

BEYOND THE WORDS 08



1 Work in pairs and discuss the statements.

- 1 There are around 6,500 spoken languages today.
- 2 Talking is the only way people communicate when they speak the same language.
- 3 If two people do not speak the same language they cannot communicate.

2 Work in pairs. Look at the words in the box. Circle the ones you think you will hear in a video called *Beyond the Words*.

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3 08 Watch the video to check your answers to Exercise 2.

4 08 Read through the questions and answer them. Then watch the video and check your answers.

- 1 How does language define English readers' sense of time?
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- 2 How is the Chinese perception of time different to that of English speakers?
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- 3 If we can't see, what happens to our other senses?
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- 4 What two things are mentioned that help people who can't see manage in daily life?
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- 5 What two things are mentioned that help people who can't hear to communicate?
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- 6 How many different smells can humans distinguish?
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- 7 Approximately how many taste buds do humans have?
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- 8 How does touch help humans communicate?
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5 Work in groups. Ask and answer the questions.

- 1 What do you think it would be like if you couldn't see?
- 2 What do you think it would be like if you couldn't hear?
- 3 Think about how you communicate with other people. In addition to speaking, how else do you interact with your family and friends?