



The limits of my language are the limits of my world.
Ludwig Wittgenstein, Austrian philosopher

How much can you learn in a month?

1 GRAMMAR *have to, don't have to, must, must not, can't*

- a Look at the pictures. Complete the sentences with the correct form of *have to*.



- 1 Chefs have to have clean hands to work with food.
- 2 Chefs have to wash dishes.
- 3 A politician has to be very old.
- 4 A politician has to talk to lots of people.
- 5 Secretaries have to know how to use computers.
- 6 Secretaries have to be very tall.
- 7 Do a pilot have to be strong?
No, but they have to be intelligent.
- 8 Do a nurse have to wear a uniform?
Yes, they usually have to wear a white uniform.

- b What do these signs mean? Write sentences with *must* or *can't*.



- 1 You must fasten your seat belt. _____ fasten / seat belt
- 2 _____ stop / here
- 3 _____ smoke
- 4 _____ turn left
- 5 _____ walk / on the grass

- c Complete the sentences with *must not* or *don't have to*.

- 1 I don't have to wear a uniform to school.
- 2 You _____ smoke in a gas station.
- 3 You _____ cook tonight. We can eat out.
- 4 You _____ drive without a license.
- 5 You _____ stand while the plane takes off.
- 6 I _____ get up early on weekends.

3 VOCABULARY modifiers

Order the words to make sentences.

- 1 British / American English / similar / very / are / and

British and American English are very similar.

- 2 can / pronunciation / English / fairly / difficult / be

English _____.

- 3 Japanese / learning / isn't / easy / very

Learning _____.

- 4 I / Hungarian / think / complicated / is / extremely

I _____.

- 5 is / bit / Italian / a / easier / little

Italian _____.

- 6 Reading / is / vocabulary / a / to / way / really / useful / learn

Reading _____.

4 READING

- a Read the opinions about learning languages. Which do you think are the three best ideas?

WHAT'S THE BEST WAY TO ...?

Learn a language

This week we ask students and teachers from all over the world for their ideas.

Sang-woo, student, Korea

Find something interesting to read in the language you're studying. Reading really helps you learn new vocabulary and grammar. I'm studying Spanish, and I try to read a little Spanish every day – you don't have to spend a long time doing it, maybe just five minutes looking at a Spanish newspaper or website.

Ana, student, Peru

I think you have to concentrate on pronunciation from the beginning. You don't have to pronounce words perfectly, but you can't pronounce them in a way that people won't understand. I practice English pronunciation by repeating words after the CD or by saying the words in my head.

**Sompong, IT
consultant, Thailand**

I don't have a lot of time for studying, but I think that the Internet is an incredible resource for learners of English around the world. Everybody with a computer has access to millions of pages of English, and you don't have to leave home – in a few seconds you can find something interesting to read. You don't have to be studying to learn a language – you can be enjoying yourself.

Wen, student, Taiwan

I think you have to have a good dictionary. It can really help you learn a language. It tells you what words mean, but it also gives you information about how words are used together, phrases, expressions, and pronunciation.

**Elke, language teacher,
Sweden**

You have to listen to the language as much as you can. In Sweden a lot of people speak very good

English, and I think it's partly because there are TV programs in English, so you hear the language a lot.

b Complete the sentences with the people's names.

- 1 Ana says that you don't need to have perfect pronunciation.
- 2 and think that having a computer will help you learn.
- 3 thinks that a good reference book is important.
- 4 thinks that if you hear a language, you'll get better at speaking it.
- 5 says that reading can improve your vocabulary.