

BECKY'S BLOG

Hi guys!

My uncle Dan has got a **great** job. I'd really like to do it, too. He's an English teacher, but he doesn't teach in a school – he teaches online. He teaches English to students from different countries. He's got students from Japan, Spain, Mexico, Turkey ... all in the same class! But he isn't in a classroom with a board and chairs and desks. He sits and talks to a camera on a computer. It's cool.

Every day at the same time the students go online and **connect** to the class. Then they have a lesson. Of course, it's a different time in the different countries. Sometimes it's in the morning, but sometimes it's at night and the students are a bit sleepy!

It's just like a real classroom. They ask him questions and they can talk to the other students, too. They talk about their **hobbies** and sports and films. Some of them are good at sports or play different instruments. It's very interesting – but everything is in English. Imagine! They don't only chat – they learn grammar and vocabulary, too! Then they do their homework and send it to my uncle online. He **marks** it and sends it back. Sometimes when they have problems they chat to him online after the lesson. Uncle Dan tells them the things they need to **practise**.

Uncle Dan teaches lots of lessons every day and he loves it! The students love learning like this, too. What a good way to learn a language and find friends in different countries. Would you like to be in my uncle's English classes?

Here's the weblink.

I. Read the blog again. Are the sentences True (T), False (F) or is the information Not Mentioned (NM) in the text?

- 1) The writer is an online teacher. **T / F / NM**
- 2) The students are all from Europe. **T / F / NM**
- 3) In the lessons the students talk about different things in English. **T / F / NM**
- 4) The teacher gives them lots of exercises in class. **T / F / NM**
- 5) They can only speak to the teacher in the class. **T / F / NM**
- 6) They do grammar exercises for homework. **T / F / NM**
- 7) It's a good way to meet people. **T / F / NM**
- 8) Students can learn to play instruments online, too. **T / F / NM**

II. Match the underlined words in the blog with these definitions.

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| 1) join/link online | hobbies |
| 2) free-time activities | connect |
| 3) fantastic | marks |
| 4) repeat something to get it right | great |
| 5) gives a grade | practise |

III. Complete the sentences with the words from 4.

- 1) My teacher _____ our homework with a red pen.

- 2) I've got lots of _____ I like sports and music.
- 3) I love playing the guitar. I _____ every day.
- 4) My computer is broken and I can't _____ the Internet.
- 5) The students love our English teacher. He's _____!