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1A I learned French entirely by ear

1 GRAMMAR

Adverbs and adverbial phrases

a Complete the text with the words in the box.

clearly apparently effectively widely
quite unfortunately simply extremely



Whether you are a student, a professional athlete, an engineer or ¹ simply a tourist, English has become an ² _____ important skill to acquire. English will ³ _____ soon be the language of choice in all fields of study, if it isn't already. For students embarking on their studies, therefore, an early decision ⁴ _____ has to be made. What language do I wish to study my degree in? Degrees in medicine delivered in English at a university in Poland are ⁵ _____ very popular but you will need a reasonable level of English to start. If you need to study English before university, it's ⁶ _____ agreed that you learn the most ⁷ _____ in an English-speaking environment but, ⁸ _____, not all students can afford the time and cost of a course abroad.

b Put the words in the correct order to make sentences.

- 1 that hard / people think / actually not / Russian is / to learn / difficult but it's .
People think Russian is difficult but it's actually not that hard to learn.
- 2 you listen / rapidly if / will improve / and watch films / to music / your English .

- 3 England / language schools / opened / in the seventies in / lots of .

- 4 presumably / you lived / so / speak / you / fluently / French / in Paris .

- 5 hardest / for / adult learners, / listening is / the / usually / skill .

- 6 never / vocabulary / new / I / down / write / almost .

2 VOCABULARY Language learning

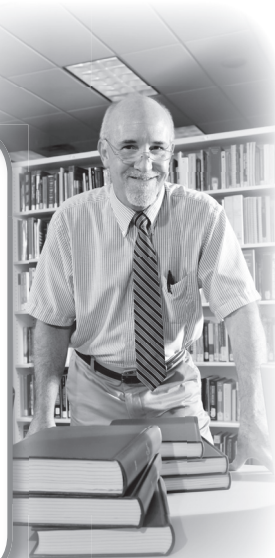
a Underline the correct words to complete the sentences.

- 1 I studied German at university but I'm going to Berlin next year to pick / brush / take it up.
- 2 My brother speaks four languages – he really has an ear / eye / mouth for them.
- 3 I know Japanese is hard, but you must keep on / to / at it if you want the job.
- 4 I'm French, but my son was born in Italy. From an early age he pulled / picked / took up lots of Italian expressions.
- 5 I studied in China and I fought / raced / struggled with writing the characters for a long time.
- 6 It takes time to get accustomed / ready / along to a new teaching style.
- 7 My Spanish is a little cracked / broken / rusty. I haven't spoken it for a while.
- 8 My sister can hold a chat / speech / conversation in several European languages.

3 VOCABULARY Noun forms

a Read the text and complete the words in the sentences below.

We run a complete five-year degree course in medicine, with all lectures and seminars delivered in English by my very competent and dedicated staff. The participants have to have an excellent level of English, and above all are very capable future doctors who are highly motivated. Our programme is very interactive and nearly all our candidates pass with good grades, despite living in Warsaw where there are so many things to take your mind off studying. We have occasional misunderstandings when one language interferes with another, but generally the course runs well.



- 1 An advanced level of English is an absolute necessity on this course.
- 2 I have a team of teachers who show great d_____ to the course and the students.
- 3 M_____ is never a problem for our students, who all want to become doctors.
- 4 All our lectures have elements of i_____ to involve the students.
- 5 There are many d_____ in a city like Warsaw so they have to stay focused.
- 6 Our students need both medical and linguistic c_____, which can be challenging.
- 7 Sometimes there is a r_____ to speak English because they can all speak Polish.
- 8 It is hard to avoid i_____ from the mother tongue, even if your English is brilliant.

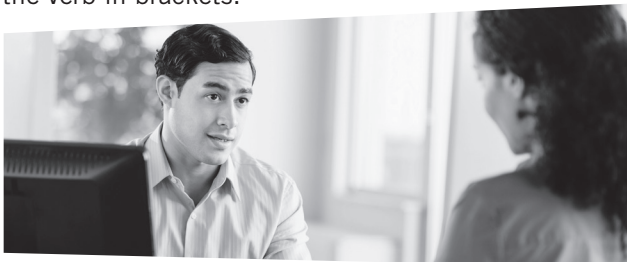
1B Language has been constantly evolving

1 GRAMMAR The perfect aspect

a Underline the correct words to complete the sentences.

- The team had been training / has been training for three months already when the season started.
- By September, I will have been studying / will study Arabic for three years.
- I only joined the choir at university because I haven't found / hadn't found anything else to do.
- This is the fourth time I try / have tried to learn to dance.
- I never have written / have never written such a difficult essay as this one.
- She has been revising / had been revising for this exam since early this morning.

b Complete the conversation using the correct form of the verb in brackets.



- ROBERT** Thank you for coming, Emilie.
EMILIE My pleasure.
ROBERT So how long ¹ have you been living (live) in New Zealand?
EMILIE By December, I ² _____ (be) here for a year.
ROBERT ³ _____ (you/ever/have) a job in the hotel industry before?
EMILIE Yes, I have. I worked in a hotel in Geneva for two years before I ⁴ _____ (move) here.
ROBERT So why did you apply for this particular post?
EMILIE As soon as I ⁵ _____ (see) it, I thought it was the right job for me.
ROBERT What do you like about it?
EMILIE I ⁶ _____ (always/enjoy) working with people and being customer-facing so this position seems ideal.
ROBERT This isn't your first application, is it?
EMILIE No, this is the second time I ⁷ _____ (apply). The first time my English wasn't good enough.
ROBERT It sounds good now.
EMILIE It ⁸ _____ (get) a lot better. I ⁹ _____ (only just/arrive) the last time I applied.
ROBERT Do you have any questions?
EMILIE When will I know if I ¹⁰ _____ (be) successful?
ROBERT We ¹¹ _____ (make) our decision by the end of next week. Ten days at the most.
EMILIE That's fine. I'll wait to hear from you.

c 1.1 Listen and check.

2 VOCABULARY Describing changes

a Complete the text with the words in the box.

rapid changes substantially noticeable way
barely shift increase subtle ongoing

Changes to the English language may not always be immediately ¹ noticeable, but because over 500 million people now use it as their first language, it is constantly evolving.

Some ² _____ changes, often made in an attempt to simplify the language, are ³ _____ perceptible. However, over time we notice that people are not using 'shall' as much in the first person, or 'no?' is being used instead of question tags, which seem to be on the ⁴ _____ out.

The use of Americanisms by British youth is clearly on the ⁵ _____, with expressions such as 'Can I get a coffee?' becoming very common. Interest in American TV shows and music has grown ⁶ _____ over the last 20 years, leading to this ⁷ _____ rise in American usage.

Linguists and lexicographers spot the most ⁸ _____ changes in the language and make decisions as to whether a steady ⁹ _____ over time is enough to justify a new dictionary entry or even a change to a grammar rule.

The most lasting ¹⁰ _____ to the language come as the result of major innovations in lifestyle. The digital revolution, just like the automobile revolution a hundred years before, has introduced a large number of new expressions and usages, from 'trash' to 'paste' to 'tablet'.

3 PRONUNCIATION Sentence stress

a 1.2 Listen and underline the stressed words in bold.

- The team **had been training** for three months already when the season started.
- By September, I **will have been studying** Arabic for three years.
- This is the fourth time I **have tried** to learn ballroom dancing.
- They **have been practising** this piece on the piano for about three months now.
- By the time I got to rehearsal, the actors **had been working** for about an hour.
- She **has been revising** for this exam since early this morning.

10 Everyday English

Something along those lines



1 USEFUL LANGUAGE

Expressing yourself in an inexact way

- a 1.3 Complete the conversation with the expressions in the box.

loads of give or take something to do with
words to that effect sort of whatsisname
somewhere in the region of

- TIM** Thanks for helping me with this, Harry. I really appreciate it.
HARRY No problem, Tim.
TIM This is ¹ sort of my first report and I want to get it right.
HARRY Sure. I still remember my first one.
TIM You've done ² _____ them since then, I suppose. How long have you been here?
HARRY Twenty years. ³ _____ a couple.
TIM So you've done a lot of reports?
HARRY Quite a few.
TIM Hundreds, I expect. So who should I copy my report to?
HARRY ⁴ _____ in Finance and probably that other guy.
TIM Who?
HARRY Thingy. The tall guy. He's ⁵ _____ sales. It'll come back to me. Next question?
TIM How long should the report be?
HARRY Not too long.
TIM Quite short then? Good.
HARRY But not too short. ⁶ _____ three or four pages.
TIM That's not too hard then. Three to four pages. Plus a cover page. What should I call it?
HARRY *The future of the company.* Or ⁷ _____.
TIM Brilliant idea. Final question. Can I buy you lunch?
HARRY Of course you can. What's the budget?
TIM About a tenner? Will that be enough?
HARRY I suppose it will have to be. Let's go.

- b Match questions 1–6 with responses a–f.

- 1 e Who gave you this book?
 2 Can I borrow one of these pencils?
 3 Did he say I wasn't invited to the wedding?
 4 What was that phone call about?
 5 What's quinoa?
 6 How much are the flights?
 a Something to do with our internet connection.
 b Well, words to that effect.
 c They're somewhere in the region of \$500 per person.
 d Sure! I've got loads of them!
 e Oh, whatshername, the girl with the red hair?
 f It's a sort of cereal. A bit like rice.

2 PRONUNCIATION

Sound and spelling: ea, ee and ie

- a 1.4 Listen. How are the letters in **bold** pronounced in each word? Complete the table.

- 1 It's a good **career**.
 2 I prefer the **green** one.
 3 Let's have fruit **instead**.
 4 I never **wear** a tie.
 5 People don't **earn** much here.
 6 Shall we have a **break**?
 7 I don't **believe** it.
 8 I can't **bear** it.
 9 I'm going to the **pier**.
 10 What did you **learn**?
 11 He's a **great** player.
 12 **Bread**, anyone?

Sound 1 /i:/ (e.g. be)	Sound 2 /e/ (e.g. ten)	Sound 3 /eɪ/ (e.g. take)
Sound 4 /eə/ (e.g. hair)	Sound 5 /ɪə/ (e.g. hear)	Sound 6 /ɜ:/ (e.g. serve)
	career	