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THREE TIPS TO COMMUNICATE IN A SECOND LANGUAGE

1 Watch the video up to 01:32. Complete the sentences with words from the video.

- The video gives advice on learning a s_____ language.
- Alex couldn't ask for food because he was so s_____.
- Sometimes native speakers speak very q_____.
- If you say, 'Could you r_____ that, please?' they say it again, just louder.
- To improve your listening, you can watch TV, movies or v_____.
- Alex says, 'So you'll have a d_____ c_____ b_____?'

2 Look at the phrases in the box. How do you say them in your language? Use the phrases to complete the conversations.

a few times
Have you noticed ... ?
here are three tips.
it was embarrassing

- A** Can you help me improve my English?
B Yes, _____.
- A** Why didn't he send the food back?
B Because he thought _____.
- A** _____ how quickly he speaks?
B Yes, it's often difficult to understand him.
- A** I can't understand those movies.
B You need to watch them _____.

3 Watch the video from 01:33 to the end. Circle the correct options to complete the rules.

- We use *can* / *could* to talk about ability in the past.
- We use *could* / *can* to talk about ability in the present.
- We use *will be able to* / *is able to* to talk about ability in the future.
- We use / don't use 'will' with *can* or *could*.
- We use / don't use 'to' with *be able*.

4 Complete the sentences with the correct form of *can*, *could* or *will be able to*.



- Nina didn't speak their language, but she _____ point to the words on the menu.
- He lived in Italy for a year and now he _____ speak Italian very well.
- Tomas wanted to buy some water, but he _____ remember the word in Spanish.
- Marta is ill with a cold, so she _____ meet us at the airport tomorrow.
- _____ you _____ translate for us when we go to China next year?

5 Underline and correct one mistake in each sentence.

- Tamara could to play the piano when she was three years old. _____
- Jean is bilingual so he will be able interpret for us tomorrow. _____
- We don't can translate this word into English. _____
- Zoe can speaks French and Spanish. _____
- Can you to tell me why you were shouting? _____

6 Circle the correct options.

- Try to speak more slowly so that we can ... you.
a to understand c understand
b can't understand
- When ... help me with my translation?
a you will be able to c will be you able to
b will you be able to
- How many languages ... when you were a child?
a could you speak c could you spoke
b you could speak
- My mother can speak French, but my father ...
a not b can't c isn't

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MY EMBARRASSING MOMENT

- 3.3 **1 Watch the video up to 01:10. Are the sentences T (true) or F (false)?**

- 1 The girl has been in Mexico for two weeks. _____
- 2 She has studied Spanish for two years. _____
- 3 She ordered food for herself and her family. _____
- 4 She's trying hard to speak Spanish as much as possible. _____
- 5 She ordered the wrong kind of dessert. _____

- 2 Look at the phrases in the box. How do you say them in your language? Use the phrases to complete the conversations.**

Sorry you haven't heard from me for a while.
So far, we love it!
Let me tell you my funny story.
... you can't improve if you don't try.

- 1 **A** Did anything unusual happen?
B Yes. _____.
- 2 **A** Is it easy to speak Spanish?
B No, but _____.
- 3 **A** Do you like Mexico?
B Yes! _____.
- 4 **A** _____.
B I was wondering what happened to you!

- 3.3 **3 Watch the video from 01:11 to the end. Match 1–5 with a–e to make the rules.**

- 1 We use *for* ☐
 - 2 We use *since* ☐
 - 3 We use *how long* ☐
 - 4 We use the present perfect ☐
 - 5 We use the past simple ☐
- a to ask how much time somebody has done something.
 - b for an action that started and finished in the past.
 - c to say when a state or action begins.
 - d to talk about our past experiences.
 - e to talk about the duration of a state or action.

- 4 Complete the sentences with *for* or *since*.**



- 1 They've been friends _____ a long time.
- 2 Nuria has lived in Madrid _____ 2015.
- 3 My brother has studied astronomy _____ he was very young.
- 4 Have you been here _____ two hours already?

- 5 Complete the conversation with the present perfect or past simple form of the verbs in brackets.**

- A** Hi Lucy! Sorry I ¹ _____ (not be) in touch lately. I ² _____ (be) on holiday last week and I just ³ _____ (come) back home yesterday!
- B** Really! Where ⁴ _____ you _____ (go)?
- A** We ⁵ _____ (stay) in Rome for three days, and then we ⁶ _____ (spend) two days in Sienna.
- B** Sounds lovely! ⁷ _____ you _____ (have) a good time?
- A** Yes, I ⁸ _____ . I ⁹ _____ (never / see) such a beautiful place.
- B** I'm so jealous. I ¹⁰ _____ (not have) a holiday for ages!

- 6 Circle the correct options.**

- 1 We have studied French since ...
a two years b a long time c last year
- 2 Mr Wilson has been a teacher for ...
a many years b 2010 c a year ago
- 3 How many cities ... on your last trip?
a have you visited c do you visit
b did you visit
- 4 I ... you for a while. Are you OK?
a didn't see c don't see
b haven't seen
- 5 When ... your best friend?
a did you first meet c first you met
b have you first met