

The Podcast – Karin

Listen to the interview with Karin.

1 Complete the table with the correct information.

Name:	<i>Karin Skagerberg</i>
Nationality:	
Place of work:	
Job:	

2 Answer the following questions.

- 1 What type of customers does Karin deal with in her job?
- 2 What did Karin want to be when she was a child?
- 3 Why is Karin in the UK?

Listen again and complete the following.

3 Complete Karin's description of her job with the words in the box.

am (x2) buy helping is meeting ordering sell

It consists of choosing which books to _____ to _____ on in the store; _____ books mostly; _____ with reps from different publishers and also _____ customers is of course a big part of the job since I _____ always in the store. It _____ not an office job. I _____ in the bookstore all day.

4 Circle the correct information.

- 1 *Young / Old* people are afraid that the Swedish language will one day disappear.
- 2 Karin's mother is a *teacher / librarian / ballerina*.
- 3 Karin is in the UK for *three / four / six* weeks.

5 Decide if the following are true (T) or false (F).

- 1 Karin says that things in the UK and Sweden are not very different.
- 2 Swedish people are not very friendly at work.
- 3 Karin is amazed at how people say 'sorry' to the bus drivers in England.

Discuss in pairs.

6 In Sweden people learn English from a young age and they have a lot of access to English around them. How present is English in your country? Do you think that your own language could disappear and be replaced by English?



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Teacher's Notes

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Name:	<i>Karin Skagerberg</i>
Nationality:	Swedish
Place of work:	Stockholm, Sweden
Job:	Works in a bookstore

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- 1 teachers and students
- 2 an actress and/or a dancer
- 3 she won a competition to go and do work experience in the UK

3

buy, sell, ordering, meeting, helping, am, is ('s), am

4

- 1 Old
- 2 librarian
- 3 three

5

- 1 true
- 2 false – they have a relaxed attitude towards each other
- 3 false – 'thank you' not 'sorry'

6

Ask students to discuss how present English is in their own language. You could ask students to tell you which English words are used in their language.
As an alternative, read the following statement and divide the group into two groups:
English will one day be the only language that we all speak.
One group has to agree with the statement and give their reasons while the other must disagree.

