

LANGUAGES OF THE WORLD REVISION 3

1. Read and choose the correct answer:

I'm sure your sister will _____ when she finds out you've drawn pictures in her books.

- a. be over the moon b. go through the roof c. get on her nerves d. be out of this world

I think you might _____ as Jimmy is my close friend, not my boyfriend.

- a. be on a knife-edge b. be anybody's guess c. get the wrong end of the stick d. be a pain in the neck

Joe is a mathematician, so this math problem is _____ to him.

- a. a walk in the park b. all very well c. a pain in the neck d. over the top

I believe that _____ a new language should be fun.

- a. learning b. to learn c. learn d. is learning

What do you enjoy doing in your free time? - _____ sailing with my brother.

- a. Go b. To go c. Going d. I'm going

_____ English has a relatively simple alphabet, its spelling can be surprisingly difficult for learners.

- a. However b. Whereas c. Although d. Despite

Some learners prefer studying grammar rules, _____ others learn better by using the language in real conversations.

- a. however b. whereas c. although d. despite

Kate was cooking _____ her husband was helping her with the laundry.

- a. however b. whereas c. although d. while

They went cycling _____ the bad weather.

- a. however b. despite c. although d. while

_____ been to Australia before?

- a. Whose b. Where c. Who d. Who's

Whose accent sounds the poshest? _____.

- a. Alicia b. America c. Alicia's d. British

The concert _____ at 5 p.m. tomorrow. Don't be late!

- a. is starting b. will start c. start d. starts

What are your plans for the weekend? We _____ with the Smiths and _____ children to the zoo.

- a. are meeting up-taking b. meet up- take c. are meeting up- take d. will meet up- take

Using a wrong word in another language can cause _____.

- a. confidence b. impatience c. unhappiness d. embarrassment

Practicing every day can lead to _____ in a language.

- a. encouragement b. fluency c. confidence d. excitement

Our _____ has gone through a lot of ups and downs.

- a. friendship b. friends c. flexibility d. excitement

2. Read and choose the correct answer:

A Steve

I've always been fascinated by foreign languages, and I'm finally learning one on my own! It's challenging, but I'm optimistic that I can do it, and I much prefer it to taking lessons. I've found that the best approach is to build up my skills slowly, starting with the basics and gradually adding more complex concepts. To vary things, I like to listen to music and watch movies in the language that I'm learning. This not only helps me practice my listening skills but also exposes me to new vocabulary, and I get to learn about the culture as well. When I find all the learning too much, I take a quick break to recharge, and usually do something different each time. I find walking outside or going to the gym helps me get back my focus and enthusiasm. To me, learning a new language is a great way to expand your horizons and open up new possibilities for work.

B Borja

Taking up a foreign language has been a real struggle for me. I find it hard to note down everything the teacher says, and I'm constantly worried about getting things wrong when I hand in my essays and written assignments. It's difficult to make sense of the grammar rules and vocabulary, and I often feel bored to tears during class. Equally, I find it hard to stay motivated when I feel like I'm not making progress. While some people seem to pick up languages easily, I'm finding it very challenging. I don't think it's something that comes naturally to me. I wish I could appreciate the process more, but it feels like hard work. Despite the difficulties, I know that knowing a foreign language can be an incredibly helpful thing for when I go abroad, and I'm determined to push through.

Which person:

- a. states that learning a foreign language can be a useful skill for travelling?
- b. finds learning a language to be quite straightforward?
- c. thinks that learning with others was initially difficult?
- d. mentions that they do not have a natural ability for languages?
- e. explains that making errors is part of the learning process?
- f. thinks that it's essential to develop a routine when learning?
- g. suggests learning a new language creates employment opportunities?
- h. believes that they will succeed with their self-study?
- i. says that extra work in addition to lessons helps them to focus?
- j. mentions how they feel about written work?

C Pallavi

Learning a foreign language has always been a piece of cake for me because I'm great with technology! If you're struggling to pick up a new language, I have some tips that might help from when I was studying and taking lessons. First, look through online resources and apps that can make learning fun and interactive and make notes if you like doing so. Second, set aside specific time each day to practise, and use the same tools and techniques each time to reinforce your learning. Similarly, absorbing yourself in the language by listening to music, watching movies and speaking with native speakers. Finally, don't be afraid to make mistakes! The more you practise, the better you'll get. Practise every day and keep at it, and before you know it you'll be a fluent speaker! It took me a while, but I got there eventually!

D Adriana

Learning a new language is something I have always wanted to take up, so I decided to sign up for a course through work. It's been a great way to get into the language and learn more about the culture. To be honest, it's been tricky but also very rewarding. At first, it was challenging to feel confident and keep up with the pace of the group, although I eventually got there. I find that practising regularly and doing activities outside of class helps me to stay on track. So far, I have learned a lot of new vocabulary and grammar, and I am starting to feel more confident when speaking, even though I still make mistakes. Overall, I think that learning a new language is worthwhile, and I am happy that I decided to give it a try. I still have a long way to go before I can consider myself fluent, but I am excited to continue learning.

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