

LISTENING SCRIPT

Exercise 3.

Mark: I started my Arabic classes in September and I'm really enjoying them. It's a very interesting language and not as difficult as some people think.

Jane: I love languages. I speak Spanish and Italian, and at the moment I'm studying French; and in the summer, I'm going to study Turkish in Istanbul.

Peter: Judo is great fun and it's good exercise. I had my first class last year. Next year, I think I'm going to have karate classes!

Maria: I'm at university at the moment, and at the weekends, I'm teaching maths to children, private classes, in their homes. I'm not going to be a maths teacher in the future though.

Jack: I live with my family and my parents do all the cooking. I want to learn to cook, but at the moment I'm too busy. But I'm going to learn because next year I'm going to live alone.

Susan: I started playing the violin when I was thirteen, but I stopped because I had too much school work. Next month after my exams, I'm going to start playing again.

Exercise 4.

Sara: Hello David.

David: Hi Sara.

Sara: What are you doing?

David: I'm studying for my Spanish exam.

Sara: When is it?

David: Tomorrow.

Sara: Then you don't have very much time!

David: No! There's another exam on Friday, but it's too late to change now. And on Friday I'm going to visit my uncle.

Sara: I'm sure it'll be OK.

David: I'm not sure. Hey, Sara, you're good at Spanish. Could you help me this afternoon, after class?

Sara: I'm sorry David, but I'm going to meet my friend Julia.

David: And later?

Sara: No, I'm sorry. I'm going to study for my German exam.

David: You love languages Sara!

Sara: Yes, I do! Next summer I'm going to study Italian in Rome.

David: Spanish is enough for me!

Sara: Well, after your exam tomorrow, and your visit to your uncle, you can rest and enjoy the weekend.

David: No I can't. On Saturday and Sunday I'm going to work in my parents' shop!

Exercise 5.

Tony: Hi Christine.

Christine: Hi Tony. How are you? How are you getting on with your English lessons?

Tony: I'm fine and I'm making good progress with my English and I'm going to start learning another language soon.

Christine: That sounds interesting. Tell me about it.

Tony: Yes, I'm going to learn German.

Christine: I think that's quite a hard language to learn. The grammar is very difficult. Why are you going to learn it?

Tony: Well, I need to learn German because I am going to work in Germany. I've got a job in Berlin. I start in six months.

Christine: That's great! But if you're going to start in six months! How can you learn such a difficult language?

Tony: Well, I'm not going to have to learn to do my job in German. I'm going to work for an international company and everybody speaks English. But I'm going to need to speak German outside work, when I go shopping or go to a restaurant or meet German friends and so on.

Christine: OK, I see. So when are you starting to learn it?

Tony: I'm going to start lessons on Monday. I'm going to have five lessons a week. I'm also going to watch a lot of German films with English subtitles. There are lots on the Internet.

Christine: Yes, that's a good idea. And maybe you could read some of the German magazines in the library? They have lots of photos and I don't think they are too difficult.

Tony: That's a good idea. I'm also going to do some grammar and vocabulary exercises online. There are lots of free sites.

Christine: I can see you've got lots of great ideas for learning German, but what do you think are the advantages and disadvantages of each.

Tony: Well, that's a difficult question, but I'll try and answer it! I think language lessons are good because you learn something new every day and the teacher can correct your mistakes and help you when you have a problem. Language lessons can also be fun and you can meet new people. But they are of course quite expensive. Learning online can be free so that's a big advantage, but not all the material is good quality and it is often either too hard or too easy. Watching films is great because you learn the language while sitting in front of the TV! Magazines are also good because you can read interesting things about the lives of famous people.

Christine: Well Tony. I can see you have clear ideas about everything and lots of energy, so I'm sure you will soon be speaking German really well.