

PART 2

You are going to read an article about how to study English effectively. Seven sentences have been removed from the article. Choose from the sentences **A – H** the one which fits each gap (**9 – 15**). There is one extra sentence which you do not need to use.

Studying English

You probably already know some English. **9** but it's not enough. Your English is good, but not perfect, you want to improve your understanding of the language, read books in English, talk more fluently, increase your vocabulary...

Probably the most effective way to improve your English is to use it. Use it as much as possible. Put yourself in an English-speaking environment where you can learn passively. Watch films, read articles in English. **10** exchange e-mails with native speakers, write messages on forums, get an answer to a computer problem. The more you use English, the easier it will be to use it. When you watch a movie or read an article you don't only practise your English, you're also learning new words and expressions. When you write e-mails or messages you're practising your writing, even though it's not refined or academic. By watching films or listening to songs in English you'll improve your understanding and your pronunciation. **11**

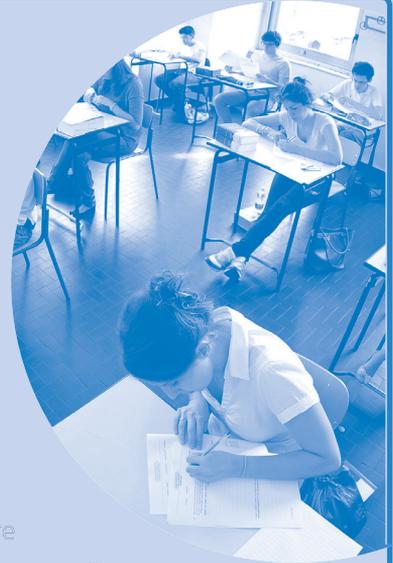
It is also important to talk to people. Don't be afraid to make mistakes. Be confident. If you don't remember a word or you don't know how to pronounce it, use a synonym or a similar word or explain it with different words. To have a wide vocabulary is as important with English as it is with any other language, and to learn new words is essential for the English learner. To keep a notebook of new words is useful but it is not the best way of memorizing them. **12**

And remember that by using your English constantly you'll also increase your motivation to study.

If you really want to improve your English you should practise every day. Make yourself a study plan. Decide how much time a week you are going to spend studying and stick to it. **13**

Another element that can increase your motivation to study English is planning to take a test. **14**

If you find a friend who is learning English and is on a similar level of skill learning will be easier. Study with him, talk to him even though he doesn't correct all your mistakes, you will all the same practise your speaking. **15**



- A** You'll find that you work harder when you need to study for something.
- B** And maybe you will even compete with him!
- C** You should use them in sentences and try to say them several times when you speak. You will also find words easier to remember if you try to remember an example sentence using that word rather than the word on its own.
- D** Think in your plan to which of these core skills you want to devote yourself and work on them.
- E** Watch DVDs rather than TV. It's better to watch something that you can watch over and over again to get the information you might have missed the first time.
- F** You are, in fact, reading this article now,
- G** If articles are too difficult for you, buy graded readers, books that are written for your level,
- H** You will soon improve your English.