

Listening 1 (Fill in the blanks)



Before you listen

- 1 a Are people in your country generally monolingual, bilingual or multilingual? Which languages do people from your country commonly speak?
- b Which of the skills in the box do you think bilingual children might be better at than monolingual children?

creative thinking doing arithmetic giving word definitions
problem-solving repeating numbers orally

Skimming for main topic

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In *Fill in the blanks* you have seven seconds before the recording starts. Use this time to skim the text. This allows you to determine the topic, which will help you to focus your listening.

- 2 Skim the text in Exercise 3. What is the main topic? Explain your answer to a partner.
- 1 when a research project was conducted
 - 2 the results of a research project
 - 3 who took part in a research project

Completing the blanks

While you listen, you can either type directly into the boxes or you can take notes and type your answers afterwards. Note that during the test you must click in each box; the 'Tab' key does not move between boxes.

- 3  05 Listen to a lecture and complete the text.

We'll look now at a very interesting ¹ . It was carried out by a researcher who works in two countries, Scotland and Italy, and it involved children from both of these countries aged around ² or so. Half of the children from each country spoke only their national language. However, the other half spoke their national language plus another language.

During the study all the participants were given tests and quizzes which looked at a range of skills, including ³ understanding, problem-solving, creative thinking and ⁴ . The children used their national language to complete the tasks, which involved things like copying ⁵ of coloured blocks, orally repeating a series of numbers and giving clear definitions of words.

The results were quite clear. The bilingual children were ⁶ more successful in the tasks.

Check your answers

- 4 a Read the text in Exercise 3 again, quickly but carefully. Use this checklist to check your answers.
- 1 Is each word grammatically correct (e.g. the right part of speech or the right verb form)?
 - 2 Is the spelling of each word correct?
 - 3 Does each word fit the meaning of the sentence it is in?
 - 4 Does the text make sense overall?
- b Make any changes to your answers that you feel are appropriate.

Discussion

- 5 Did the results of the study surprise you? Why/Why not?