

# Answers

## 1. Learning a new language can seem daunting...

Which of these words is closest in meaning to the word **daunting**? Tick one.

- ☐ enjoyable
- ☒ **scary**
- ☐ easy
- ☐ forgettable

## 2. Number the statements from 1-4 to show the order that they appear in the text.

- 4** No one is too old to learn a new language.
- 1** Europe is the second-smallest continent on Earth.
- 3** People in Europe should aim to be able to speak a number of different languages.
- 2** The Council of Europe believes that language skills are necessary for everyone.

## 3. Fill in the missing numbers.

There are over **6,000** languages spoken worldwide and more than **200** of these come from Europe alone.

## 4. Approximately how many people live in Europe?

**Approximately 750 million people live in Europe.**

## 5. The event was intended to be a one-off occurrence...

How else could the author have written this phrase?

**Pupils' own responses, such as: The event was only supposed to happen once...**

## 6. Do you think that the European Day of Languages should be celebrated annually?

Explain your answer.

**Pupils' own responses, such as: I think that the European Day of Languages should be celebrated annually because I think that it is important that everyone should regularly learn about new languages, cultures and traditions.**

7. Explain why the author may have chosen to include the **Learning a New Language** section.

**Pupils' own responses, such as: I think that the author may have chosen to include this section so that people can really understand why it is important to learn a new language and they may be more tempted to do so.**

8. Predict what might happen in a European school on 26<sup>th</sup> September next year.

**Pupils' own responses, such as: I predict that schools in Europe might hold special language classes on 26<sup>th</sup> September next year so that they can celebrate the European Day of Languages.**