

IELTS Reading: false or not given?

Question:

Some languages develop your intelligence more than others.

Passage:

People who speak two languages have a clear learning advantage over their monolingual schoolmates. This depends on how much of each language they can speak, not on which language is used.

Answer:

The answer is **false**. The passage does mention something about languages developing intelligence (a clear learning advantage). However, it then says that it does not depend on which language is used; so it is not true that some languages are better for developing intelligence.

Question:

Most New Zealanders believe it is good to teach children a second language.

Passage:

If you speak another language to your children in New Zealand, there are some people who think that you are not helping them to become a member of society. But in fact, the general agreement among experts is that learning a second language is good for children.

Answer:

The answer is **not given**. We know what some New Zealanders think, but there is no information that conclusively tells us what most New Zealanders think. We can't assume that most people think the opposite of the 'some people' who are mentioned (the others might have a different view or no opinion at all). Also, we can't assume that most people agree with the experts. To put 'true' or 'false', we would need more information.

(Source: Cambridge IELTS book 8, pages 125-127)