

Today, millions of people want to learn or improve their English but it is difficult to find the best method. Is it better to study in Britain or America or to study in your own country?

The advantages of going to Britain seem obvious. Firstly, you will be able to listen to the language all the time you are in the country. You will be surrounded completely by the language wherever you go. Another advantage is that you have to speak the language if you are with other people. In Italy, it is always possible, in the class, to speak Italian if you want to and the learning is slower.

On the other hand, there are also advantages to staying at home to study. You don't have to make big changes to your life. As well as this, it is also a lot cheaper than going to Britain but it is never possible to achieve the results of living in the UK. If you have a good teacher in Italy, I think you can learn in a more concentrated way than being in Britain without going to a school.

So, in conclusion, I think that if you have enough time and enough money, the best choice is to spend some time in the UK. This is simply not possible for most people, so being here in Italy is the only viable option. The most important thing to do in this situation is to maximise your opportunities: to speak only English in class and to try to use English whenever possible outside the class.

1. What is the article about?

- ☐ How many people learn English.
- ☐ The best way to learn English.
- ☐ English schools in England and America.

2. What is one of the advantages of going to the UK to learn English?

- ☐ There are no Italians in Britain.
- ☐ You will have to speak English and not your language.
- ☐ The language schools are better.

3. What is one of the advantages of staying in your country to learn English?

- ☐ The teachers aren't very good in Britain.
- ☐ You have to work too hard in Britain.
- ☐ Your life can continue more or less as it was before.

4. People who don't have a lot of time and money should...

- ☐ Learn English in Britain.
- ☐ Try and speak English in class more often.
- ☐ Go to Italy to learn English.

Put the story into the correct order.

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Other people who prefer to believe in a scientific explanation have suggested that electrical forces in the atmosphere caused this and other incidents.

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Suddenly, a strange light seemed to be on top of the car, sucking it up off the road before dropping it down again.

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Meanwhile, a local lorry driver following the same route as Mrs. Knowles confirmed that he has also seen the strange light in the distance.

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In a state of shock, they drove to the nearest town and reported the incident to the police.

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Thinking that the woman must have been so tired that she was dreaming, the police gave her a cup of tea hoping to calm her down.

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Finally, the police agreed to inspect the car and when they did, they saw the dust, smelt the smell and also noticed some small dents in the roof of the car.

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Feeling terrified and out of control, the family noticed a black powder seeping inside their car and smelt a horrible stench.

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This story was quickly taken up by some people as proof of the presence of aliens on earth.

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When she saw a light flashing on the road ahead, she slowed down thinking that it was a traffic signal

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Mrs. Knowles and her three sons were driving from Perth to Adelaide in the early hours one morning in 1988.

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Read about Jake returning to his hometown after being abroad for ten years. Answer **true** or **false**

I have returned to my hometown of Wilson Creek after an absence of 10 years.

So many things have changed around here. When I left Wilson Creek, there was a small pond on the right as you left town. They have filled in this pond and they have built a large shopping mall there. A new post office has also been built just across from my old school.

There is a baseball stadium on the outskirts of Wilson Creek which has been changed completely. They have now added a new stand where probably a few thousand people could sit. It looks really great.

The biggest changes have taken place in the downtown area. They have pedestrianised the centre and you can't drive there anymore. A European-style fountain has been built and some benches have also been added along with a grassy area and a new street cafe.

My street looks just the same as it always has but a public library has been built in the next street along. There used to be a great park there but they have cut down all the trees which is a pity. The library now has a large green area in front of it but it's not the same as when the park was there.

Another improvement is the number of new restaurants that have opened in Wilson Creek. A Chinese and an Italian restaurant have opened in the town centre and a Mexican restaurant has opened near my home. Which is where I am going tonight!

1. Jake's school doesn't exist anymore.

☐ True ☐ False

2. They have improved the baseball stadium.

☐ True ☐ False

3. Jake likes the new-look baseball stadium.

☐ True ☐ False

4. It's only possible to reach the downtown area on foot.

☐ True ☐ False

5. The buildings in the centre of the town look European.

☐ True ☐ False

6. Jake's street hasn't changed much.

☐ True ☐ False

7. He is sad about the park being ruined.

☐ True ☐ False

8. Jake is going to eat Italian food tonight.

☐ True ☐ False