C. READING & WRITING

Exercise 1: Match the sentence halves.

1 I practice	●		●	speaking Spanish every day
2 I think that I made	●		●	a lot of mistakes in my French essay.
3 Writing to a penfriend	●		●	an online English course?
4 I am meeting	●		●	abroad to learn French.
5 Have you ever taken	●		●	a new language app on her phone.
6 Yesterday my sister downloaded	●		●	is useful for practicing language.
7 I often use	●		●	a webcam to talk to my Italian friends.
8 I want to travel	●		●	my language exchange partner today.

Exercise 2. Read the leaflet about a language school for children. Choose True, False or Not Given.

Would you like your son or daughter to speak another language? At Languages for Kids we offer classes on Saturday mornings in French and Spanish, and in Chinese and Japanese on Saturday afternoons. The classes are taught by qualified teachers who are first language speakers. The lessons are fun and enjoyable for children. There are no grammar exercises, but there are a lot of chances for children to speak the language. They play games, sing songs and even try food from the country of the language they are learning.

We have classes for children between the ages of 4 and 11. The morning classes start at 10:00 a.m. and finish at 1:00 p.m., and the afternoon classes start at 1:00 p.m. and finish at 5:00 p.m. Every week the children will do some homework to help them to practise the language they are learning. It is not difficult and it will not take more than half an hour. At the end of the year, we will write a report for each child

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to let you know how much they have improved in their language. If you would like to find out more information, please go to our website.

	True	False	Not Given
1 The language classes take place at the weekend.	○	○	○
2 there are Spanish classes in the afternoons.	○	○	○
3 The children study a lot of grammar in the language classes.	○	○	○
4 The children often play games outside.	○	○	○
5 Some classes finish at 1: 00 p.m.	○	○	○
6 The children have to do homework every week.	○	○	○
7 The classes are too difficult for some children.	○	○	○
8 Parents can find out more about the classes online.	○	○	○

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Exercise 3. Read an advertisement for a language exchange partner. Write one word from the text in each gap.

Wanted: Italian language exchange partner!

Hello, my name is John Armstrong. I am a second-year student studying Law and Italian here in London. Next year, I am going to study at university in Rome for one year. I am looking for an Italian student who would like to meet me for a language exchange to help me improve my Italian. I have been to Italy many times with my family on holiday, so I know quite a lot of Italian, but I would like to practise speaking with an Italian person. Also, I think that I am going to make a lot of mistakes in Italian when I study abroad, so I would like somebody to help me to study Italian grammar. I am also not good at writing in Italian, so I would like somebody to look at my essays.

At the moment I take Italian classes on Thursday evenings. I am going to download an app for learning Italian, but I think that I need some more help. I am free on Monday or Wednesday afternoons. We could either meet at my house, or in the café next to the library. If you would like to meet me, please send me an email.

Thank you,
John

1 John is now studying in _____.

2 John is going to spend a year at university in _____.

3 He wants to meet someone to practice _____ in Italian with.

4 He thinks that he is going make a lot of mistakes with Italian _____.

5 he wants somebody to help him to write better _____.

6 He is taking classes and is going to use an_____to help him study Italian.

7 He can meet his language exchange partner in the_____on Monday or Wednesday.

8 He wants to meet his language exchange partner at a _____ or at his house.

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Exercise 4. Read a review of a new app for learning a language. Complete the summary with the correct answers.

Language Master is the lastest mobile phone app to help you learn a new language. When you download the app, you can learn new words in the language, do quizzes, play games and translate words. Language Master is available in 20 different languages, and 30 countries. I am studying French at school, and have an important exam at the end of this term, so I decided to try Language Master for one month to see if I would help me to improve French.

I found the app very useful for learning about grammar rules. The quizzes helped me to use grammar correctly, and if I made a mistake, it told me why it was wrong and what I needed to do correct it. I also leant a lot of new words in French. The games were very good for practicing new vocabulary, and they stopped me from getting bored.

The app was very easy to use and I enjoyed using new phone to practice French. I used it a lot on the bus on my way home, and in the library at school. It was much better than studying with a book, because I didn't need to take a lot of books to school every day. The only bad thing about the app is that it is quite expensive. It costs, £ 7.00, which might be difficult for some people to spend. I think that it í a very useful way to learn languages, and I have told my friends to download it.

Laura, 16, London.

The Language Master app

1 A mobile phone app to help people learn a *game/ language/ quiz*.

2 Available in *2/ 20/ 30* different languages.

3 Can be used to *get bored/ practice vocabulary/ stop mistakes* do quizzes and play games.

4 Advantages: Good for learning *practice/ quizzes/ rules* for grammar. Don't have to carry a lot of *apps/ **books**/ bus tickets*.

5 Disadvantages: It's *difficult/ expensive/ slow* to download – costs £7.00.

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Exercise 5. Read the article about learning languages. Choose the correct answers.

Today, there are so many ways to learn a new language. People can take language courses at school or college, in the evenings, in another country, online, or even using apps on their phone. However, many adults still find it difficult and so there are advantages to learning a new language as a young child.

Young children learn new languages faster than teenagers and adults. This is because they haven't spoken their first language for a very long time, so their brains are still 'ready' to learn languages. If children hear people speaking another language, they will quickly learn how to speak it. Of course, the best way for children to learn a new language is to move to a country where people speak the language. If this is not possible, parents could send their children to a school that teaches some lessons in another language. Younger children may also enjoy watching cartoons or reading storybooks with pictures. This will help them to learn new words.

Teenagers can learn new languages easily if they are interested in the language and the country where it is from. However, not all teenagers enjoy learning languages at school, so it is important that they learn languages in interesting ways. For example, they might enjoy watching films and television programmes, or reading books and magazines. A new way to learn languages is through mobile phone apps, which teenagers often enjoy, especially if they have a lot of games. Also, having a penfriend helps teenagers to improve their writing, and going on a language exchange with their school helps them to improve their speaking.

In conclusion, children, teenagers and adults learn languages differently, so they need different ways to practise. It's a good thing for people to learn to speak another language when they are young. It can help them to get better grades at school and it can be useful when they visit another country. However, the most important advantage is that it is easier to learn a language as a child than it is as an adult.

1 The essay talks about the *apps/ courses/ ways* that people learn languages.

2 *Adults/ Children/ Teenagers* learn new languages more quickly than other people.

3 For children to learn a language, the best thing is go *online/ to school/ to the country*.

4 Cartoons and books will help children to learn new *pictures/ stories/ words*.

5 Some teenagers need *easy/ interesting/ new* ways to learn languages.

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6 One way for teenagers to help their writing in a new language is to *download apps/ have a penfriend/ read magazines*.

7 Younger and older people don't learn languages in *different/ fun/ the same ways*.

8 It is an *advantage/ easier/ more difficult* to learn a new language as an adult than as a child.

Exercise 6. Put the words in the correct order to complete the sentences.

1 Many	learning	to	advantages	new language	there	a	are	.

2 Penfriend	Maria	I	Spanish	a	called	had	.

3 Started	primary school	learning	I	in	French	.

4 I'm	going to	to	download	an	study	French	app	.

5 Partner	exchange	language	meet	I'm	a	going to	.

6 English	is	in	my	sister	going to	study t	the USA	.

7 Practice	speaking	day	it's	every	to	important	.

8 Words	going to	learn	every	three	day	new	I'm	.

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Exercise 7. Put the sentences in the correct order to make a paragraph.

Firstly, young children can pick up new languages very easily.
For example, people who learn a second language well, often find it easier to learn a third language.
Secondly, if children learn a second when they are very young for three reasons.
It is a good idea for children to learn a language when they are very young for three reasons.
Finally, children who can speak two or more languages often have good communication skills and make friends easily.
For example, if they hear people speaking another language, they are quick to repeat the words that they hear.

Exercise 8. Complete the text with the correct linking word or phrase from the box.

Firstly	For example	Furthermore	However	Secondly	To sum up

There are many advantages of leaning a new language. _____, it is useful to speak another language if you enjoy travelling to other countries. If you can speak the language of that country, it will be easier for you to do simple tasks. _____, you can ask for directions, order food and go shopping.

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_____, you may not always understand what people are saying to you. _____, speaking another language could help you get a job in the future. There are many international companies which want to hire staff who can speak different languages. _____, if you speak another language, you may have the chance to travel to other countries for your work, or even to move to a different country. _____, learning another language can help you to have fun when you are travelling and too get a good job in the future.

Exercise 9. Write an essay about the advantages of learning English. Include your own experience and your future plans for learning English.

Notes

Remember to include:

1 an introduction.

2 a paragraph about the advantages of learning English.

3 a paragraph about your past experience of learning English.

4 a conclusion including how you are going to learn English in the future.

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