

a) Read about Michelle's language learning experiences. Choose the correct verb forms.



I <sup>1</sup>*started/’ve started* studying Spanish after I <sup>2</sup>*went/was going* to Argentina on holiday last year. I <sup>3</sup>*’d never been/never went* to South America before and I couldn't speak a word of Spanish. While I <sup>4</sup>*had travelled/was travelling* around the country, I <sup>5</sup>*picked up/was picking up* enough words and phrases to get by. I <sup>6</sup>*told/was told* that my pronunciation <sup>7</sup>*was/was being* quite good, so when I got home I <sup>8</sup>*decided/was deciding* to learn Spanish properly. A friend <sup>9</sup>*recommended/was recommended* a school and I <sup>10</sup>*go/’ve been going* there for about six months. I <sup>11</sup>*always enjoy/’m always enjoying* the lessons and the language <sup>12</sup>*teaches/is taught* in a communicative way. I <sup>13</sup>*think/’m thinking* that I <sup>14</sup>*’m learning/’ve learned* a lot since I started. It's not all fun, though – at the moment I <sup>15</sup>*study/’m studying* for my first exam!

b) **R1.1** Listen and check.