

**some, any, much, many, a lot (of), a few, a little; Countable and uncountable nouns; Defining and non-defining relative clauses**

**1 Circle the correct alternative.**

- A lot of/A lot gestures mean different things in different countries.
- I'm afraid I have a little/little time to revise for the exam. I might fail.
- Many/A few Canadians speak French.
- Teens spend a lot of/much money on their phones and tablets.
- Do you know some/any words beginning with the letter 'X'?
- Some phrasal verbs have few/a few different meanings – that's why they're so difficult to learn.
- She can speak a little/much Arabic because she lived in Morocco for a year.
- There are a little/a few people in my class who can speak two languages fluently.

**2 Read the text and look at the nouns in bold. Are they C (countable) or U (uncountable)?**

When you are learning a (1) **language**, (2) **practice** is very important. To improve (3) **fluency**, you should try to speak in the language every day. One way to improve (4) **accuracy** is to do (5) **grammar** (6) **exercises**. (7) **Students** often do these for (8) **homework**. You can also become more accurate by reading a lot in the language you are learning. For example, you could read (9) **magazines** or (10) **blogs**.

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**3 Complete the text with the words in the box. Use each word only once.**

0 • when • where • which • who • whose

Do you have any friends (a) ..... can speak nine languages? I do! Alex is a guy (b) ..... I met in Greece last summer. We met at the language school in Athens (c) ..... we were studying. We were both in a class with a teacher (d) ..... classes were fantastic. Alex learnt English, German and French at school, and then he went travelling round the world and learnt Russian, Polish, Arabic and Japanese (e) ..... he was a young man. He said it was curiosity (f) ..... made him learn so many languages.

**4 Find and correct the mistakes in each sentence.**

- The woman whose helped me is Turkish.  
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- In Brazil, which the main language is Portuguese, around 3 million people speak German.  
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- The football team, that I support, is from Japan.  
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- Smuggling, is still illegal, was common in the UK in the 1700s.  
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- 2020 was the year who it became impossible to see your friends.  
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- My mum, that parents are Japanese and Argentinian, speaks five languages.  
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**5 Choose the best answer (A, B or C) to complete the text.**

Recent studies say that there are now over 400 million mother-tongue speakers of English, but there are (1) ..... more people (2) ..... use English as a second language – around 500 million. However, estimates vary because there aren't (3) ..... official figures. English is still the main language in countries like Nigeria and Ghana, (4) ..... were once ex-British colonies. People need to use English in (5) ..... official situations, such as in the government and education. Why don't these countries use a local language instead? Because it's too difficult to choose between the (6) ..... other languages (7) ..... belong to the local people! It's difficult to know the number of second-language English speakers in these countries because (8) ..... the ex-British colonies are in poor parts of the world, (9) ..... people often don't get an education. This means that only a small percentage of the local population can speak English really well, but (10) ..... can say a few words in English.

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| 1 A a few    | B many     | C few    |
| 2 A who      | B 0        | C which  |
| 3 A some     | B a little | C any    |
| 4 A who      | B which    | C where  |
| 5 A some     | B any      | C little |
| 6 A much     | B many     | C a few  |
| 7 A that     | B who      | C 0      |
| 8 A a lot of | B much     | C any    |
| 9 A that     | B which    | C where  |
| 10 A any     | B many     | C much   |