A2 Key Part 3

1 Read the text in exercise 3 quickly. Which paragraph (1–5) is about ...?

a speaking in English Paragraph .....

b reading and writing in English Paragraph .....

c listening in English Paragraph .....

2 Choose the correct alternative.

1 I write my *blog/link* once a week.

2 What websites can you see if you write your name in a *podcast/search engine*?

3 I can't read my emails because I can't remember the *visitor/password*!

4 I can't do anything with my laptop today. I think it's got a *virus/website*.

5 Can you send me a *search engine/link* to your cousin's website?

6 I like listening to *podcasts/passwords* about history.

Exam tip

In Key Part 3 tasks, check the possible answer carefully with the text before you choose it. After you've chosen your answer, look at the other two options and think about why they are wrong.

3 For each question, choose the correct answer.

1 What's a good way to find podcasts for English learners, according to Leo?

A ask in your lessons

B use a search engine

C ask other learners online

2 What's one of Leo's ideas for practising speaking?

A speaking, not writing, when you use a search engine

B making videos in English

C making a podcast in English

3 What should you do after reading a blog post, according to Leo?

A Look for spelling and grammar mistakes.

B Write words from the blog you don't know.

C Write a comment.

4 What does Leo say about other people who write in the comments on blogs?

A They are usually nice.

B It might be difficult to understand them.

C They might tell you about spelling or grammar mistakes.

5 What does Leo want readers to do?

A Write more ideas in the comments.

B Listen to his podcast.

C Email him.

How to improve your English online

by Leo Murphy

Many English learners have online lessons, but there are also many ways to improve your English online when you're not doing lessons.

For many learners, listening in English is difficult. Podcasts are a great way to get better at listening. There are many podcasts for English learners: write 'podcast learn English' in a search engine to find them. You can listen to an English podcast while you are doing other things and it's OK if you don't understand most of it. Listen again and see if you understand a bit more.

There are also lots of ways to practise speaking English online. You can use the 'speaking' option when you use a search engine in English – say the words instead of writing them. If the search engine doesn't understand you, say it again until it does. For conversation practice, you can find a 'language exchange partner' online – you practise speaking English with them and they practise speaking your language.

A good way to practise reading and writing is to find blogs you like. Most blogs have a 'comments' section where you can write what you think about the blog. After you read each blog post, write a comment. (Be nice, of course!) If you make any spelling or grammar mistakes, or if it is difficult to understand, other people might write comments to tell you.

There are many other ways to use the Internet to improve your English – tell us about your ideas in the comments. And remember, be safe online!

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A2 Key Part 4

1 **In Key Part 4 tasks, what's a good way to check if your answer is correct?**

a Look at the other two choices and think about why they are wrong.

b Count how many times you choose A, B and C.

2 **Match these words to the photos.**

keyboard • monitor • mouse • printer • smartphone • speaker

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Exam tip

In Key Part 4 tasks, first read the text quickly and then look at the sentences with gaps again. Choose the word that best completes the gap out of the three choices and decide why the other two are wrong. Fill all the gaps and then read the whole text to check it makes sense.

3 **For each question, choose the correct answer.**

A favourite 1980s computer

The ZX Spectrum is a computer from 1982. It's very **(1)** ..... to the computers we use today. It's a small black box with a keyboard. It hasn't got a mouse so you use the keyboard to play **(2)** ..... . It hasn't got a monitor so you have to use it with a TV. You can't use it to **(3)** ..... an email or go on the Internet. There are lots of fun games for the Spectrum. For **(4)** ..... , in *Dizzy* you are an egg that can walk and jump! Many people who are more than 40 years old now can **(5)** ..... playing games on the Spectrum. Now you can **(6)** ..... old Spectrum games to play on your smartphone if you want to imagine it's the 1980s!

1	**A** same	**B** different	**C** unusual
2	**A** games	**B** toys	**C** fun
3	**A** give	**B** send	**C** put
4	**A** answer	**B** thing	**C** example
5	**A** think	**B** know	**C** remember
6	**A** download	**B** save	**C** delete

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