

# Foreign language as a Springboard for Swedish inventions

Work in pairs and take turns in reading the questions and try to find out the answers together.

## 1) Where is Sweden located?

**Sweden** is located in northern Europe. **Sweden** is bordered by the Gulf of Bothnia and Baltic Sea, with Norway to the west and Finland to the east. **Sweden** is located in northern Europe. **Sweden** is bordered by the Gulf of Bothnia and Baltic Sea, with Norway to the west and Finland to the east.

## 2) How is Sweden's population compared with other countries?

Population : 10.3 million (0.13% of the world's population)

## 3) What is so special about Swedish summers and winters?

The summer is short, but daylight time is long. The winter is long, and daylight time is short.

## 4) What languages are mandatory to learn in Swedish High Schools?

Swedish, English, and a third language, either German, French or Spanish

## 5) What language courses are available in Swedish High Schools?

Swedish, English, German, French, Spanish. Optional: Russian, Italian, Chinese and Japanese.

## 6) Is there any Swedish innovation, service, or product you use daily/weekly/monthly? If yes, what?

Seatbelts, mobile phones, Minecraft, Spotify etc.

## 7) Why is Sweden ranked relatively high in the English Proficiency Index?

Because it is a country with a small population and interacting with other countries, we need to learn their languages. English is the closest language to Swedish.

## 8) Why are you studying English, and how do you plan to use your English skills in the future?

## 9) Rate your overall understanding of this presentation.



Poor

50/50

Excellent