

Aim High 5 Listening Test 2

[3.10] Listen to an interview with an expert on language learning.

1 Decide if the sentences are true or false, according to Dr Harvey.

- 1 You can check the meanings of words in a dictionary.
- 2 Dictionaries only tell you the meanings of words.
- 3 Online dictionaries are better than traditional dictionaries in some ways.
- 4 You can find a word in a dictionary even if you can't spell it.
- 5 It's better to use language rather than just study it.

2 Choose the correct answers.

- 1 In a dictionary, you can learn ...
 - a) how to speak a language.
 - b) about the meaning and grammar of a word.
 - c) how to understand definitions.
- 2 In online dictionaries ...
 - a) there is more information about grammar.
 - b) it's easier to learn about synonyms.
 - c) there isn't as much information about acronyms.
- 3 According to Dr Harvey, one disadvantage of dictionaries is that ...
 - a) they don't contain all the words in a language.
 - b) it's impossible to find a word unless you already know it.
 - c) words are sometimes spelled differently in dictionaries.
- 4 Dr Harvey says that English ...
 - a) has a lot of difficult spellings.
 - b) has a lot of words with difficult meanings.
 - c) has a lot of words with similar meanings.
- 5 Dr Harvey believes ...
 - a) you can learn a language from a dictionary.
 - b) a dictionary doesn't teach you how to communicate with people.
 - c) a dictionary helps you to avoid mistakes.

3 Complete the sentences using words from the listening. Write one word in each gap.

- 1 A dictionary can tell you what the letters in an _____ stand for.
- 2 You can find out if a noun is _____ or _____.
- 3 In an online dictionary, you can click on links to words with _____ _____.
- 4 It can be difficult to find a word in a dictionary if you can't _____ it.
- 5 Language is about _____ with people.

4 Answer the questions. Use full sentences.

- 1 Why is an online dictionary better for learning how to pronounce a word?
- 2 Why is it more difficult to find words with similar meanings in a book?
- 3 How did Dr Harvey find the French word for 'handle'?
- 4 What do some people wrongly believe about dictionaries?
- 5 According to Dr Harvey, what kind of people become fluent in a language?