

Language

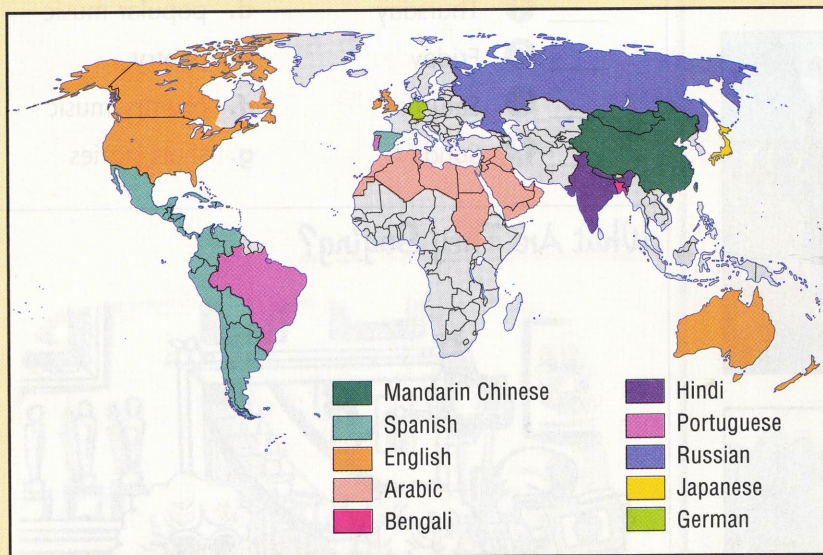
Millions speak Chinese. Only hundreds speak Bahinemo.

There are over 20,000 languages in the world. Some of these languages are very common. For example, millions of people speak Chinese, Spanish, English, Arabic, Portuguese, and Japanese. On the other hand, some languages are very rare. For example, only 500 people in Papua, New Guinea speak the language Bahinemo.

Languages grow and change. They borrow words from other languages. For example, in the English language, the word *rodeo* is from Spanish, *cafe* comes from French, *ketchup* is from Chinese, *sofa* is from Arabic, and *potato* comes from Haitian Kreyol. New words also come from technology. For example, *cyberspace*, *website*, and *e-mail* are recent words that relate to the Internet.

FACT FILE

Common Languages



LANGUAGE	NUMBER OF SPEAKERS	LANGUAGE	NUMBER OF SPEAKERS
Mandarin Chinese	885 million	Hindi	182 million
Spanish	332 million	Portuguese	170 million
English	322 million	Russian	170 million
Arabic	268 million	Japanese	125 million
Bengali	189 million	German	98 million

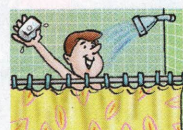
BUILD YOUR VOCABULARY!

Everyday Activities

Every day I _____.



■ get up



■ take a shower



■ brush my teeth



■ comb my hair



■ get dressed



■ go to school



■ go to work



■ eat



■ take a bath

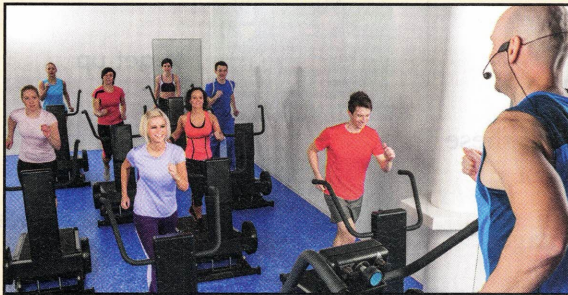


■ go to bed

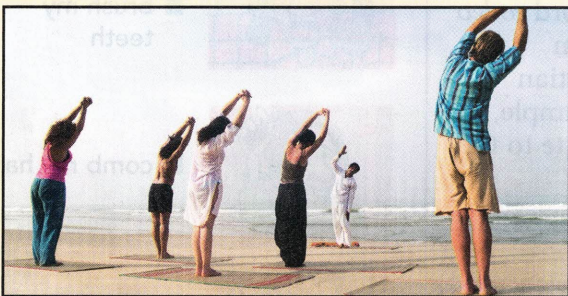
AROUND THE WORLD

Exercising

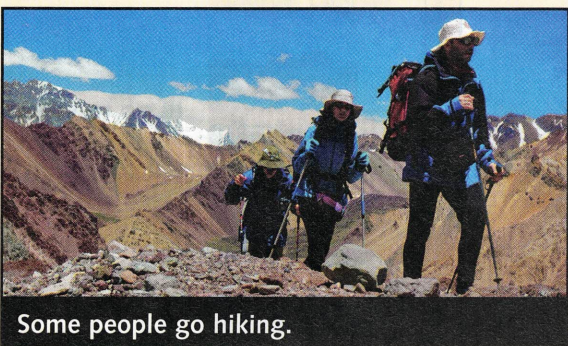
People around the world exercise in different ways.



Some people exercise in health clubs.



Some people exercise at the beach.



Some people go hiking.



And some people exercise together outdoors.

How do people exercise in your country?

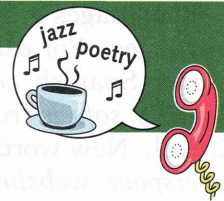
Global Exchange

Jogger9: I'm a very active person. I jog and I swim. I go to a lot of movies and concerts. I sing in a choir. I play basketball with my friends every weekend. I like rock music and jazz. I don't watch TV very often. I only watch news programs. I read a lot of books. I like novels. My favorite author is Tom Clancy. How about you? Tell me about your activities and interests.

Send a message to a keypal. Tell about your activities and interests.

LISTENING

Hello! This Is the International Cafe!



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|--------------------------|--------------------|
| <u> c </u> ① Monday | a. jazz |
| <u> </u> ② Tuesday | b. rock music |
| <u> </u> ③ Wednesday | c. classical music |
| <u> </u> ④ Thursday | d. popular music |
| <u> </u> ⑤ Friday | e. poetry |
| <u> </u> ⑥ Saturday | f. country music |
| <u> </u> ⑦ Sunday | g. short stories |

What Are They Saying?



In every sentence there is a **subject** and there is a **verb**.
 The subject is a person or a thing.
 The verb is an action.
 The subject is **singular** or **plural**.
 The verb agrees with the subject.

Rosa speaks English.

↑ ↑
 singular verb
 subject

The students speak English.

↑ ↑
 plural verb
 subject

Practice these conversations with a classmate.

Helen (work works) in a bank.

- A. What's the subject?
- B. *Helen.*
- A. Is the subject singular or plural?
- B. *Singular.*
- A. Which verb agrees with the subject—
work or *works*?
- B. *Works.*
- A. So, what's the sentence?
- B. *Helen works in a bank.*

We (study studies) English every day.

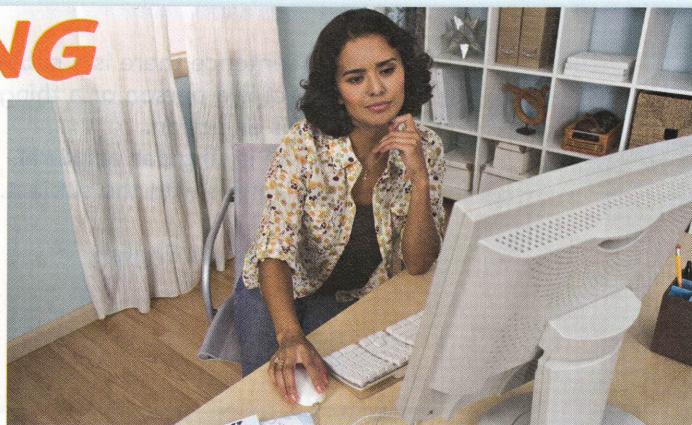
- A. What's the subject?
- B. *We.*
- A. Is the subject singular or plural?
- B. *Plural.*
- A. Which verb agrees with the subject—
study or *studies*?
- B. *Study.*
- A. So, what's the sentence?
- B. *We study English every day.*

Choose the correct word to complete each sentence. Then practice new conversations about these sentences.

1. Marco (read reads) Mexican newspapers.
2. Milton and Paula (live lives) in Los Angeles.
3. They (go goes) to Stanley's Restaurant every Saturday.
4. My son (play plays) basketball every day.
5. We (clean cleans) our apartment every Saturday morning.
6. Amir (call calls) his parents in Egypt every Sunday.
7. My sister and I (sing sings) in the choir at our church.
8. Our daughter (work works) at the post office.

TELECOMMUTING

Rita Carranza and her family get up early every morning during the week. They get dressed and have breakfast. Then Rita and her children go to the school bus stop on the corner. After that, Rita goes to work. She's in her office in five minutes. Why? Because Rita works at home. Rita's company office building is far from her house, but Rita doesn't work in the office building. She is a telecommuter. She doesn't commute by car or by bus. She "commutes" to work by telephone and the Internet.



Rita is a computer specialist, and she usually works 40 hours a week. She works in the morning and after lunch. Then she meets her children at the bus stop. Rita's children do their homework when they get home, and then they all have dinner together. After her children are in bed, Rita sits at her computer and works in the evening. Rita doesn't work in an office building, but she works very hard.

Rita likes telecommuting. She doesn't drive two hours to and from work, and she's at home with her children every day after school. She doesn't need expensive work clothes, so she and her children have more money in the bank.

Rita's boss likes telecommuters because they don't usually need offices or furniture in the company building.

Also, when people work at home, their homes are usually quiet and they work hard. And that's good for companies.

In the United States, there are over 2.4 million telecommuters. Some telecommuters work at home full-time. Others work part-time. Fifty-three percent of telecommuters are men, and forty-seven percent are women. There are many different telecommuter jobs. Telecommuters are computer engineers, bookkeepers, administrators, typists, lawyers, and technology specialists.

Sometimes, however, telecommuters have problems. They don't see other workers. They are home alone and their house is quiet. They're very busy, but it isn't easy. They aren't in an office with other people. They don't see other people at work every day.

- Rita's office is _____.
 - in her home
 - in an office building
 - five minutes from her home
 - near her children's school
- Rita is a _____.
 - boss
 - bookkeeper
 - lawyer
 - computer specialist
- Rita is happy because she _____.
 - drives her car to the company office every day
 - needs expensive work clothes
 - is at home with her children every afternoon
 - sees other people at work every day
- Telecommuting is _____ for companies.
 - bad
 - good
 - hard
 - expensive
- In the United States, _____ percent of telecommuters are men.
 - 24
 - 40
 - 47
 - 53
- This passage is about _____.
 - Rita's children
 - Rita's office building
 - telecommuting in the United States
 - problems with telecommuting

What do
YOU?
think

- Why is telecommuting good for people in rural and suburban areas?
- What does a telecommuter usually have in a home office?
- What kind of job is good for telecommuting?
- Do you like to work alone or with other people? Is telecommuting good for you?