Language Learning and Cultural Awareness

Read the text.

Learning a foreign language is much more than memorizing vocabulary or grammar rules. **First of all**, cultural awareness **is developed** because students are introduced to different traditions, values, and ways of thinking. Many stereotypes **are challenged**, and greater respect for other cultures **is created** through communication. **As a result**, people become more open-minded and better prepared to interact in multicultural environments.

However, learning a new language is not always easy. A lot of learners **are discouraged** by difficult pronunciation, unfamiliar grammar, or a lack of confidence. **In addition**, many students feel afraid of making mistakes when speaking. Fortunately, these challenges **can be overcome** by practicing regularly, setting realistic goals, and speaking without fear of being judged. Support from teachers and classmates also plays an important role.

Finally, people who continue studying throughout their lives usually develop stronger critical thinking skills. **Most learners** become more creative because new ideas **are constantly explored**. **Furthermore**, a great deal of knowledge **is gained** through continuous learning, and fresh perspectives **are shared** with others. **Therefore**, lifelong learning benefits not only individuals but also society as a whole.

Grammar Focus

1. Passive Voice

The passive voice is used when the action is more important than the person who performs it.

Structure: Subject + be + past participle (+ by + agent)

Active	Passive
Learning languages improves cultural awareness.	Cultural awareness **is improved** by learning languages.
Teachers encourage students.	Students **are encouraged** by teachers.
People can overcome challenges.	Challenges **can be overcome**.
Students have developed new ideas.	New ideas **have been developed**.

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2. Subject-Verb Agreement with Quantifiers

The verb depends on the noun after the quantifier.

Singular

- A lot of **knowledge is** useful.
- Most **information is** reliable.
- Some **grammar is** difficult.

Plural

- Most **students are** motivated.
- A lot of **people speak** English.
- Many **ideas are** shared.

These expressions usually take singular verbs

- Everyone
- Someone
- No one
- Each
- Every

Examples: Everyone **learns** differently.

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Exercise 1 – Choose the correct passive form.

1. Cultural awareness _____ by learning languages.

- a) improves
- b) is improved
- c) improved

2. New ideas _____ every day.

- a) are developed
- b) develops
- c) is developing

3. Many languages _____ around the world.

- a) are spoken
- b) speak
- c) speaking

4. Grammar mistakes _____ with practice.

- a) can overcome
- b) can be overcome
- c) overcame

Exercise 2 – Rewrite the sentences in the passive voice.

Example: People learn languages for many reasons. → **Languages are learned for many reasons.**

1. Teachers explain grammar clearly. _____

2. People use English around the world. _____

3. Students can solve communication problems. _____

4. Continuous learning develops creativity. _____

Exercise 3 – Choose the correct verb.

1. A lot of information _____ useful. **(Is/are)**

2. Most students _____ motivated. **(Is/are)**

3. Everyone _____ mistakes. **(make/makes)**

4. Some advice _____ very helpful. **(Is/are)**

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