



# Programming languages

## LANGUAGE SKILLS

**1** **FIRST**  Here are some sentences about programming languages. For each question, complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first. Use no more than three words. Write only the missing words.

- Experts classify programming languages into low level and high level languages.  
Programming languages ..... into low level and high level languages by experts.
- Most commercial programs are sold compiled.  
They ..... commercial programs compiled.
- We have different types of high level languages available.  
There ..... different types of high level languages available.
- High level languages are easier for the user than low level languages.  
Low level languages are not ..... high level languages for the user.
- Some people say: "Java is the best programming language".  
Some people say that ..... the best programming language.

**2** **PET**  Write an answer to one of the questions in about 100 words.

### Question 1

- Your English teacher has asked you to write a story.
- Your story must have the following title:  
*The discovery of a new programming language*

**Tips for question 1:** you can set your story either in the past or in the future. Remember to create a context for the story, describe the events with the appropriate tense, and write an appropriate ending.

- The story is set in the past:* use the past simple for the main events, the past continuous to describe the setting, the past perfect for flashbacks and *would* + bare infinitive for anticipations (flash forwards).
- The story is set in the future:* use *will* + bare infinitive for the main events, the future continuous for the setting, the future perfect to express anteriority.

### Question 2

- This is part of an email you received from your English friend Mark.  
*I have just downloaded Ubuntu onto my computer. It's fantastic!  
Have you ever tried it? Which operating system do you use? Why?*
- Now write an email to Mark, telling him if you have ever tried Ubuntu and which operating system you use and why.

**Tips for question 2:** remember to include a greeting in your email (*Dear/Hi/Hello...*) and refer to the email received (*Thank you/Thanks for your email...*). End the email in the appropriate way (*Write back soon/Love...*).

