

Feedback on language

Audio transcript

Let's take a look at her first mistake. 'Most of primary school are begin to teach English.' This should be 'most primary schools are beginning to teach English'. We don't need the 'of' with 'most'. And 'primary school' should be plural, as she's referring to primary schools in general. Also, she's tried to use the present continuous, but you need I-N-G at the end: 'are beginning'.

Let's look at the next point. Chaohua wrote, 'some children start to learn English'. But again, she's talking about a temporary situation or a changing situation, so she should have used the present continuous here. 'Some children are starting to learn English'. In the next sentence, she wrote, 'it also have many language schools'. But she should have put, 'there are also many language schools', as she's introducing a new idea.

In the next paragraph, 'the majority of country' should be 'the majority of countries', as she's referring to more than one country. Below, she wrote, 'if you do well in English, you can get a good job'. But as we saw before, it's better to use an impersonal style. For example, 'if people do well in English, they can get a good job'.

In her next paragraph, she wrote that 'young children are studying language better than adults'. But here she should use the present simple, as she's referring to a permanent situation or a situation that is always true. Next, she wrote, 'if a young child live in many different countries'. But the subject-verb agreement means that she should have written, 'a young child lives in many different countries', as she's just talking about one child.

Later, she wrote, 'more and more young children start to learn English'. But she's talking here about a changing situation, so she should use the present continuous. 'More and more young children are starting to learn English.'

In her conclusion, she wrote, 'more and more young children learning English far early'. She needs the verb 'to be' here to form the present continuous correctly. 'More and more young children are learning English'.

Finally, she says, 'I think there will be more people to study English in future'. As we saw, it's better to use an impersonal and objective style in academic writing. So she could omit 'I think' to make it more impersonal.

Discuss the reasons why increasing numbers of young children are learning English early in China.

The English language is the most preferred international language in the world. It is widely used to all kind of field. In Shanghai in China, most of primary school are begin to teach English¹ and some children start² to learn English in the kindergartens. It also have³ many language schools. The main reason for it popularity are considered below.

Firstly, the majority of country⁴ use English as an official language. In international marketing all use English, including business, politics, science, arts and even education. In China, it is important for us to learn English because if you⁵ do well in English, you⁶ can get a good job far more than non-speaking English.

Secondly, many linguists consider that young children are studying⁷ language better than adults. If a young child live⁸ in many different countries in childhood, he or she may speak 3 or 4 languages. Therefore, more and more young children start⁹ to learn English in kindergartens.

Finally, most parents care for their children's prospects. Think that their child should just study hard and be good at English to become successful. So in Shanghai in China it is very popular with studying English in kindergartens.

More and more young children learning¹⁰ English far early. English is widely spoken at the moment. Young people good at English better than adult. I think¹¹ there will be more people to study English in future.

How would you change the parts in bold?

1. Sin of - This should be 'most primary schools are beginning to teach English
2. Cambia, Presente continuo - Some children are starting to learn English
3. Plural - there are also many language schools
4. Plural - the majority of countries
5. Impersonal style - if people do well in English,
6. Impersonal style - they can get a good job
7. Siempre verdadero, presente simple - young children study language better than adults
8. No es necesario conficional - a young child lives in many different countries
9. Cambia, Presente continuo - More and more young children are starting to learn English
10. falta to be - More and more young children are learning English
11. Impersonal style - There will be more people to study English in future