

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**