1 Look at the first photo and answer the questions. Then read the text and check your answers.

1 Where is Ben?
2 What is he doing?

I can still learn

Most children between five and eighteen in Britain must go to school. But the situation is different for me. I play tennis and I must practise a lot, and I often go to other countries to play in tournaments. How can I still learn? Luckily, digital learning helps me.

When I am absent from school, I do online courses. Computers help me with the subjects, and I can learn at my own speed. When there is no tournament, I come back to school and I can do the tests easily. My friends also help me if I have any problems.

This new learning way makes me happy and keeps me up with* my friends. I can still learn when I am not at school. That is why digital learning becomes more and more popular.

* keep up with: to do whatever is necessary to stay level or equal with someone or something

2 ⏺ 1.47 Read and listen to the text and answer the questions.

1 Why is Ben sometimes absent from school?
2 What helps Ben to keep learning?
3 Does Ben still go to school?
4 Can Ben pass the tests at school?
5 In your opinion, who often does online courses when he or she is absent from school?

3 YOUR CULTURE Answer the questions.

1 At what age do children usually start school in your country?
2 At what age can you leave school?
3 Can children in your country do online courses?

4 💬 **USE IT!** Work in groups. Discuss the topic: *Is digital learning useful? Why?* Follow the instructions.

• Work in pairs and write the positive things about digital learning.
• Join another pair and discuss in your groups. Use some of the expressions in the box.

> Digital learning is good for …
> It is good because …
> It becomes more and more popular because …
> However, it cannot replace schools because …

• Compare your ideas with other groups'.