Exercise 1:

16 **You are going to read an article about a teenager who has a special skill. Skim the article once quickly and answer the questions.**

1 Who is Richard Doner?
2 What is special about him?

MULTILINGUAL:
WHAT IT IS LIKE TO SPEAK MANY LANGUAGES



1 Today, over 50% of the world's total population can speak more than one language. Maybe you are one of these people who can communicate in many languages. However, it may be unlikely that you can speak more than Richard Doner, an American teenager who can hold a conversation in over twenty languages.

2 Richard lives in New York. It is a city where there are people from hundreds of different countries. There are around 180 languages spoken in New York schools. This is why Richard believes that New York is the perfect city for him. 'I can discuss many different topics with people from all over the world and I don't even need to travel to another country,' Richard says.

3 Can he see a disadvantage? 'You can never rest. You have to continuously practise and put in lots of effort all the time to be able to remember the languages. I believe that, if your brain doesn't do any work, you can forget what you know. I don't have time to speak all of my languages every day, so if I want to get better, if I want to make progress, the important thing is that I speak each one as often as I can. If I don't, I start to forget the phrases and words that I know'.

4 He also believes that when you learn a language, you don't only learn words or phrases. 'A language helps you begin to learn more about the people and their cultures – their ideas, their food, what is important to them and so on'.

5 Richard is very popular all over the world. There are lots of videos online of him practising his skills in a wide range of languages, such as Arabic, Mandarin, German and even Swahili – a language that is common in West Africa.

6 The most important thing for Richard is to have fun when he learns a language. Learning is easier if you can make it interesting for yourself, he explains. 'Also, take your time – you have to learn at a speed that works for you'. I don't think many would disagree with him!

17 **Read the first three paragraphs again and underline the correct words to summarise the main ideas.**

1 Richard Doner is very special because he can speak **more** / **less** / **most** languages than **more** / **most of** / **most** people.
2 Richard is very lucky as he has **many** / **any** / **lots of** opportunities to practise his language skills.
3 Richard practises speaking each language **all the time** / **regularly** / **every day** to improve.

18 **Now, read paragraphs 4, 5 and 6 in Exercise 16 again and summarise the main ideas in one sentence.**

1 _____
2 _____
3 _____

READING: SENTENCE COMPLETION

20 **Read some sentences about the article in Exercise 16. Then, complete the sentences using NO MORE THAN THREE words.**

1 In New York City, you can find people from a large number of _____. **(Paragraph 1)**

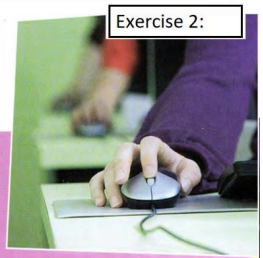
Question sentence:
In New York City, you can find people from a large number of _____.
Article sentence:
It is a city where there are people from hundreds of different countries.
Answer: different countries

2 If Richard wants to talk with people from different countries, it isn't necessary to travel _____. **(Paragraph 2)**
3 To remember languages, Richard makes sure his brain does _____. **(Paragraph 3)**
4 If you know a language, you can start to understand about the people and _____. **(Paragraph 4)**
5 Swahili is a popular language in _____. **(Paragraph 5)**
6 When he learns a language, it is absolutely necessary for Richard to _____. **(Paragraph 6)**

Exercise 2:

05 **You are going to read an article about the internet. Skim the article once quickly. What is the best title for the article, A, B or C.**

A New developments on the internet
B How people communicate on the internet
C Why people use the internet



1 The internet is still quite a new development in technology, however it is impossible to think about life without it. It works in a very simple way. It takes information and sends it from one computer to another. It is not a difficult job, but it is a very big one. There are hundreds of millions of computers connected to the internet at the same time. However, they don't all do the same thing. Some computers are like a digital box that store information, (like videos or music files) that people see, read or listen to. These stores of information are called servers, and there are three categories.

2 The first type is a file server, which holds ordinary documents. The second is a mail server for sending and receiving emails. The third is a web server for web pages. We know these servers store information but how do people find this information or send it to each other? For this, you need a client.

3 A client is a computer that gets information from a server and delivers it to another computer. When you go online on your smartphone, you are using it as a client. When two computers on the internet exchange information, they are known as peers.

4 Peer-to-peer (P2P) communication is when you send someone a photo on your smartphone. When that person sees this photo, your smartphone is working as the server. It stores the photo and the other person's device is the client, which searches for your information. It then displays the photo on the other person's screen.

06 **Read the article again in Exercise 5. Then, look at the information from the article and complete the paraphrased sentences using ONE to THREE words.**

In some exam questions, you will need to complete a sentence using one to three words. The sentence you need to complete rewrites the information from the text in different words. This is called paraphrasing. Paraphrasing is reading something, thinking about its meanings and putting it in your own words.

Example:

0 **Paragraph 1:** *It takes information and sends it from one computer to another. It is not a difficult job, but it is a very big one.*
Sending information from one computer to another is an easy job.

1 **Paragraph 1:** *There are hundreds of millions of computers connected to the internet at the same time. However, they don't all do the same thing.*
All the computers connected to the internet are doing _____ at the same time.

2 **Paragraph 2:** *The second is a mail server for sending and receiving emails.*
You can send and receive emails _____ server.

3 **Paragraph 3:** *A client is a computer that gets information from a server and delivers it to another computer.*
The client _____ from one computer to another using a server.

4 **Paragraph 3:** *When you go online on your smartphone, you are using it as a client.*
Your smartphone becomes the client when you use it _____ .

5 **Paragraph 4:** *When that person sees this photo, your smartphone is working as the server. It stores the photo and the other person's device is the client, which searches for your information.*
The client finds the photo by _____ from the server, which stores it.

TIP 06
Paraphrasing is important as you will need to understand it in Reading, Listening, Speaking and Writing exams.

06.0 MINI TIP The opposite of difficult is easy. The [illegible]

LIVEWORKSHEETS