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LANGUAGES OF THE WORLD

ABOUT YOU

How do you feel about learning English?
 Is it a fun hobby?
 Is it boring and not very useful?
 Is it important for your future?

VOCABULARY AND LISTENING

Words to describe language learning

1 Complete the quiz with the words in the box.

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What kind of language learner are you?

- When do you use English outside the classroom?
 A to read (1) _____ online
 B when I'm on holiday abroad
 C to watch English-language movies and TV shows
 D only when I'm doing homework
- What do you do when you find a new word in a text?
 A (2) _____ it _____ in a dictionary
 B try to (3) _____ what it means
 C ask my teacher to (4) _____ it into my language
 D ask my little brother for the (5) _____
- What's the best way to learn vocabulary?
 A from a (6) _____ of words
 B by doing vocabulary (7) _____
 C by reading books and magazines
 D five minutes before a test
- Which of these sentences do you agree with?
 A It's important to be able to (8) _____ correctly.
 B Making (9) _____ is an important part of learning.
 C Pronunciation doesn't matter as much as grammar.
 D I only learn if the (10) _____ of the lesson is interesting.

2 Now do the quiz. Choose only one answer for each question. Turn to page 137 to see your results. Do you agree with them?

3 In pairs, compare your quiz results.

PREPARE FOR THE EXAM

Listening Part 4

4 For each question, choose the correct answer. Read through the questions before you listen.

- You will hear a boy called Danny talking to his friend. How did Danny improve his Spanish?
 A by writing to his penfriend
 B by practising online
 C by spending time in Spain
- You will hear a teacher talking to her class. What does she want them to work harder on?
 A their grammar
 B their pronunciation
 C their vocabulary
- You will hear two friends talking about some homework. Why hasn't the boy done his homework?
 A He forgot to make a note of it.
 B He wasn't at the lesson.
 C He wrote down the wrong thing.
- You will hear a girl telling her mother about her new friend, Yumi. What languages does Yumi speak well?
 A English, Russian and Swedish
 B Swedish, Japanese and English
 C Japanese, Swedish and Russian
- You will hear a boy giving a classmate some important news. How did he find out about the news?
 A from a family member
 B he heard from a teacher
 C the teacher told him

5 In pairs, compare your answers. Then, listen again and check.



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1 Match the questions to the answers.

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| 1 What is the topic of Unit 16? | _____ | a on a news website |
| 2 Which words on this page are difficult to spell ? | _____ | b in a dictionary |
| 3 What is the meaning of 'mistake'? | _____ | c learning languages |
| 4 Can you translate 'guess' into Spanish, please? | _____ | d something that is not correct |
| 5 Where do you find lots of articles ? | _____ | e four |
| 6 When do you make a list ? | _____ | f 'exercise' and 'vocabulary' |
| 7 Where do you look up words you don't know? | _____ | g <i>adivinar</i> |
| 8 How many exercises are there on this page? | _____ | h before going shopping |

2 Read the web page about learning languages and complete the text with the words in the box.

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Tips for learning languages

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We'd like to give you some tips for learning languages. Learning a language is one of the most useful things you can do with your free time. It's hard work, but it's also a lot of fun. These are some things you can do to help improve your level in the languages you are studying.

- Read as many books and magazine or news ¹ _____ as possible.
- Listen as often as you can to the radio, to songs and to people talking about lots of different ² _____, so your pronunciation and vocabulary improve.
- Don't worry about making ³ _____.
- Do grammar and vocabulary ⁴ _____ online or in workbooks.
- Learn how to ⁵ _____ words correctly.
- Make a ⁶ _____ of new vocabulary and then play games with the words to help you learn them.
- When you read or hear a word you don't know, try to ⁷ _____ its meaning. You can then ⁸ _____ in a dictionary. But remember that it is sometimes not possible to ⁹ _____ a word from one language to another exactly.

hola
привет
merhaba
olá ciao
cześć 你好
hello

GRAMMAR

Present perfect and past simple

1 Choose the correct verbs to complete the sentences.

- 1 *Did / Have* you ever studied Arabic?
- 2 *Did / Have* you do any tests in school last week?
- 3 *Did / Has* anyone in your family learned to speak four languages?
- 4 When *did / have* you first study English?
- 5 How long *did / have* you been an English student?

2 Answer the questions in Exercise 1 for you.

- 1 _____
- 2 _____
- 3 _____
- 4 _____
- 5 _____