

Exercise 4**Suggested answer:**

Because I've moved away from my hometown, my old school friends and I can't just go round each other's houses. We keep in touch via social networking sites and by phone. Otherwise, though, I find that rather impersonal, so when it comes to friends who live nearby, I like to meet up with them for coffee.

Vocabulary: Globalisation**Exercise 5**

1 integration; 2 commonly; 3 working; 4 remarkable; 5 largely; 6 technological; 7 recognisable; 8 creates/is creating; 9 global; 10 speaking

Grammar: Making comparisons**Exercise 8**

much: significantly, far

a bit: slightly, marginally

Exercise 9

1 a fewer; b more

2 Suggested answers:

- a The more languages you speak, the greater your earning potential.
- b The greater the spread of English and the culture of English-speaking countries, the more of a threat there is to local languages and traditions.

Expressing attitude**Exercise 11**

1 undoubtedly; 2 Ideally; 3 as luck would have it; 4 All things considered/Admittedly/Arguably/Undoubtedly; 5 Admittedly/Undoubtedly; 6 arguably/undoubtedly; 7 Even more importantly/Ideally

Exercise 13**Comparative and superlative structures**

it's one of the most widely-spoken languages in the world
Spanish culture is becoming more and more influential internationally

It is, for example, overtaking English as the most widely-spoken language in certain parts of the USA

Spanish vocabulary would be easier for me to acquire than Spanish grammar

I understand the grammar is one of the most difficult things about the Spanish language

Speaking Spanish would definitely make my holidays a lot easier and more enjoyable.

Attitude markers

definitely; undoubtedly; obviously; luckily

Pronunciation: Consonants**Exercise 15**

sixth; strong; glimpsed; three

Exam technique: Giving yourself time to think**Exercise 1**

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Exercise 3

Actually, no they don't.

Not exactly, no.

Exercise 4

Yes, they certainly are.

Precisely.

6 Technology**Vocabulary: Technology****Exercise 1**

- 1 A technophile is someone who loves new technology. A technophobe is someone who dislikes and is afraid of new technology.
- 2 The writer of the text a technophile (*we're busy upgrading our MP3 players to the latest model...*).
- 3 Examples of *gadgets*: smartphones (mobile phones with Internet and computing capabilities), e-book readers, night-vision binoculars, digital cameras, breadmakers (a home appliance for baking bread)
- 4 state-of-the-art
- 5 outdated
- 6 Artificial Intelligence
- 7 Possible answer: I can't say it's that important to me to upgrade my mobile every few months. But it seems to matter a lot to other people, I guess because they are dazzled by the new features of the latest model. And older models quickly begin to look outdated.

Exercise 2

- 1a blew up; 1b blew up
- 2a have broken down; 2b breaks down
- 3a turn up; 3b turn up
- 4a turn ... down; 4b Turn ... down