Grammar

3 Complete the short posts using the correct form of the verbs in brackets. There is an example at the beginning (0).

I was about **(0)** *to start* (start) a course in Italian when I saw an advertisement for lessons in Albanian. I managed **(1)** _____ (change) onto the Albanian course and I succeeded in **(2)** _____ (learn) the language really well in two years. Of course, I knew people would **(3)** _____ (question) why I'd spent so much time learning a language which is only spoken in one small country, but I don't regret it. It's a fascinating language. **Jo**

I was going **(4)** _____ (do) Spanish at university until I realized that I could **(5)** _____ (study) similar but much less common languages like Portuguese and Catalan instead. I decided to major in these languages. Of course, I'd **(6)** _____ (take) exams in Spanish, too, but my tutor advised me to just concentrate on two languages. **Grant**

I was supposed **(7)** _____ (complete) my course in Zulu at the University of Durban in May, but I didn't manage **(8)** _____ (finish) because I was ill. I didn't mind though. I could **(9)** _____ (speak) fluently and I was able **(10)** _____ (communicate) with native speakers, so I didn't really need the qualification. **Dan**

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