

## PRE-INTERMEDIATE UNIT 4

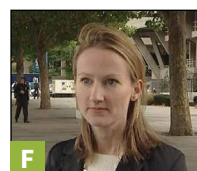
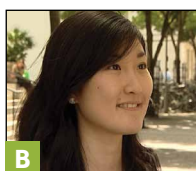
**1 OVERVIEW:** Watch the video. What do the people talk about? a) working b) learning c) education

**2** Read Hina's text and watch the video from 0:10–0:26. Delete the extra words. Watch the video again to check your answers.

I have a <sup>1</sup>~~part~~/full-time job but I like <sup>2</sup>learning/studying new things in my <sup>3</sup>free/spare time. At the moment, I <sup>4</sup>study/'m studying Spanish. I'm enjoying it but I <sup>5</sup>find/'m finding it quite difficult. Today we <sup>6</sup>ask/'re asking people about <sup>7</sup>studying/learning new things.



**3** Look at the people below and read questions 1–8. Watch the video from 0:26–2:44 and write answers A–F to the questions.

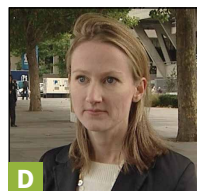
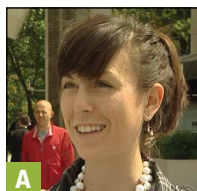


Who ...

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| 1 sings in a choir?                 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> E | 5 is finding it difficult to learn Arabic?      | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 is learning to play golf?         | <input type="checkbox"/>              | 6 studied Mandarin Chinese a few years ago?     | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3 is studying part-time after work? | <input type="checkbox"/>              | 7 is learning Swahili?                          | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4 didn't enjoy learning to drive?   | <input type="checkbox"/>              | 8 thinks Sanskrit is more difficult than Latin? | <input type="checkbox"/> |

**Glossary:** choir = a group of people who sing together  
 Arabic = the language of Arab people  
 Mandarin Chinese = one variety of the Chinese language  
 Swahili = a language from East Africa  
 Sanskrit = a classical language of India  
 Latin = the language of Ancient Rome

**4** What are they learning at the moment? Look at the people below and read their answers. Then watch the video from 0:26–1:40 and complete the answers.



- I'm learning to speak another language, actually.
- I've been learning to \_\_\_\_\_ the guitar for about 50 years now.
- The courses I \_\_\_\_\_ are training courses for leadership.
- I'm learning to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in evening classes for adults.
- I've just learnt how to \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of kayaking.
- I'm learning how to \_\_\_\_\_ a website.

**Glossary:** particularly = more than usual  
 pretty (adj) = quite

- 5** What was the most difficult thing they've ever learnt? Read the answers in the box. Then watch the video from 1:40–2:44 and number the answers in the order you hear them. Notice the pronunciation and practise saying the words/phrases.

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| patience         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | French   | <input type="checkbox"/> | playing the trumpet | <input type="checkbox"/> | courage | <input type="checkbox"/> | Arabic | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| learning Spanish | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Sanskrit | <input type="checkbox"/> | learning capoeira   | <input type="checkbox"/> |         |                          |        |                          |

**Glossary:** *patience* = able to stay calm and wait if necessary  
*capoeira* = a Brazilian art form with music, dance and martial arts  
*trumpet* = a musical instrument  
*courage* = not being afraid/showing that you are afraid

- 6** Look at the people below and read the sentences about them. Then watch the video from 0:26–2:44 and underline the correct answers in *italics*. Watch the video again if necessary.



- 1 She's learning to speak *Chinese/Spanish*.  
 2 Learning *Spanish/Arabic* is very difficult for her.



- 3 Learning yoga was quite *easy/hard* for her.  
 4 One of the most difficult things she's ever learnt is *dancing/capoeira*.



- 5 She studies painting and drawing in the *mornings/evenings*.  
 6 She learnt Mandarin Chinese *last year/a few years ago*.



- 7 He's learning to play *the guitar/the imbirá*.  
 8 He thinks *patience/courage* is the most difficult thing he's ever learnt.

**7 THE WAY WE SPEAK:** Look at the people below and read what they say about difficult things they've learnt. Watch the video from 1:40–2:44 and complete their sentences.



1 Learning a language is *particularly* difficult for myself.



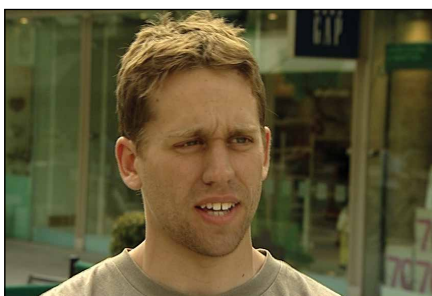
2 I found it really, \_\_\_\_\_ difficult.



3 Learning to drive was \_\_\_\_\_ difficult thing.



4 It's difficult by \_\_\_\_\_ standards.



5 I think I found French very \_\_\_\_\_ at school.



6 That was pretty \_\_\_\_\_.

**Glossary:** *half-marathon* = a run of about 21 kms

**8 PERSONALISATION:** Write your answers to the questions.

1 Are you learning any new things at the moment? What are you learning? Are you enjoying it?

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2 Have you studied or taken any courses recently? What were they? What did you think of them?

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3 What's the easiest thing you've ever learnt?

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4 What's the most difficult thing you've ever learnt?

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