

## GRAMMAR

Qa,b,or c.

1 I need some emails.

a to answer b answer c answering

2 The situation is difficult \_\_\_\_.

a for explain b explain c to explain

3 I don't know what

a do b to do c that I do

4 I don't really mind \_\_\_\_ housework.

a do b to do c doing

5 is one of the best forms of exercise.

a swimming b swimming c swim

6 \_\_\_\_ bring our books tomorrow?

a Do we have to b Have we to c Do we must

7 It's free. You \_\_\_\_ pay.

a don't have to b mustn't c haven't to

8 You must \_\_\_\_ your grandmother.

a to call b calling c call

9 You drink so much coffee.

a not should b don't should c shouldn't

10 I think you should \_\_\_\_ to her about it.

a to talk b talk c talking

11 If she \_\_\_, she won't come back.

a goes b went c 'll go

12 If they don't come soon, we \_\_\_\_ them.

a don't see      b won't see      c aren't see

13 Call me if you \_\_\_\_ a taxi.  
a won't find      b don't find      c didn't find

14 A Whose book is that? B It's \_\_\_\_.  
a my      b mine book      c mine

15 She forgot his birthday, but he didn't forget \_\_\_\_.  
a her      b she      c hers

### VOCABULARY

a choose the right verb.

1 When did you *know / meet* your husband?

2 Did you *tell / say* Mark about the party?

3 If we don't run, we'll *miss / lose* the train!

4 I really *wait / hope* she's passed the exam.

5 My mother always *carries / wears* a lot of jewellery.

b Complete with a verb from the list.

enjoy finish forget hate learn mind promise try

1 Don't \_\_\_\_ to turn off the light before you go.

2 I want to \_\_\_\_ to speak Italian.

3 Can you \_\_\_\_ to make less noise, please?

4 I \_\_\_\_ to pay you back next week.

5 I really \_\_\_\_ making cakes.

6 Do you \_\_\_ waiting here until I'm ready?

7 My parents are very punctual - they \_\_\_ being late.

8 When are you going to \_\_\_ using the computer? I need it!

**c Complete the modifiers.**

1 A: How are you? B: V \_\_\_ well, thanks. And you?

2 I was in \_\_\_ lucky - I won £ 100.

3 She's a b \_\_\_ tired - she needs to rest.

4 You're driving r \_\_\_ fast - slow down!

5 My bag is q \_\_\_ heavy because I've got my laptop in it.

**d Complete the *get* phrases.**

1 We didn't have satnav in the car and we got \_\_\_ on the way home from Edinburgh.

2 I'm always really hungry when I get \_\_\_ from school.

3 She was very ill, but luckily she's getting \_\_\_.

4 We got two \_\_\_ for the theatre to see a show.

5 I get \_\_\_ very well with my brothers and sisters.

6 They were married for ten years, but six months ago they got \_\_\_.

7 I got a text \_\_\_ from Carol. She says she's going to be late.

## CAN YOU UNDERSTAND THIS TEXT?

a Read the article once. What does Michael think is the main reason the British aren't good at speaking languages?

### WHY ARE THE BRITISH SO BAD AT LEARNING LANGUAGES?

Michael Reece has lived and worked in France for fifteen years.

The British are bad at speaking foreign Languages. It's a fact. In any city around Europe you can find British tourists asking for the restaurant menu in English. At best they will try to say a couple of phrases they have Learnt from a phrase book. But they will stop making an effort the moment they discover the waiter knows a little English.

I read a survey once which found that only 5% of British people could count to 20 in another Language. So why is this? I think Laziness is possibly the key factor. There is a general feeling among British people that everyone speaks English nowadays so it's not worth Learning other languages. In multinational companies English is often the official language of communication within the company. Also, British people who live abroad can always find other British **expatriates** to talk to, to watch British TV with, even to go to British pubs with - all reasons for never bothering to learn the local language.

The situation in British schools doesn't help. Ten years ago, about 80% of children at secondary school studied a foreign language. Today that number has gone down to 48%. And even the few pupils who study foreign Languages at school don't have as many hours of classes as pupils in other European countries. I think it is also a problem that British children don't study English grammar any more, which makes it more difficult for them to learn the grammar of another Language.

**b** Read the article again and tick the reasons why, according to the writer, the British are bad at languages.

**1** British people rarely travel abroad.

**2** English is an international language.

**3** British people who live abroad often find the local language too difficult to learn .

**4** British people who live abroad often don't socialize with the local people.

**5** Language teachers in British schools are not very good.

**6** Many British secondary school pupils don't study a foreign language.

**7** British children don't know enough about their own grammar.

**8** British people don't want to waste money learning languages.

## CAN YOU UNDERSTAND THESE PEOPLE?

In the street Watch or listen to five people and answer the questions.



Stacey



Heba



Ruth



Ben



Nick

1 Stacey thinks that happiness is having \_\_\_\_ .

- a somewhere nice to live and a lot of friends
- b a lot of money and a close family
- c a reasonable amount of money and friends and family

2 Heba \_\_\_\_ .

- a speaks a little Arabic and a little French
- b speaks Arabic and French very well
- c speaks Arabic well and a little French

3 If Ruth has relationship problems, she talks to \_\_\_\_ .

- a her friends
- b her mother
- c her mother and her friends

4 Ben thinks people who have problems sleeping should \_\_\_\_ .

- a drink less coffee and do more exercise
- b do physical work before going to bed
- c drink less coffee and try to relax more

5 Nick thinks that Americans are bad at learning languages because \_\_\_\_ .

- a they don't want to learn languages
- b they find learning languages too difficult
- c they aren't interested in travelling abroad