1 A life of learning
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1A A global language

Language ability

1 Read what Carl, Heidi and Maria say about speaking languages. Fill in the gaps with the phrases in the boxes.

| 'I’m quite bad at' | know a few words | can’t speak a word |

To be honest, I’m quite bad at languages.
1 I’m ___________ of French that I learned at school, but I’m ___________ of anything else.

I can also get by. I’m reasonably good at picked up

My first language is Swiss German, but I live near the border, so I’m ___________ at Italian.

I’m ___________ in French. We went to Lyon last summer and I’m ___________ the basics.

also fluent in can have a conversation ‘I’m bilingual it’s a bit rusty

My mother is Spanish and my father is French so I’m ___________. I’m ___________ English which I need for my job. I’m ___________ in Portuguese, but ___________.

2 Rewrite these sentences using the words/phrases in brackets.

1 I don’t know any Japanese. (word)
   I can’t speak a word of Japanese...

2 I learned a few words of Italian on holiday. (picked)
   I ___________.

3 My sister can speak Chinese very well. (fluent)
   My ___________.

4 I can speak both French and Spanish perfectly. (bilingual)
   I’m ___________.

5 I speak enough German for holidays. (get by)
   I ___________.

6 I haven’t practised my French for a long time. (rusty)
   My ___________.

The English verb system

3 a) Match the beginnings of sentences 1–9 to endings a)–i).

1 English is ___________.
2 More people speak ___________.
3 In the year 1000, English ___________.
4 By the beginning of the 21st century, English ___________.
5 The English language was ___________.
6 A hundred years ago the world was ___________.
7 Since 1997, increasing numbers of Chinese students have ___________.
8 At present, over a billion people are ___________.
9 Immigration, new technologies, popular culture and even war have ___________.

   a) learning English worldwide.
   b) had approximately 40,000 words.
   c) all contributed to the growth of English.
   d) using French as an international language.
   e) grown to over 500,000 words.
   f) been coming to England to improve their English.
   g) Mandarin Chinese than any other language in the world.
   h) taken to North America by settlers in the 17th century.
   i) used as a first language in at least 75 countries around the world.

b) Match sentences 1–9 in 3a) to these verb forms.

   a) Present Perfect Simple ___________.
   b) Past Continuous ___________.
   c) Past Simple passive ___________.
   d) Present Continuous ___________.
   e) Present Simple passive ___________.
   f) Past Simple ___________.
   g) Present Simple ___________.
   h) Present Perfect Continuous ___________.
   i) Past Perfect Simple ___________.
1A and 1B

a) Read the first part of the article about Basic English and choose the correct verb form.

The man who made English easy

The idea of inventing an international language is not a new one. Over the past 100 years, linguists have created created over ten different languages that are based on German, Spanish, English and even musical notes. One of the most influential of these have been was Basic English.

By 1923 the First World War was had been over for five years, but Europe was still recovering recovered from its effects. Charles Kay Ogden, a linguist and writer, was running several bookshops in Cambridge. He had just had published a book which described how we use language. The success of his book he had inspired inspiried Ogden to design a universal language – something that was much simpler than English, but didn’t didn’t require native English speakers to study a different language. In 1930 Ogden’s book Basic English: A General Introduction with Rules and Grammar was were published. It is estimated that, on average, it takes took about seven years to become fluent in English. Ogden believed believed that Basic English could be learned in seven weeks. There had been were only 850 words and the grammar was simplified with very few exceptions to each rule.

b) Read the second part of the article and fill in the gaps with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

The language attracted attract the attention of educators all over the world, but its development interrupted interrupt by the Second World War. After the war, both the British Prime Minister and the President of the United States looked look for ideas that might promote world peace. They both gave gave speeches that supported the use of Basic English.

In the past 60 years, the language has have some success. In some parts of East Asia, teachers still use Ogden’s word lists. However, in the main, the language has disappeared. But now that we know know that there are many more non-native than native speakers of English, recently some linguists are asking ask whether we should revisit Ogden’s ideas. And the Wikipedia website has started a version of their main encyclopedia which write write in Basic English for non-native learners of the language.

1B  My first week

Education

1 Complete the crossword with words connected with education.

Across →
1 A senior person who teaches at a British university.
4 A class where a group of students meets to study and discuss something.
7 Money given by an organisation to pay for someone’s studies.
8 A formal talk on an academic subject.
9 An area of knowledge which is studied.

Down ↓
2 A school that is free to attend because the government pays for it.
3 A person who has a degree from a university or college.
5 The buildings of a college or university and the land that surrounds them.
6 An advanced degree that usually lasts for one year.