



## Worksheet 1

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### Part 1: Reading Comprehension

**Read the following text and then answer the questions.**

**A) Banjo Boy asks:** I was in the USA on a language course last summer. **It** was a fantastic learning experience! People were so friendly and welcoming. I'm going on a British summer course this year. I heard that English people are more unfriendly and polite. Is that true? I'm worried about the language as well. I learned American English at school, and I've heard that British English is different. I'm worried that I'll misunderstand everyone, make errors and appear impolite. Can anyone help?

**B) Sara May replies:** Don't worry about the language! It's mostly the same. In terms of grammar, there are no differences at all. There are a few vocabulary differences though, like in the USA they say 'subway', 'gas' and 'apartment', while in Britain they say 'underground', 'petrol' and 'flat'. But it won't be a problem. You'll understand those unfamiliar words from the context. What's more, British people will understand you if you use American words. After all, they watch lots of American shows on television. The British accent is very different from the American one, but personally, I find it easier to understand.

**C) Paulo Riviera replies:** You won't find the language confusing, but people's behaviour is very different, in my opinion. Americans are more informal and open. They talk about anything – their money, their weight, their health. They are enthusiastic and friendly, and it's easy to get to know them. British people aren't like that. They don't like to talk about their personal lives until they know you well, and they think it is respectful to give you privacy. As a result, it isn't easy to make friends with British people. They are friendly and polite, but they often remain rather distant.

**D) Nellie replies:** Don't worry about making social errors in Britain. People are so polite that if you do something wrong, they won't comment! I agree with Paulo Riviera in some ways. British people are more distant, but they aren't more formal, in my opinion. For example, in the United States, kids sometimes call their dads 'Sir', but British people never do that! In America, success is important, so people will often tell you how great they are. In Britain, it's considered rude to boast about your achievements. If you do, people may tease you or gossip about you. Also, British people hate being complimented. If you say something nice about them, they often look embarrassed and don't know what to say!

**E) Bubbles replies:** I don't know where Sara May was staying in the UK, but I was in the north of the country on a school trip a couple of years ago. We all stayed with host families, and the only person I could understand was the mother of the family. I couldn't understand anyone else, even after three weeks! The people didn't sound anything like the people I had heard in my course books at school, and I learned British English! I guess people sound different in different areas of the country. All I can say is, good luck, and if you don't understand someone, ask them to write down what they are trying to say!



## Part 2: Maze-Reading

### Choose the correct word(s) to complete the sentences

I am a student at Carstairs University. **1 (Although/ Whereas / While)** I don't have to wear a **2 (uniform / suit / outfit)** at the university, I should dress smartly. I can't wear jeans.

I can't take my laptop computer with me because Carstairs is a very **3 (old-fashioned / modern / chronological)** university. So, I have to write **4 (each / every / all)** my essays by hand. I can't use my mobile phone at the college. I switch it off during the school day **5 (so that / in order to / so as to)** no one will punish me if it is off.

1. The correct word for number (1) is:

- a- Although                      b- Whereas                      c- While

2. The correct word for number (2) is:

- a- uniform                      b- suit                      c- outfit

3. The correct word for number (3) is:

- a- old-fashioned                      b- modern                      c- chronological

4. The correct word for number (4) is:

- a- each                      b- every                      c- all

5. The correct word for number (5) is:

- a- so that                      b- in order to                      c- so as to

## Part 2: Vocabulary

### Choose the correct word(s) to complete the sentences.

1- \_\_\_\_\_, learning languages makes all the difference in one's understanding of different cultures and enhances communication skills.

- a) Definitely
- b) Even if
- c) It's really useful

**2- \_\_\_\_\_ to start learning basic vocabulary and common phrases.**

- a) Definitely
- b) Rather than
- c) It's really useful

**3- Arabish is a contemporary method of communicating when traditional Arabic \_\_\_\_\_ is unavailable.**

- a) language
- b) script
- c) writing

**4- I have to do a survey for my homework on the topic of social media. I have to find out the different reasons my friends use it.**

- a) Can you help me with it?
- b) Do you have any plans for the weekend?
- c) Have you finished your homework yet?

**5 Dr Maha is an \_\_\_\_\_ on Internet safety. She advises parents and teenagers about online \_\_\_\_\_ and how to stay safe.**

- a) expert, intentions
- b) expert, dangers
- c) hack, passwords

### **Part 3: Grammar**

**Choose the correct answer from a, b or c.**

**1- I went to the shop \_\_\_\_\_ have a look at the latest smartphones.**

- A- so that
- B- in order to
- C- so as

**2- I've switched my phone to 'Silent' \_\_\_\_\_ it doesn't disturb you.**

- A- so that
- B- in order not to
- C- to

**3- I didn't bring my umbrella \_\_\_\_\_ get wet of the rain.**

- A- in order to
- B- so as to
- C- in order not to

**4- People from English-speaking countries will have an unfair advantage \_\_\_\_\_ people from the rest of the world have to struggle to be as fluent.**

- A- indeed
- B- because
- C- whereas

**5- \_\_\_\_\_ it was raining heavily, the hikers decided to continue their journey to the mountain peak.**

- a) therefore
- b) Although
- c) Then

**6- \_\_\_\_\_ my friends want to study at university.**

- a) Every
- b) All
- c) Each

**7- I've got two cousins who live in Canada, but \_\_\_\_\_ them speaks French.**

- a) both
- b) each
- c) neither of

#### **Part 4: Writing**

**Write meaningful sentences to describe what you see in each picture.**



1: .....



2: \_\_\_\_\_



3: \_\_\_\_\_



4: \_\_\_\_\_