1. What are the reasons for studying foreign languages? Give as many as you can.
2. Compare the languages you know/study – which is easier/what is easier abou it; did/do you learn them differently. What is difficult for you in English?
3. And why is it particularly important to learn English? (How did it happen that English is so widely spoken?)
4. Is the spread of English a positive or a dangerous thing?
5. Do you think everyone in the world should learn English? Shouldn’t we all learn some neutral language like Esperanto?
6. **Assess the following tips on improving your English. Which do you follow? Which do think are useful?**
7. **Label things in your house.**
8. **Put up a list of English words (eg. Irregular verbs) on the bathroom door (to read when you are sitting at the toilet).**
9. **Repeat the new words over and over to yourself.**
10. **Read through the vocabulary notes for ten minutes every day.**
11. Read books in English, including graded readers.
12. Read an English newspaper or magazine.
13. Watch English films with subtitles.
14. Listen to radio in English (eg. BBC)
15. Exchange messages with an English speaking friend.
16. Surround yourself with English speaking friends. (How can you do it???)
17. Read children magazines and books.
18. Don’t be afraid to be mistakes!
19. Use “correcting” websites.
20. Listen to a song a day. (And what? Read the lyrics? Look up new words? What may be a problem with songs?
21. Record yourself.
22. Use online (English-English) dictionary.
23. **Say or think what you are doing in English as you do your daily tasks.**
24. Write a blog in English.
25. **Buy a speaking electronic dictionary.**
26. **Model your accent on one particular actor. e.g. try to speak like Robert De Niro.**
27. **Talk to your Czech friends in English ocassionally.**
28. **Get tipsy (= a little drunk) before speaking English**.

Foreign language: transform your travel experience, increase your brain power, develop/boost your self-confidence;

1. English is the most commonly used language among foreign language speakers. Throughout the world, when people with different languages come together they commonly use English to communicate.
2. Why learn English when it is so difficult? Well, knowing English will make you bilingual and more employable in every country in the world.
3. Despite China, the United States is still a leader in technical innovation and economic development. English is used in the United States and in each of these fields.
4. English is commonly spoken throughout much of the world due to Great Britian’s expansion during the colonial age. People in Australia, New Zealand, Canada, parts of Africa, India, and many smaller island nations speak English. English is the commonly adopted second language in Germany, Norway, Sweden, Denmark and the Netherlands. Speaking English opens these countries and cultures up to you.
5. Another reason why English is so important is that it is the language of science. To excel in science you need to know English.
6. English is based on an alphabet  and, compared to Chinese, it can be learned fairly quickly.
7. English is also the language of the Film Industry and English means you no longer have to rely on subtitles.
8. In the United States, speaking English immediately opens up opportunities regardless of your ethnicity, color, or background.
9. Learn English and you can then teach your children English -- or if they are already learning, you can now communicate with them in English.
10. English speakers in the United States earn more money than non-English speakers. Learning English will open your job prospects and increase your standard of living.
11. English is the most commonly spoken language in the world. One out of five people can speak or at least understand English!
12. English is the language of science, of aviation, computers, diplomacy, and tourism. Knowing English increases your chances of getting a good job in a multinational company within your home country or of finding work abroad.
13. English is the official language of 53 countries. That is a lot of people to meet and speak to.
14. English is spoken as a first language by around 400 million people around the world.
15. English is the language of the media industry. If you speak English, you won’t need to rely on translations and subtitles anymore to enjoy your favourite books, songs, films and TV shows.
16. English is also the language of the Internet. Many websites are written in English – you will be able to understand them and to take part in forums and discussions.
17. English is based on a simple alphabet and it is fairly quick and easy to learn compared to other languages.
18. English is not only useful — it gives you a lot of satisfaction. Making progress feels great. You will enjoy learning English, if you remember that every hour you spend gets you closer to perfection.
19. Since English is spoken in so many different countries there are thousands of schools around the world that offer programmes in English. If you speak English, there’re lots of opportunities for you to find an appropriate school and course to suit your academic needs.
20. Because it’s fun! By learning English, you will also learn about other cultures. Few experiences will make you grow as a person more than learning the values, habits and way of life in a culture that is different from yours.