WRITING

A listicle

1 ★ **Read the listicle and circle the best title.**

1 How to communicate with people from other countries
2 How to be a good language learner
3 How to be a better communicator
4 How to tell jokes



Over the last few years, I've learned a few things and now I can communicate much better than before. Here are my top five tips.

- **Use body language**

Use your hands and gesture to make a point, and always make eye contact. Since I started doing this, people have paid a lot more attention to me!

- **Use intonation**

Your tone of voice, that is how it sounds, shows your feelings. If your voice sounds flat and bored, your listener will be bored, too! Before, I didn't use to think about intonation, but now I understand that how you say something is very important.

- **Be a good listener**

Good communicators listen. Of course, say what you want to say, but later on, ask questions to find out what the other person is thinking.

- **Be yourself!**

Most people can tell when someone is telling a lie. All my life, I've never been very confident or sociable. Be honest and don't try to appear more confident than you really are. Always be yourself.

- **Tell jokes**

Smile and try to find the funny side whenever you can – this will make your listener more relaxed. This is especially important these days, when the world can be such a serious place.

Try to use some of these helpful tips and you'll soon be able to see the difference it makes!

2 ★★ **Read the listicle again and complete the sentences.**

1 People pay more attention to you when you *use your hands and gesture, and make eye contact.*
2 _____ lets the listener know how you are feeling.
3 Good communicators listen and _____.
4 It's a bad idea to not tell the truth when you meet people because _____.
5 Telling jokes helps the listener to be _____.

3 ★★ **Circle the correct meanings for the *Useful language* words and phrases.**

1 **over the last few years** *recently / since I was a baby*
2 **since** *at the moment / from a specific time in the past*
3 **before** *earlier / after some time has passed*
4 **later on** *after some time has passed / recently*
5 **all my life** *since I was born / at the moment*
6 **these days** *at the moment / earlier*
7 **soon** *earlier / in the very near future*

Write your own listicle.

PLAN

4 ★★ **Choose one of the other titles from Exercise 1 for your listicle and write some notes.**

Title
Introduction
A list of five tips
A short ending

WRITE

5 ★★★ **Write your listicle. Remember to include an introduction, five tips and a short ending, *can*, *could*, *will be able to* and the correct past tenses, and *Useful language* words and phrases.**

CHECK

6 **Do you …**

- have an interesting title to interest the reader?
- have an ending to make the reader think?

LIVEWORKSHEETS