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THE ARTICLE

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The U.K. education secretary Gavin Williamson has announced a new \$5.5 million programme to teach Latin at 40 schools across the country. Mr Williamson said the Latin Excellence Programme aims to "level up" opportunities for students in some government-run schools. Latin is a language that was spoken in the area around Rome over 2,000 years ago. It is taught in 49% of the UK's "elite" private schools but only 2.7% of state schools. Williamson said: "Latin has a reputation as an elitist subject, which is reserved for the privileged few, but the subject can bring so many benefits to young people, so I want to put an end to that divide." He added: "Latin can help pupils with learning modern foreign languages."

The initiative has sparked a heated debate about the benefits of Latin. Many people have ridiculed the programme as being nothing but a "poorly-funded gimmick". Politician Tim Farron wrote: "Latin is elite because only people who are guaranteed successful careers, thanks to family connections, can afford to waste time on a subject whose only practical application is in understanding...the dialogue in [ancient] books." Author Emma Kennedy questioned the use of a "dead" language. She uses Latin to "occasionally translate things on tombs". A teacher said money would be better spent on living languages like Chinese or Arabic that would enable children "to get ahead in and engage with the world," or on computer coding.

Sources: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/thousands-more-students-to-learn-ancient-and-modern-languages>
<https://www.rt.com/uk/530785-uk-debates-usefulness-latin/>
<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-9846015/Latin-taught-state-schools-bid-make-language-elitist.html>

WARM-UPS

1. LATIN: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about Latin. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

education / Latin / programme / opportunities / level up / elite / subject / privileged / initiative / debate / gimmick / successful / career / waste time / translate / coding

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. FOREIGN LANGUAGE: Students A **strongly** believe everyone should learn a foreign language; Students B **strongly** believe that is unnecessary. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. SCHOOL SUBJECTS: How important are these school subjects? How can they help you in life? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

| | Importance | Usefulness in Life |
|---------|------------|--------------------|
| Latin | | |
| Coding | | |
| Art | | |
| History | | |
| Physics | | |
| English | | |

5. SCHOOL: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "school". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

6. LANGUAGES: Rank these with your partner. Put the most important at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Coding
- Body language
- Chinese
- Esperanto
- English
- Arabic
- Sign language
- Spanish

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|---------------|--|
| 1. announced | a. Of, provided by, or concerned with the government of a country. |
| 2. level up | b. Having special rights, advantages, or immunities. |
| 3. elite | c. Made a public and typically formal declaration about a fact, occurrence, or intention. |
| 4. state | d. A group or class of people seen as having the greatest power and influence within a society, especially because of their wealth or privilege. |
| 5. reputation | e. Further improve or develop something to a higher stage or step. |
| 6. reserved | f. The beliefs or opinions that are generally held about someone or something. |
| 7. privileged | g. Kept for a particular purpose or person. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|---------------|---|
| 8. initiative | h. Provided the stimulus for a dramatic event or process. |
| 9. sparked | i. Inflamed with passion. |
| 10. heated | j. Belonging to the very distant past and no longer in existence. |
| 11. ridiculed | k. An act or strategy intended to resolve a difficulty or improve a situation; a fresh approach to something. |
| 12. gimmick | l. A large box, typically an underground one, for burying the dead. |
| 13. ancient | m. A trick or device intended to attract attention, publicity, or business. |
| 14. tomb | n. Subjected someone or something to disrespectful and dismissive language or behavior. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2108/210802-latin.html>

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

1. The UK's new Latin programme will cost \$55 million. **T / F**
2. The UK education secretary said students had to level up to learn Latin. **T / F**
3. Latin is taught in 2.7% of the UK's elite private schools. **T / F**
4. The UK education secretary said Latin is beneficial for young people. **T / F**
5. Many people have called the Latin programme a gimmick. **T / F**
6. A politician said Latin is only useful for reading ancient books. **T / F**
7. A writer said she only uses Latin to translate things in museums. **T / F**
8. A teacher said learning coding is preferable to Latin. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- | | |
|-------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. announced | a. best |
| 2. opportunities | b. conversation |
| 3. area | c. scheme |
| 4. elite | d. chances |
| 5. benefits | e. become involved |
| 6. initiative | f. notified |
| 7. guaranteed | g. assured of |
| 8. dialogue | h. allow |
| 9. enable | i. region |
| 10. engage | j. advantages |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. The U.K. education | a. an elitist subject |
| 2. students in some government- | b. get ahead |
| 3. Latin has a reputation as | c. foreign languages |
| 4. I want to put an end | d. funded gimmick |
| 5. help pupils with learning modern | e. run schools |
| 6. The initiative has sparked | f. in ancient books |
| 7. nothing but a poorly- | g. secretary |
| 8. understanding the dialogue | h. "dead" language |
| 9. questioned the use of a | i. to that divide |
| 10. enable children to | j. a heated debate |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2108/210802-latin.html>

The U.K. education (1) _____ Gavin Williamson has announced a new \$5.5 million programme to teach Latin at 40 schools across the country. Mr Williamson said the Latin Excellence Programme aims to "(2) _____ up" opportunities for students in some government-run schools. Latin is a language that was spoken in the (3) _____ around Rome over 2,000 years ago. It is taught in 49% of the UK's "(4) _____" private schools but only 2.7% of state schools. Williamson said: "Latin has a (5) _____ as an elitist subject, which is reserved for the (6) _____ few, but the subject can bring so many benefits to young people, so I want to put an end to that (7) _____." He added: "Latin can help (8) _____ with learning modern foreign languages."

level
elite
privileged
area
reputation
pupils
secretary
divide

The initiative has (9) _____ a heated debate about the benefits of Latin. Many people have (10) _____ the programme as being nothing but a "poorly-funded (11) _____". Politician Tim Farron wrote: "Latin is elite because only people who are guaranteed successful careers, thanks to family (12) _____, can afford to waste time on a subject whose only practical application is in understanding...the (13) _____ in [ancient] books." Author Emma Kennedy questioned the use of a "(14) _____" language. She uses Latin to "occasionally (15) _____ things on tombs". A teacher said money would be better spent on living languages like Chinese or Arabic that would enable children "to get ahead in and (16) _____ with the world," or on computer coding.

gimmick
dead
sparked
engage
dialogue
translate
ridiculed
connections

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2108/210802-latin.html>

- 1) Mr Williamson said the Latin Excellence Programme aims to _____
 - a. "level up" opportunities
 - b. "rebel up" opportunities
 - c. "revel up" opportunities
 - d. "lever up" opportunities
- 2) It is taught in 49% of the UK's _____
 - a. alight private schools
 - b. elate private schools
 - c. lout private schools
 - d. elite private schools
- 3) subject, which is reserved for _____
 - a. the privilege few
 - b. the privy alleged few
 - c. the privy ledged few
 - d. the privileged few
- 4) the subject can bring so many benefits to young people, so I want to put an end _____
 - a. to what divide
 - b. to elite divide
 - c. to that divide
 - d. to hat divide
- 5) He added: "Latin can help pupils with learning _____."
 - a. modern foreign languages
 - b. modern foreigner languages
 - c. modern forage languages
 - d. modern feign languages
- 6) The initiative has sparked _____
 - a. a heat it debate
 - b. a heat it debut
 - c. a heated debate
 - d. a heated debit
- 7) whose only practical application is in understanding the dialogue _____
 - a. as ancient books
 - b. an ancient books
 - c. on ancient books
 - d. in ancient books
- 8) She uses Latin to "occasionally translate _____".
 - a. thing son tombs
 - b. thing zone tombs
 - c. things in twos
 - d. things on tombs
- 9) A teacher said money would be better spent _____
 - a. on living languages
 - b. on live in languages
 - c. on livid languages
 - d. enlivening languages
- 10) Chinese or Arabic that would enable children to get ahead in and _____ world
 - a. engorge with the
 - b. engage with the
 - c. end gauge with the
 - d. enrage with the

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2108/210802-latin.html>

1. How much will the UK government spend on the Latin programme?
2. Where does the education secretary hope students will level up?
3. How many elite UK private schools is Latin taught in?
4. What did the education secretary say Latin has a reputation for being?
5. What did the education secretary say Latin could help pupils with?
6. What kind of debate has the Latin programme started?
7. What have people ridiculed the programme as being?
8. What did a politician say can help the elite get a successful career?
9. What did an author say she used Latin to translate?
10. What two living languages did a teacher say are more preferable?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2108/210802-latin.html>

- 1) How much will the UK government spend on the Latin programme?
 - a) \$55 million
 - b) \$5.5 million
 - c) \$5 million
 - d) \$55.5 million
- 2) Where does the education secretary hope students will level up?
 - a) in state-run universities
 - b) at home
 - c) in private universities
 - d) some government-run schools
- 3) How many elite UK private schools is Latin taught in?
 - a) 49%
 - b) 2.7%
 - c) 27%
 - d) 4.9%
- 4) What did the education secretary say Latin has a reputation for being?
 - a) too full of declensions
 - b) difficult
 - c) elitist
 - d) old
- 5) What did the education secretary say Latin could help pupils with?
 - a) learning about the Roman Empire
 - b) learning modern foreign languages
 - c) English literature
 - d) life
- 6) What kind of debate has the Latin programme started?
 - a) a heated debate
 - b) an intellectual debate
 - c) a gentle debate
 - d) an online debate
- 7) What have people ridiculed the programme as being?
 - a) an anachronism
 - b) a smokescreen
 - c) a poorly-funded gimmick
 - d) a waste of taxpayers' money
- 8) What did a politician say can help the elite get a successful career?
 - a) family connections
 - b) the working class
 - c) the Queen
 - d) money
- 9) What did an author say she used Latin to translate?
 - a) things on tombs
 - b) ancient poems
 - c) medical books
 - d) books on botany
- 10) What two living languages did a teacher say are more preferable?
 - a) Chinese and Spanish
 - b) French and Spanish
 - c) German and Esperanto
 - d) Chinese and Arabic

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Latin

You think Latin is the best language to learn. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their languages. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): coding, sign language or Chinese.

Role B – Coding

You think coding is the best language to learn. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their languages. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): Latin, sign language or Chinese.

Role C – Sign Language

You think sign language is the best language to learn. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their languages. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): coding, Latin or Chinese.

Role D – Chinese

You think Chinese is the best language to learn. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their languages. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): coding, sign language or Latin.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2108/210802-latin.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'teach' and 'Latin'.

| teach | Latin |
|-------|-------|
| | |

- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

| | |
|--|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• secretary• level• area• 2.7• reputation• help | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• heated• nothing• thanks• ancient• living• teacher |
|--|--|

LATIN SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about Latin in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

| | STUDENT 1 _____ | STUDENT 2 _____ | STUDENT 3 _____ |
|------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Q.1. | | | |
| Q.2. | | | |
| Q.3. | | | |
| Q.4. | | | |
| Q.5. | | | |

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

LATIN DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'Latin'?
3. What do you know about Latin?
4. Should all schools teach Latin?
5. What is the use of Latin in today's world?
6. Is \$5.5 million on a nationwide language programme enough?
7. Why do students in the UK's elite schools learn Latin?
8. How can learning Latin help students learn foreign languages?
9. Should the money be spent on helping people to improve their English?
10. What 'benefits' can Latin bring to young people?

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LATIN DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'school'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What do you think of Latin?
15. Do you think the Latin programme is a 'poorly-funded gimmick'?
16. What do you think of getting jobs through family connections?
17. Why is Latin useful if all texts written in Latin have been translated?
18. Why learn Latin when you can learn Chinese, Arabic or coding?
19. Would you like to learn Latin?
20. What questions would you like to ask the education secretary?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|---------------|----------------|------------------|---------------|
| 1. | (a) announced | (b) announce | (c) announcing | (d) announces |
| 2. | (a) alms | (b) arms | (c) aims | (d) amiss |
| 3. | (a) alight | (b) elate | (c) elite | (d) ELT |
| 4. | (a) express | (b) announce | (c) declare | (d) state |
| 5. | (a) reserved | (b) booked | (c) commandeered | (d) put aside |
| 6. | (a) add | (b) divide | (c) minus | (d) multiply |
| 7. | (a) humid | (b) boiled | (c) warmed | (d) heated |
| 8. | (a) gazump | (b) gimmick | (c) gulag | (d) gofer |
| 9. | (a) affront | (b) afflict | (c) afford | (d) affair |
| 10. | (a) primeval | (b) primordial | (c) Neolithic | (d) ancient |
| 11. | (a) wombs | (b) bombs | (c) combs | (d) tombs |
| 12. | (a) enrage | (b) engage | (c) gauge | (d) gorge |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. The U.K. education tcresaye
2. nunnaedco a new \$5.5 million programme
3. Latin has a tenatuorpi
4. an elitist subject, which is edrvsree
5. for the ldivpgeeir few
6. Latin can help uplsip

Paragraph 2

7. The itiaieitnv has sparked a heated debate
8. people have riliduedc the programme
9. a poorly-funded gmiickm
10. understanding the iagodule
11. tecnian books
12. oilycaslcoa translate things

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- () at 40 schools across the country. Mr Williamson said the Latin Excellence Programme aims
- () to "level up" opportunities for students in some government-run schools. Latin is a language that was
- () things on tombs". A teacher said money would be better spent on living languages like Chinese or Arabic
- () spoken in the area around Rome over 2,000 years ago. It is taught in 49% of the UK's "elite" private schools but
- () The initiative has sparked a heated debate about the benefits of Latin. Many people have ridiculed the programme as
- () end to that divide." He added: "Latin can help pupils with learning modern foreign languages."
- () time on a subject whose only practical application is in understanding...the dialogue in [ancient] books." Author Emma Kennedy
- () only 2.7% of state schools. Williamson said: "Latin has a reputation as an elitist subject, which is reserved
- () questioned the use of a "dead" language. She uses Latin to "occasionally translate
- () only people who are guaranteed successful careers, thanks to family connections, can afford to waste
- () for the privileged few, but the subject can bring so many benefits to young people, so I want to put an
- () that would enable children "to get ahead in and engage with the world," or on computer coding.
- (**1**) The U.K. education secretary Gavin Williamson has announced a new \$5.5 million programme to teach Latin
- () being nothing but a "poorly-funded gimmick". Politician Tim Farron wrote: "Latin is elite because

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. Teach schools Latin 40 at across country . the
2. students in government-run up schools . for opportunities Level
3. a reputation elitist Latin has as an subject .
4. can many benefits . subject The bring so
5. learning languages . helps foreign pupils with Latin modern
6. the Sparked Latin . benefits about debate of a
7. career a to thanks successful family Guaranteed connections .
8. understanding application only books . The is practical ancient
9. uses on translate to She Latin tombs . things
10. on better spent living languages . would be Money

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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The U.K. education secretary Gavin Williamson has *renounced* / *announced* a new \$5.5 million programme to teach Latin at 40 schools across the country. Mr Williamson said the Latin Excellence Programme *alms* / *aims* to "level up" opportunities for students in *vary* / *some* government-run schools. Latin is a language that was *bespoke* / *spoken* in the area around Rome over 2,000 years ago. It is taught in 49% of the UK's "elite" *private* / *privacy* schools but only 2.7% of *state* / *stat* schools. Williamson said: "Latin has a *reputation* / *revelation* as an elitist subject, which is reserved *for* / *at* the privileged few, but the subject can bring so many *benefits* / *beneficial* to young people, so I want to put *the* / *an* end to that divide." He added: "Latin can help pupils with learning modern foreign languages."

The initiative has *sparked* / *sparkled* a heated debate about the benefits of Latin. Many people have ridiculed the programme *was* / *as* being nothing but a "poorly-funded *gazump* / *gimmick*". Politician Tim Farron wrote: "Latin is elite *because* / *however* only people who are guaranteed successful careers, thanks *to* / *on* family connections, can afford to waste time on a subject whose only practical application is *on* / *in* understanding...the dialogue in [ancient] books." Author Emma Kennedy *asked* / *questioned* the use of a "dead" language. She uses Latin to "occasionally translate *thing* / *things* on tombs". A teacher said money would be better spent on *living* / *livelihood* languages like Chinese or Arabic that would enable children "to get ahead in and engage *at* / *with* the world," or on computer coding.

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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Th_ _ .K. _d_c_t__n s_cr_t_ry G_v_n W_ll__ms_n h_s
_nn__nc_d _ n_w \$5.5 m_ll__n pr_gr_mm_ t_ t__ch
L_t_n _t 40 sch__ls _cr_ss th_ c__ntry. Mr W_ll__ms_n
s__d th_ L_t_n _xc_ll_nc_ Pr_gr_mm_ __ms t_ "l_v_l
_p" _pp_rt_n_t__s f_r st_d_nts _n s_m_ g_v_rnm_nt-r_n
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_r__ _r__nd R_m_ _v_r 2,000 y__rs _g_. _t _s t__ght
_n 49% _f th_ _K's "_l_t_" pr_v_t_ sch__ls b_t _nly
2.7% _f st_t_ sch__ls. W_ll__ms_n s__d: "L_t_n h_s _
r_p_t_t__n _s _n _l_t_st s_bj_ct, wh_ch _s r_s_rv_d
f_r th_ pr_v_l_g_d f_w, b_t th_ s_bj_ct c_n br_ng s_
m_ny b_n_f_ts t_ y__ng p__pl_, s_ _ w_nt t_ p_t _n
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w_rld," _r _n c_m_p_t_r c_d_ng.

PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2108/210802-latin.html>

the uk education secretary gavin williamson has announced a new 55 million programme to teach latin at 40 schools across the country mr williamson said the latin excellence programme aims to level up opportunities for students in some governmentrun schools latin is a language that was spoken in the area around rome over 2000 years ago it is taught in 49 of the uks elite private schools but only 27 of state schools williamson said latin has a reputation as an elitist subject which is reserved for the privileged few but the subject can bring so many benefits to young people so i want to put an end to that divide he added latin can help pupils with learning modern foreign languages

the initiative has sparked a heated debate about the benefits of latin many people have ridiculed the programme as being nothing but a poorlyfunded gimmick politician tim farron wrote latin is elite because only people who are guaranteed successful careers thanks to family connections can afford to waste time on a subject whose only practical application is in understandingthe dialogue in ancient books author emma kennedy questioned the use of a dead language she uses latin to occasionally translate things on tombs a teacher said money would be better spent on living languages like chinese or arabic that would enable children to get ahead in and engage with the world or on computer coding

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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The U.K. education secretary Gavin Williamson has announced a new \$5.5 million programme to teach Latin at 40 schools across the country. Mr Williamson said the Latin Excellence Programme aims to "level up" opportunities for students in some government-run schools. Latin is a language that was spoken in the area around Rome over 2,000 years ago. It is taught in 49% of the UK's "elite" private schools but only 2.7% of state schools. Williamson said: "Latin has a reputation as an elitist subject, which is reserved for the privileged few, but the subject can bring so many benefits to young people, so I want to put an end to that divide." He added: "Latin can help pupils with learning modern foreign languages." The initiative has sparked a heated debate about the benefits of Latin. Many people have ridiculed the programme as being nothing but a "poorly-funded gimmick". Politician Tim Farron wrote: "Latin is elite because only people who are guaranteed successful careers, thanks to family connections, can afford to waste time on a subject whose only practical application is in understanding... the dialogue in [ancient] books." Author Emma Kennedy questioned the use of a "dead" language. She uses Latin to "occasionally translate things on tombs". A teacher said money would be better spent on living languages like Chinese or Arabic that would enable children "to get ahead and engage with the world," or on computer coding.

HOMework

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. LATIN: Make a poster about Latin. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. LANGUAGES: Write a magazine article about ensuring all schoolchildren leave school being fluent in a second language. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on Latin. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your opinions on learning it. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. c 2. e 3. d 4. a 5. f 6. g 7. b
8. k 9. h 10. i 11. n 12. m 13. j 14. l

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- 1 F 2 F 3 F 4 T 5 T 6 T 7 F 8 T

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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| 1. f | 2. d | 3. i | 4. a | 5. j |
| 6. c | 7. g | 8. b | 9. h | 10. e |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

- \$5.5 million
- Some government-run schools
- 49%
- Elitist
- Learning modern foreign languages
- A heated debate
- A poorly-funded gimmick
- Family connections
- Things on tombs
- Chinese and Arabic

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

- Teach Latin at 40 schools across the country.
- Level up opportunities for students in government-run schools.
- Latin has a reputation as an elitist subject.
- The subject can bring so many benefits.
- Latin helps pupils with learning modern foreign languages.
- Sparked a debate about the benefits of Latin.
- Guaranteed a successful career thanks to family connections.
- The only practical application is understanding ancient books.
- She uses Latin to translate things on tombs.
- Money would be better spent on living languages.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. b 2. d 3. a 4. c 5. b 6. a 7. c 8. a 9. a 10. d

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)