometimes
19. Adverbs: often, simply

An adverb is a word that modifies a verb, an adjective, another adverb or a whole sentence. You can read more about adverbs here: <https://www.grammarly.com/blog/adverb/>