

# Verb Tenses and Word Formation

## Written Practice



### A. Fill in the gaps with the correct form of the given verb.

English 1. \_\_\_\_\_ (**give**) you access to some of the world's best universities  
English 2. \_\_\_\_\_ (widely / **regarded**) as the language of higher education.  
Oxford, Cambridge, Harvard and MIT 3. \_\_\_\_\_ (**be**) just a few of the famous universities that  
occupy the lofty heights of the top of the world education league tables, and you 4. \_\_\_\_\_  
(**need**) to speak English fluently for access to any of these, as they 5. \_\_\_\_\_ (**be**) all English-  
speaking. It 6. \_\_\_\_\_ (**go**) without saying that if you 7. \_\_\_\_\_ (**be**) able  
8. \_\_\_\_\_ (**study**) at one of these institutions, you 8. \_\_\_\_\_ (**start**) your  
career with an illustrious name on your CV - and the benefits of that speak for themselves. If English 9.  
\_\_\_\_\_ (not **be**) your native language, you 10. \_\_\_\_\_ (**need**) to take an  
English test during the admissions process 11. \_\_\_\_\_ (**prove**) that your level of English 12.  
\_\_\_\_\_ (**be**) up to scratch for the demands of the academic environment. If you 13.  
\_\_\_\_\_ (**have**) your sights set on a top university, the effort you 14.  
\_\_\_\_\_ (**put**) into study English as early as possible in your school years 15.  
\_\_\_\_\_ (**reward**) when it 16. \_\_\_\_\_ (**come**) to the choice of universities  
to which you can apply.

### B. Complete the gaps with the correct form of the given word.

English is a fantastic intellectual challenge!

English is undoubtedly one of the 1. \_\_\_\_\_ (**hard**) languages to learn. Full of nuances, 2.  
\_\_\_\_\_ (**expect**) pronunciations, odd rules and 3. \_\_\_\_\_ (**infringe**)  
exceptions to rules, it takes 4. \_\_\_\_\_ (**dedicate**) and perseverance to reach a good level of  
5. \_\_\_\_\_ (**fluent**). If you're on the lookout for a new challenge, learning English may be just  
what you're after. Not only that, but because it's so widely 6. \_\_\_\_\_ (**speak**), it opens you up  
to a huge number of new 7. \_\_\_\_\_ (**culture**) experiences, which will help you develop life  
skills, meet new people and grow your 8. \_\_\_\_\_ (**confident**) in handling new situations.

### C. Complete the gaps with the correct form of the given words.

English will make you more desirable to employers

1. \_\_\_\_\_ (**be**) fluent in a second language clearly 2. \_\_\_\_\_  
(**demonstrate**) a powerful brain and reflects someone who 3. \_\_\_\_\_ (**put**) in the huge  
amount of time, resources and 4. \_\_\_\_\_ (**commit**) needed to master another language. But  
while being 5. \_\_\_\_\_ (**lingua**) is impressive full stop, no matter what 6.  
\_\_\_\_\_ (**combine**) of languages you speak, adding English to your CV 7.  
\_\_\_\_\_ (**be**) particularly useful. Not only is it an especially complex language to get to grips  
with, a fact that reflects well on you for having mastered it, but as we 8. \_\_\_\_\_ (**see**), it's also  
an incredibly useful language to learn because so many countries speak it. You 9.  
\_\_\_\_\_ (**be**) in a much stronger position to apply for jobs overseas if you 10. \_\_\_\_\_ (**reach**) a good  
level of fluency in English.

English 11. \_\_\_\_\_ (**refer**) to as "the language of business", and it's not hard to see why. If  
you have ambitions to become an 12. \_\_\_\_\_ (**nation**) businessperson, it's essential that  
you're able to speak English fluently; business conducted internationally is done in English more often than not.  
Even if you 13. \_\_\_\_\_ (not **think**) of living and working abroad, that 14.  
\_\_\_\_\_ (not **mean**) you 15. \_\_\_\_\_ (not **find**) English a helpful language  
to put on your CV. There may well be plenty of English-speaking multinational corporations with offices in your  
home country. What's more, English skills are just as 16. \_\_\_\_\_ (**desire**) to employers in  
your own country and language as they are to employers in English-speaking countries.