

WRITING

A listicle



1 ★ Read the listicle and **circle** the best title.

- 1 How to communicate with people from other countries
- 2 How to be a good language learner
- 3 How to be a better communicator
- 4 How to tell jokes



Over the last few years, I've learned a few things and now I can communicate much better than before. Here are my top five tips.

● **Use body language**

Use your hands and gesture to make a point, and always make eye contact. Since I started doing this, people have paid a lot more attention to me!

● **Use intonation**

Your tone of voice, that is how it sounds, shows your feelings. If your voice sounds flat and bored, your listener will be bored, too! Before, I didn't use to think about intonation, but now I understand that how you say something is very important.

● **Be a good listener**

Good communicators listen. Of course, say what you want to say, but later on, ask questions to find out what the other person is thinking.

● **Be yourself!**

Most people can tell when someone is telling a lie. All my life, I've never been very confident or sociable. Be honest and don't try to appear more confident than you really are. Always be yourself.

● **Tell jokes**

Smile and try to find the funny side whenever you can - this will make your listener more relaxed. This is especially important these days, when the world can be such a serious place.

Try to use some of these helpful tips and you'll soon be able to see the difference it makes!



2 ★★ Read the listicle again and complete the sentences.

- 1 People pay more attention to you when you use your hands and gesture, and make eye contact.
- 2 _____ lets the listener know how you are feeling.
- 3 Good communicators listen and _____.
- 4 It's a bad idea to not tell the truth when you meet people because _____.
- 5 Telling jokes helps the listener to be _____.



3 ★★ **Circle** the correct meanings for the *Useful language* words and phrases.

- 1 **over the last few years** recently / since I was a baby
- 2 **since at the moment** / from a specific time in the past
- 3 **before** earlier / after some time has passed
- 4 **later on** after some time has passed / recently
- 5 **all my life** since I was born / at the moment
- 6 **these days** at the moment / earlier
- 7 **soon** earlier / in the very near future

Write your own listicle.

PLAN

- 4 ★★ Choose one of the other titles from Exercise 1 for your listicle and write some notes.

Title
Introduction
A list of five tips
A short ending

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- 5 ★★★ Write your listicle. Remember to include an introduction, five tips and a short ending, *can, could, will be able to* and the correct past tenses, and *Useful language* words and phrases.

CHECK

- 6 Do you ...
- have an interesting title to interest the reader?
 - have an ending to make the reader think?