



# 6 World Languages

## A Before you watch

Why are you learning English? Check the reasons below.  
Write any other reasons. Share your answers with a partner.

I need English for my job.

I must pass an English exam to graduate.

I want to communicate with people from other countries.

I'm interested in English books, movies, or music.


Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## B While you watch

1 Complete the chart with information about the people from the video. Use the prompts in the boxes.

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South Brazil Mexico City Haiti

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| Name                        |  |   |  |
| From                        |  |   |  |
| Reason for learning English |  |   |  |

2 Read the statements and circle the correct answers.

1 International residents of Cambridge, Massachusetts want to learn English ...

- a so they can communicate with more people.
- b because it is a state law.
- c so they can attend Harvard University.

2 Students get frustrated at intermediate level because ...

- a it's difficult to find a good teacher for this level.
- b they make more mistakes.
- c it's more difficult to make progress.

3 The intermediate plateau ...

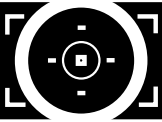
- a only occurs in language learning.
- b occurs in many types of learning.
- c only affects young children.

4 In order to pass the intermediate plateau, you should ...

- a study more every day.
- b become more aware of your mistakes.
- c study in an English-speaking country.

5 The most exciting thing about being at the intermediate level is that ...

- a you can begin to really communicate with people.
- b you can finally understand your textbook.
- c it's easier to find a good English class and teacher.



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## C After you watch

Write notes about why you are learning English. Include the things you find challenging and rewarding. Tell your group.



Reasons for learning English:

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Challenges (things you find frustrating or difficult):

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Rewards (things you find useful and enjoyable):

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## D Language points

Complete the text with an expression from the box.

basic skills   intermediate plateau   lingua franca   melting pot   native tongues

Honolulu, Hawaii, is another U.S. city that is often called a <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_. People from many countries live there and still speak their <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_, although English is the <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_. Most immigrants have mastered the <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_, although some have not overcome the <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_.

## E Your viewpoint

Work in groups. Imagine that you are in AC's English class. Discuss these questions about superstitions.

- 1 What superstitions were mentioned in the video? Had you heard of these before? Did any surprise you?
- 2 What are some common superstitions in your country? For example, are any objects, situations, or numbers particularly lucky or unlucky?
- 3 Do you believe in any superstitions?

