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The limits of my language are the limits of my world.  
Ludwig Wittgenstein, Austrian philosopher

## How much can you learn in a month?

### 1 GRAMMAR *have to, don't have to, must, must not, can't*

- a Look at the pictures. Complete the sentences with the correct form of *have to*.



- 1 Chefs have to have clean hands to work with food.
- 2 Chefs \_\_\_\_\_ wash dishes.
- 3 A politician \_\_\_\_\_ be very old.
- 4 A politician \_\_\_\_\_ talk to lots of people.
- 5 Secretaries \_\_\_\_\_ know how to use computers.
- 6 Secretaries \_\_\_\_\_ be very tall.
- 7 \_\_\_\_\_ a pilot \_\_\_\_\_ be strong?  
No, but they \_\_\_\_\_ be intelligent.
- 8 \_\_\_\_\_ a nurse \_\_\_\_\_ wear a uniform?  
Yes, they usually \_\_\_\_\_ wear a white uniform.

b What do these signs mean? Write sentences with *must* or *can't*.



- 1 You must fasten your seat belt. \_\_\_\_\_ fasten / seat belt
- 2 \_\_\_\_\_ stop / here
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_ smoke
- 4 \_\_\_\_\_ turn left
- 5 \_\_\_\_\_ walk / on the grass

c Complete the sentences with *must not* or *don't have to*.

- 1 I don't have to wear a uniform to school.
- 2 You \_\_\_\_\_ smoke in a gas station.
- 3 You \_\_\_\_\_ cook tonight. We can eat out.
- 4 You \_\_\_\_\_ drive without a license.
- 5 You \_\_\_\_\_ stand while the plane takes off.
- 6 I \_\_\_\_\_ get up early on weekends.

### 3 VOCABULARY modifiers

Order the words to make sentences.

- 1 British / American English / similar / very / are / and

*British and American English are very similar.*

- 2 can / pronunciation / English / fairly / difficult / be

English \_\_\_\_\_.

- 3 Japanese / learning / isn't / easy / very

Learning \_\_\_\_\_.

- 4 I / Hungarian / think / complicated / is / extremely

I \_\_\_\_\_.

- 5 is / bit / Italian / a / easier / little

Italian \_\_\_\_\_.

- 6 Reading / is / vocabulary / a / to / way / really / useful / learn

Reading \_\_\_\_\_.

#### 4 READING

- a Read the opinions about learning languages. Which do you think are the three best ideas?

### WHAT'S THE BEST WAY TO ...?

## Learn a language

This week we ask students and teachers from all over the world for their ideas.

#### **Sang-woo, student, Korea**

Find something interesting to read in the language you're studying. Reading really helps you learn new vocabulary and grammar. I'm studying Spanish, and I try to read a little Spanish every day – you don't have to spend a long time doing it, maybe just five minutes looking at a Spanish newspaper or website.

#### **Ana, student, Peru**

I think you have to concentrate on pronunciation from the beginning. You don't have to pronounce words perfectly, but you can't pronounce them in a way that people won't understand. I practice English pronunciation by repeating words after the CD or by saying the words in my head.

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**Sompong, IT  
consultant, Thailand**

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I don't have a lot of time for studying, but I think that the Internet is an incredible resource for learners of English around the world. Everybody with a computer has access to millions of pages of English, and you don't have to leave home – in a few seconds you can find something interesting to read. You don't have to be studying to learn a language – you can be enjoying yourself.

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**Wen, student, Taiwan**

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I think you have to have a good dictionary. It can really help you learn a language. It tells you what words mean, but it also gives you information about how words are used together, phrases, expressions, and pronunciation.

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**Elke, language teacher,  
Sweden**

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You have to listen to the language as much as you can. In Sweden a lot of people speak very good

English, and I think it's partly because there are TV programs in English, so you hear the language a lot.

b Complete the sentences with the people's names.

- 1     Ana     says that you don't need to have perfect pronunciation.
- 2            and            think that having a computer will help you learn.
- 3            thinks that a good reference book is important.
- 4            thinks that if you hear a language, you'll get better at speaking it.
- 5            says that reading can improve your vocabulary.