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Revise and Check 7 & 8

a Tick a, 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

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

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5 ..... is one of the best forms of exercise.
- ☐ a Swiming
- ☐ 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

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

b Choose the right verb.

1 When did you ..... your husband?

2 Did you ..... Mark about the party?

3 If we don't run, we'll ..... the train!

4 I really ..... she's passed the exam.

5 My mother always ..... a lot of jewellery.

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c 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!

d 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.

e Complete the "get" phrases.

1 We didn't have a 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.

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f Choose the word with a different sound.

	mine	find	right	give
	win	fit	child	promise
	choose	could	would	look
	should	impression	dictionary	sandwich
	earn	wear	learn	heard

g Underline the stressed syllable.

1 pre tend	2 im por tant	3 re mem ber	4 sa la ry	5 qui et ly

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



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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

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

j 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 socialise with the local people.

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- ☐ 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.

k Look at the highlighted words or phrases in the text. Guess their meaning from the context. Check with your teacher or with a dictionary.

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.

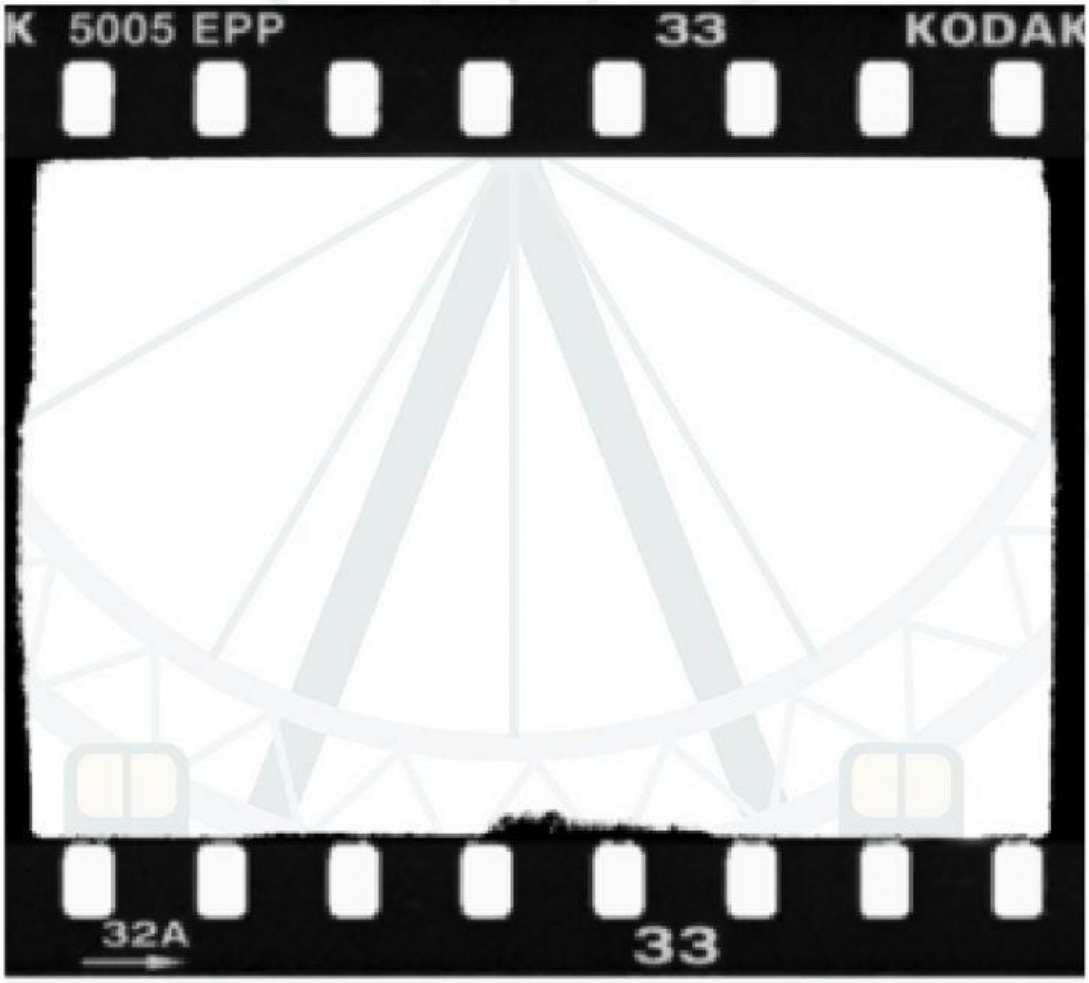
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l Speaking

1 talk about something you would like to learn to do, and someone you think would be interesting to meet
2 talk about three things you like, love, and hate doing
3 talk about the rules in your (language) school using must and have to
4 give someone advice about learning English using should and shouldn't
5 remember three of Murphy's Laws in English
6 say two true sentences using mine and yours

m Short film; Learning a language.



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