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1 GRAMMAR**Adverbs and adverbial phrases**

a Complete the text with the words in the box.

clearly apparently effectively widely
unfortunately simply extremely



Whether you are a student, a professional athlete, an engineer, or ¹ simply a tourist, English has become a(n) ² _____ important skill to acquire. English will soon be the language of choice in most major fields of study, if it isn't already. Therefore, students embarking on their studies ³ _____ need to decide: What language do I want to get my degree in? Degrees in medicine delivered in English at a university in Poland are ⁴ _____ very popular, but you need a reasonable level of English to start. If you need to study English before college, it's ⁵ _____ agreed that you learn the most ⁶ _____ in an English-speaking environment. ⁷ _____, not all students can afford the time and cost of studying abroad.

b Put the words in the correct order to make sentences.

1 that hard / people think / not / Russian is / to learn / difficult, but it's .

People think Russian is difficult, but it's not that hard to learn.

2 you listen / rapidly if / will improve / and watch movies / to music / your English .

3 England / language schools / opened / in the seventies in / a lot of .

4 presumably / you lived / so / speak / you / fluently / French / in Paris, .

5 hardest / for / adult learners, / listening is / the / usually / skill .

6 never / vocabulary / new / I / down / write / almost .

2 VOCABULARY Language learning

a Underline the correct words to complete the sentences.

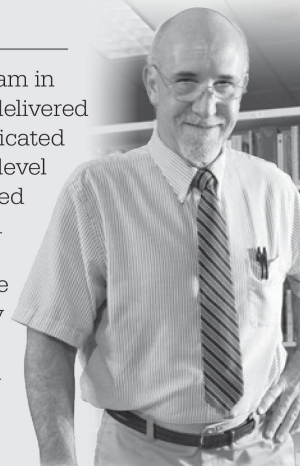
- I studied German in college, but I'm going to Berlin next year to pick / brush / take up on it.
- My brother speaks four languages – he really has an ear / eye / mouth for them.
- I know Japanese is hard, but you have to keep on / to / at it if you want the job.
- I'm French, but my son was born in Italy. From an early age, he pulled / picked / took up a lot of Italian expressions.
- I studied in China, and I fought / raced / struggled with writing the characters for a long time.
- It takes time to get accustomed / ready / along to a new teaching style.
- My Spanish is a little cracked / broken / rusty. I haven't spoken it for a while.
- My sister can hold a chat / speech / conversation in several European languages.

3 VOCABULARY Noun forms

a Read the text and complete the words in the sentences below.

PROGRAMS

We run a complete five-year degree program in medicine, with all lectures and seminars delivered in English by our very competent and dedicated staff. Participants must have an excellent level of English and above all be highly motivated to be capable future doctors. Our program is very interactive, and nearly all our candidates pass with good grades, despite living in Warsaw, where there are so many things to take your mind off studying. We have occasional misunderstandings when one language interferes with another, but generally the program runs well.



- An advanced level of English is an absolute necessity in this program.
- Our teachers show great d_____ to the program and the students.
- M_____ is never a problem for our students, who all want to become doctors.
- All our lectures have elements of i_____ to involve the students.
- There are many d_____ in a city like Warsaw, so students have to stay focused.
- Our students need both medical and linguistic c_____, which can be challenging.
- Polish students may feel a r_____ to speak English if all their classmates speak Polish.
- It is hard to avoid i_____ from the mother tongue, even if your English is excellent.

1 GRAMMAR The perfect aspect

a Underline the correct words to complete the sentences.

- The team had been training / has been training for three months when the season started.
- By September, I will have been studying / will study Arabic for three years.
- I only joined the choir in college because I haven't found / hadn't found anything else to do.
- This is the fourth time I try / have tried to learn to dance.
- I never have written / have never written such a difficult essay as this one.
- She has been studying / had been studying for this exam since early this morning.

b Complete the conversation using the correct form of the verb in parentheses.



- ROBERT** Thank you for coming, Lisa
LISA My pleasure. Thank you for the opportunity.
ROBERT So how long ¹ have you been living (live) in Miami?
LISA By December, I ² _____ (be) here for a year.
ROBERT ³ _____ (you/ever/have) a job in the hotel industry before?
LISA Yes, I have. I worked in a hotel in Mexico City for two years before I ⁴ _____ (move) here.
ROBERT So why did you apply for this particular position?
LISA As soon as I ⁵ _____ (see) it, I knew it was the right job for me.
ROBERT What do you like about it?
LISA I ⁶ _____ (always/enjoy) working with people and helping them, so this position seems ideal.
ROBERT This isn't your first application, is it?
LISA No, this is the second time I ⁷ _____ (apply). The first time my English wasn't good enough.
ROBERT It sounds good now.
LISA It ⁸ _____ (get) a lot better. I ⁹ _____ (just/arrive) in Miami the last time I applied.
ROBERT Do you have any questions?
LISA When will I know if I ¹⁰ _____ (get) the job?
ROBERT We ¹¹ _____ (make) our decision by the end of next week. Ten days at the most.
LISA That sounds great. I look forward to hearing from you.

c **01.01** Listen and check.**2 VOCABULARY** Describing changes

a Complete the text with the words in the box.

rapid changes substantially ~~noticeable~~ way
barely shift rise subtle ongoing

Changes to the English language may not always be immediately ¹ noticeable, but because over 500 million people now use it as their first language, it is constantly evolving.

Some ² _____ changes, often made in an attempt to simplify the language, are ³ _____ noticeable. However, over time we notice that people are not using "ought to" as much anymore and "right?" is being used instead of question tags, which seem to be on the ⁴ _____ out.

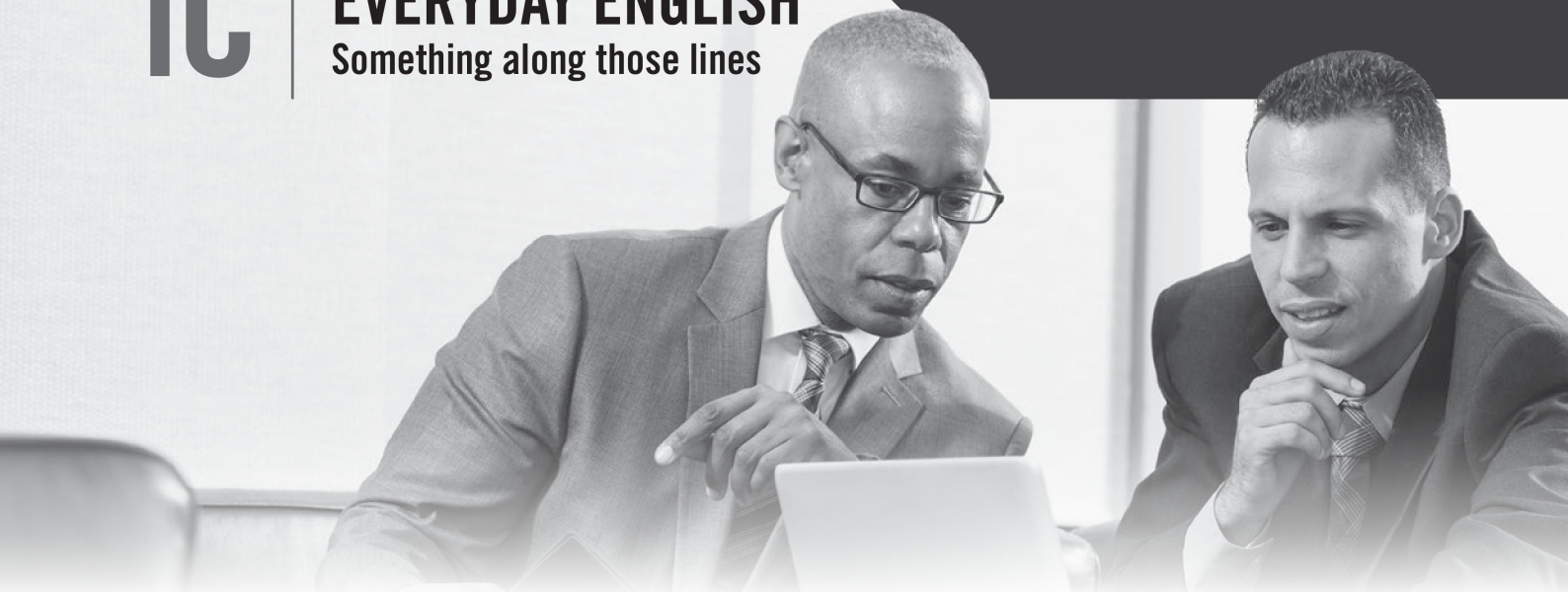
The use of Americanisms by British youth is clearly on the ⁵ _____, with expressions such as "Can I get a coffee to go?" becoming very common. Interest in American TV shows and music has grown ⁶ _____ over the last 20 years, leading to this ⁷ _____ increase in American usage.

Linguists and lexicographers spot the most ⁸ _____ changes in the language and make decisions as to whether a steady ⁹ _____ over time is enough to justify a new dictionary entry or even a change to a grammar rule.

The most lasting ¹⁰ _____ to the language come as the result of major innovations in lifestyle. The digital revolution, just like the automobile revolution a hundred years before, has introduced a large number of new expressions and usages, from "selfie" to "tweet" to "microblogging."

3 PRONUNCIATION Sentence stressa **01.02** Listen and underline the stressed words in bold.

- The team **had** already **been training** for three months when the season started.
- By September, I **will have been studying** Arabic for three years.
- This is the fourth time I **have tried** to learn ballroom dancing.
- They **have been practicing** this piece on the piano for about three months now.
- By the time I got to rehearsal, the actors **had been working** for about an hour.
- She **has been planning** his birthday party for months.



1 USEFUL LANGUAGE

Expressing yourself in an inexact way

- a **01.03** Complete the conversation with the expressions in the box.

tons of give or take something to do with
words to that effect ~~stuff like that~~
whatshisname somewhere in the region of

ENRIQUE Thanks for helping me with this, Jack. I really appreciate it.

JACK No problem, Enrique.

ENRIQUE This is my first report, and I get nervous with reports and spreadsheets and ¹~~stuff like that~~. I want to get it right.

JACK Of course. I still remember my first one.

ENRIQUE You've written ²_____ them since then, I guess. How long have you been here?

JACK Twenty years. ³_____ a couple.

ENRIQUE So you've written a lot of reports?

JACK Quite a few.

ENRIQUE Hundreds, I suspect. So who should I send my report to?

JACK ⁴_____ in finance and probably that other guy.

ENRIQUE Who?

JACK The tall guy. He has ⁵_____ sales. It'll come back to me. Next question?

ENRIQUE How long should the report be?

JACK Not too long.

ENRIQUE So, pretty short then? Good.

JACK But not too short. ⁶_____ three or four pages.

ENRIQUE That's not too hard. Three to four pages. Plus a cover page. What should I call it?

JACK "The Future of the Company." Or ⁷_____.

ENRIQUE Great idea. Final question. Can I buy you lunch?

JACK Of course you can. How much time do we have?

ENRIQUE About 40 minutes. Will that be enough?

JACK I suppose it will have to be. Let's go.

- b Match questions 1–6 with responses a–f.

- 1 ☒ e Who lent you this book?
- 2 ☐ Can I borrow one of these pencils?
- 3 ☐ Did he say I wasn't invited to the wedding?
- 4 ☐ What was that phone call about?
- 5 ☐ What's quinoa?
- 6 ☐ How much are the flights?

- a Something to do with our Internet connection.
- b Well, words to that effect.
- c They're somewhere in the region of \$500 per person.
- d Sure! I have tons of them!
- e Oh, whatshername, the girl with the red hair.
- f It's a kind of cereal. It's a little like rice.

2 PRONUNCIATION

Sound and spelling: *ea*, *ee*, and *ie*

- a **01.04** Listen. How are the letters in **bold** pronounced in each word? Complete the chart.

- 1 I prefer the **gre**ee**n** one.
- 2 Let's have fruit **inst**ea**d**.
- 3 People don't **ear**n**** much here.
- 4 Should we take a **br**ea**k**?
- 5 I don't **bel**ie**ve** it.
- 6 What did you **lear**n****?
- 7 He's a **gr**ea**t** player.
- 8 **B**re**ad**, anyone?

| 1 /i/ (e.g., <i>be</i>) | 2 /e/ (e.g., <i>ten</i>) | 3 /eɪ/ (e.g., <i>take</i>) | 4 /ɜr/ (e.g., <i>serve</i>) |
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1 READING

a Read the blog. Are the sentences true or false?

- 1 Takahiro likes Edinburgh.
- 2 Takahiro thinks the food is a little hot.
- 3 Takahiro is the last person to come home every day.
- 4 Takahiro has the same classes five days a week.
- 5 Takahiro has an active social life.
- 6 Takahiro is thinking a lot about the weather in Japan.

b Takahiro's blog started a heated discussion on the value of studying English abroad. Read some opinions (1–8) that were expressed in the comments. Are the opinions direct or softened? Check (✓) the correct box.

| | Direct | Softened |
|---|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 How can you possibly think that? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 That doesn't make sense, if you ask me. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3 I don't get what all the fuss is about. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4 I have to say, I'm of two minds about this. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5 It seems to me you are missing the point. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6 No way! | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7 That's garbage. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8 I'm sorry, but that simply isn't true. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

2 WRITING SKILLS Expressing opinions

a Correct the words that are wrong.

- 1 Sorry, but that's the load of garbage.
Sorry, but that's a load of garbage.
- 2 I disagree. You have the point about the price of transportation, by the way.

- 3 I'm of two heads about this. I'm not sure if you are right or not.

- 4 I don't really guess what the fuss is about. In my opinion, Edinburgh is cheap.

- 5 You're right absolutely. Listening is really tricky. Keep practicing.

- 6 I agree with the others to a point, but I think speaking is harder. Good luck!

- 7 You are all missing the points. Learning English just takes time.

- 8 I had go along with that. Good discussion, by the way.

First Impressions – Takahiro Yoshida

I've already been here for one week, and I must say my first impressions of Edinburgh are very positive. All the international students are staying with families for the first two weeks, and then we move into our own accommodations for two more months.

I think I have been very lucky – my room is nice and large, just a little dark, and the food is excellent, although sometimes it is a little spicy. The family, especially the children, are very friendly and patient with my English. The father works until very late, but the mother and children always have dinner with me.

The city seems less busy than Kyoto, and the bus system seems to be very efficient, even if it's a little expensive. We have English classes every morning, and we have afternoon lectures three times a week. The lecturers speak really fast – I hope my listening improves soon. We have a lot of homework every night, and there is always one exercise I have to discuss with my family, which gives us an opportunity to talk.

I have visited the castle and one of the museums this week, and I went with my friends to a concert. It was very busy and noisy. Overall, I am very happy here and am looking forward to the next two months. The only thing I miss is rice and miso soup!

3 WRITING

a Read the comment on a discussion board. Write a comment of five or six sentences giving your point of view. Remember to express your opinions clearly and support your ideas.

IN THE FUTURE, WE WON'T NEED TEACHERS

Over the last 20 years, the Internet has developed to such a degree that soon most subjects we want to study will be available to us online. We can already attend MOOCs and watch videos of lectures taking place at some of the most prestigious universities in the world. We can do the follow-up reading and listen to the lecture as many times as we want. All of this is available 24 hours a day, and it's free of charge.

We can also access micro-teaching, where short clips and texts are posted online. These small chunks of information allow us to learn at our own pace at a rate we can cope with. Most Internet pages are also translated these days, so if we want to compare a text in two languages, we can. Likewise, if we want a video to be subtitled, that is often possible, too.

With all this information continuously available free of charge, it will be easier for all of us to learn online. This is particularly useful for people in remote regions who cannot attend schools or colleges or for people who for other reasons cannot travel for their education.

The idea of lifelong learning is that we never stop developing and learning new content and skills. Thanks to the Internet, we can still grow and learn without a formal classroom.

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