

LISTENING

Exercise 1: Listen and complete the text. (Track 15)

Solution to air pollution

Most people agree that to curb global warming, a variety of (1) need to be taken. On a personal level, driving and flying less, recycling, and conservation reduces a person's "carbon footprint" - the amount of carbon dioxide a person is (2) for putting into the atmosphere.

On a larger scale, governments are taking measures to limit (3) of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases. The Paris Agreement, a voluntary agreement among 118 nations ratified on November 4, 2016, is one effort being enacted on a global scale to combat (4) change. As a part of the agreement, each country agreed to take measures to combat climate change, with the ultimate goal of keeping the postindustrial global temperature rise below two degrees Celsius. Another method is to put taxes on carbon emissions or higher taxes on gasoline, so that individuals and (5) will have greater incentives to conserve energy and pollute less.

Exercise 2: Listen and complete the text. (Track 16)

6 Tips to Self Study English Effectively

1. Listen to music and learn from lyrics

Everyone likes music. It's very easy and interesting to learn English by listening to your favourite

2. Watch English videos about your interests

This is good training for your English comprehension and Watching interviews and reviews will help you become familiar with conversational English-how you should communicate with other people.

3. Watch English movies and TV shows

Watching English movies and TV shows also helps how you speak and understand the language.

4. Test your grammar with online English quizzes

When you self-study, one possible problem is that you might miss the and errors you're making.

One easy way to test yourself is to do free online English quizzes. These quizzes will test your grammar, sentence construction, comprehension and a whole lot more.

5. Chat with friends online

Chatting with friends online is a fun way to self-study English without even realizing it. It's different from talking to a teacher, or studying in class, or even using English at work because it's relaxed, and the is easy.

6. Read e-books, articles and online magazines

Reading is as as listening when learning English. Reading and listening both sharpen the mind and train you to think in English too.

Exercise 3: Listen and answer the questions. (Track 17)

1. How many people speak English as their first language?

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2. What country has the most English native speakers?

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3. Is English the first largest language by number of native speakers?

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4. Which group are outnumbered, English native speakers or non-native English speakers?

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5. Combining native and non-native speakers, which country has the most people who speak and understand English?

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Exercise 4: Listen and complete the text. (Track 18)

Mr Huynh Van Loi from Can Tho, Viet Nam, a farmer who spent most his life in the same small Mekong Delta district, has (1) good weather and bad, droughts and floods But this year brought something he'd never seen.

"The water is salty," he said. "I've been living here since my (2) but this is the first time we've had salty water. All my crops were destroyed."

The region's worst (3) in 90 years, combined with rising sea levels and rampant development are causing a crisis in the Mekong Delta, known as Vietnam's rice bowl. The delta is home to 20 million people and accounts for more than half of

Vietnam's rice and fruit (4) 90% of its rice exports and 60% of fishery exports.

A United Nations report released in March about the drought estimated that about 393,000 acres of rice in Vietnam was already lost, with an additional 1.2 million acres likely to be damaged. Almost 1 million people lack water for daily (5)

The figures are alarming but could grow worse if weather extremes become more common in years to come.

Exercise 5: Listen and decide the sentences. (Track 19)

- a. A flood is land by water that is not usually covered by water.
- b. A flood which causes severely damage or loss of life to or livestock is considered a significant flood.
- c. Floods are among the most of natural disasters.
- d. Floods affect not only human life but also destroy