

**Gerunds and infinitives; *Whatever, wherever, whoever, etc.*****1 Complete the sentences with the correct form of these verbs.**

understand • give • cycle • say • listen • allow

- I'll carry on ..... to this podcast to see if I can translate it all.
- There weren't enough interpreters ..... one for every conference member.
- They seem to be having difficulty with ..... the speaker from Russia.
- I need to have something ..... at the meeting this afternoon.
- He usually goes ..... at the weekend to relax.
- The company can't afford ..... anyone a pay rise this year.

**2 Complete the text with the correct form of these verbs. There is one extra verb.**

eat • admit • learn • ask • give in • travel • speak

(1) ..... around different countries makes you more aware of how one language can have many differences depending on where it is spoken. I'm the first (2) ..... that my Spanish is not perfect, but I didn't expect (3) ..... so many different words for one item. For instance, I love (4) ..... popcorn and on my travels around Latin America I found out that you say 'palomitas' in Mexico, but 'pipoca' in Peru and 'canchita' in Bolivia. I almost gave up (5) ..... for a drinking straw as 'pajita' in Argentina became 'bombilla' in Chile and 'popote' in Mexico. I refused (6) ..... though and continued to practise my Spanish and widen my vocabulary as I enjoyed my Latin adventure.

**3 Complete the sentences with *whatever, whichever, whenever* and *however*.**

- They are selecting the candidates today. .... happens, I'm happy I had an interview.
- He couldn't understand the local accent ..... hard he tried.
- You're in Mexico. .... restaurant you choose, you'll always find tortillas on the menu.
- ..... it rains, I'm reminded of Scotland.
- When you're in the UK, ..... you do, remember to join the queue!
- ..... hard I try, I can't pronounce the words correctly.

**4 Rewrite these sentences to avoid repetition.**

- Peter wanted to learn French, but I didn't want to learn.  
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- They didn't study for the exam because they were too busy to study.  
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- Dave could speak Italian when he was younger, but he can't speak it now.  
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- I really want to go to the exhibition, but I don't think I can go.  
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- She won't be there, but I will be.  
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**5 Find the ten extra words.****Languages can open up your world**

As globalisation increases and companies expand wherever all over the world, experts in languages are more and more sought after. If you can to speak more than one language then there are more jobs available to you in all sorts of industries wherever you are.

The traditional language jobs such as translator, interpreter and editor carry on for being very much in demand. The European Union alone uses 23 languages. It offers jobs in a variety of areas too, not just parliament and the courts but also food and medical agencies, even the space agency.

The teaching is another traditional job market for people with languages. As a native speaker you could teach your language but you could consider to teaching your second language too. Tourism also requires people with languages to work in hotels, as tour guides and so on. Wherever that tourists go they need to help with their holiday and they quite often expect to use their own language and not that of the country they're visiting.

Speaking a foreign language is now becoming useful in the IT industry as well and there seem to be being some more unusual jobs here. For instance, games testers and translators are needed for video games that are to be multilingual.

Finally, there are a few jobs that might to be considered hard to get, however hard you try. Does translator for a top football coach sound good? Would you like to work translating for a fashion company putting on a show abroad?

If so, then don't give up practising. Avoiding your homework won't help you get a job but languages will help!