Conversation bricks. Topic “Languages”

1. *Answer the questions using the phrases from “Conversation bricks”:*
2. They say it is wrong to interrupt the teacher.
3. Vladimir Ivanovich Dal contributed to the development of the Russian language.
4. If you know several languages, it won’t help you to find a road in another country.
5. Chinese is more difficult than English.
6. They say, the formation of good basis of the language depends on hard and long work.
7. Plural and gender in Russian are less difficult than in English.
8. Languages, such as Chinese and Japanese, are very easy.
9. English is the language of 21st century, because it is easy.
10. As I know, the environment takes part in formation of people’s language
11. Genders are simpler in English.
12. People who live in English-speaking countries take for granted the fact that many other people from different countries understand them.
13. Russia has only one official language.
14. Plurals are easier in Russian than in English.
15. English is the second official language in China.
16. *Complete the dialogs using the phrases from “Conversation bricks”:*
17. - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

-Yes, you may.

1. - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

-Yes, I do.

1. - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

-Of course, but stick to the point.

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-I’m afraid, but we have no time for questions anymore.

1. - But what languages do the Americans study at schools and colleges?

-You will not find any language as an optional class in America, but they have elective classes. Students can learn many languages , \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, French or Spanish. They are the most popular.

1. -But what languages do the Russian students study at schools and colleges?

-\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Russian students study English and German at school, but sometimes they study French.

1. -English is the easiest language in the world.

-\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_that the English language has a difficult system of tenses? It makes the English language more difficult.

1. - Do you mean Russian is not the language of the world because it has difficult grammar?

- \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, gender, plural and a lot of cases make it rather difficult.

1. -All in the English language is easier than in Russian.

-Not always. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. I can give a lot of arguments, but the most important are the next: we have only three tenses in Russian, but there are 12 tenses in English with difficult formation of verb forms. If we want to ask a question in Russian, we do it without changing the structure of the sentence, we show it with our question intonation. We don’t have to use assistant verbs too. And articles...we don’t have in Russian such things as articles. It takes time to think what article to chose and remember all rules of usage.

1. *Make the dialogs of your own with the new phrases.*