

One school, 71 languages

1 WARMER: WHAT WE KNOW

Work in groups and fill in the chart with as much information as you can. Compare your answers with another group.

	... in our group?	... in our class?	... in our school?
How many languages are spoken ...			
What languages are spoken ...			
What subjects are taught in English ...			

2 WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

Decide which words from the article fit into the gaps. The paragraph numbers are given to help you.

proud experiences immerse scar improve
surrounded motivated multicultural settle down
community college activities period

- In the UK, a _____ is a secondary school that the local people can use for classes in the evening. (para 3)
- You can say something is _____ when it has people from many countries and backgrounds, speaking different languages. At Southfields, kids can also attend school full-time. (para 5)
- to make something better _____ (para 5)
- When you _____ someone in something, they spend most of their time doing it or thinking about it. (para 5)
- When you are _____ by something, it is near you all the time. (para 5)
- a part of a school day when a particular subject is taught _____ (para 5)
- When you _____, you become comfortable and relaxed in a particular place. (para 6)
- things people (like to) do _____ (para 6)
- Someone who is enthusiastic and wants to succeed is _____. (para 7)
- the things that happen to you in your life _____ (para 7)
- a permanent mark on your skin where you have been injured _____ (para 7)
- When you feel _____, you feel happy about your achievements, your possessions or people who you are connected with. (para 8)

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3 FIND THE INFORMATION

Choose the right answer according to the information in the article.

- How many languages are mentioned in the article?
 - 5
 - 6
 - 7
- How many countries are mentioned?
 - 12
 - 14
 - 15
- How do after-school activities help the kids?
 - They get extra points for their exams.
 - They make friends from all over the world.
 - They help them to learn other languages.
- What happens if the kids cannot speak English when they arrive at the school?
 - They get extra lessons after school.
 - They get extra lessons in the lunch break.
 - They get one extra lesson a day instead of another subject.
- Why is it important for the kids to speak their mother tongue at home?
 - So that they can watch TV in that language.
 - So that they do not forget their cultural background.
 - So that their parents can understand them.
- What does Kristina like about the school?
 - She can learn about people from other countries and their cultures.
 - She has friends from Brazil.
 - She is able to play a lot of games.

4 WEBQUEST: FIND OUT MORE

Fadumo says she is preparing for her GCSEs. These are British school examinations.

What does GCSE stand for?

How old are most pupils when they take these exams?

What other exams can British pupils take at school and/or college?

How do these exams compare to exams in your country?

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5 WRITING: A POSTER

Ifrah goes to after-school clubs.

Make a poster for an after-school club. The poster should tell other pupils:

- what they can do at the club;
- where and when the club takes place;
- why they should attend;
- how the club will help them in and outside school.

6 SPEAKING: A TYPICAL GAME FROM MY COUNTRY

Think of a typical playground game that kids play in your country. How would you explain this to people from another country? Use the table below to make notes about the game and then demonstrate and explain how to play it – in English of course!

name of the game	
number of players	
what you need to play the game	
aim of the game	
what you do	
how you win	

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KEY

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1. community college
2. multicultural
3. improve
4. immerse
5. surrounded
6. period
7. settle down
8. activities
9. motivated
10. experiences
11. scar
12. proud

3

1. b
2. c
3. b
4. c
5. b
6. a