

Review

1a Write questions about the underlined pronouns.

- A It arrived this morning.
B What arrived this morning?
A Your postcard.
- A She collects old typewriters.
B _____
A My cousin.
- A I texted him by mistake.
B _____
A Mattias.
- A He often confuses me with my twin brother.
B _____
A My football coach.
- A I had never heard of it before.
B _____
A Silbo Gomero.

b Complete each question by adding the missing word.

- How many friends can you truly rely?
- Do you think you go abroad this summer?
- What are you learning English?
- Is there anything you strongly disapprove?

c Ask and answer the questions in exercise 1b with a partner.

2a Complete the paragraph with the present perfect simple or continuous.



I'm going on a big trip to Argentina soon, so for the last few weeks I've ¹ *tried / been trying* to brush up my Spanish. I've ² *studied / been studying* Spanish before, but I've ³ *forgotten / been forgetting* quite a lot, so I've ⁴ *gone / been going* to evening classes. They've ⁵ *been / been being* very helpful. I've ⁶ *downloaded / been downloading* a Spanish vocabulary app for extra practice and I've also ⁷ *read / been reading* a book in Spanish. It's a slow process, but I've nearly ⁸ *finished / been finishing* it.

b Work with a partner. Talk about how long you've been learning English and what you've been doing recently to practise.

3 Complete the article with words from the box.

appropriate awkward ease impression offend
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It is a well-known fact that the British are fond of talking about the weather, but it is important to realize that British conversations about the weather are not really about the weather at all. *Weather-speak* is simply a way of helping us feel at ¹ _____ in social situations. It is used in three specific contexts:

- as a simple greeting
- as a form of ² _____ talk leading to conversation about other more important matters
- as a filler when there is an ³ _____ silence during a conversation.

It is seen as a safe, impersonal topic, which is unlikely to ⁴ _____ anybody or lead to a ⁵ _____.

Something to bear in mind when speaking to a British person about the weather is that you are expected to agree. If somebody says 'Ooh, isn't it cold?', an ⁶ _____ reply would be 'Yes, isn't it?' or 'Mmm, very cold'. If you said 'No actually, it's quite mild', you would create a very bad ⁷ _____.

4 1.7))) Listen to eight questions. For each question write Yes or No.

5a Complete the sentences from three phone conversations. The first letter is given.

- The c _____ isn't t _____ good here.
- I'd b _____ g _____ off the phone.
- I'm a _____ you've c _____ me at a b _____ time.
- Could you c _____ me b _____ on my l _____ line?
- I'll l _____ you get o _____.
- Just b _____ w _____ me a moment.

b Match the sentences in exercise 5a to situations a-c.

- ending a conversation politely
- dealing with a bad phone line
- dealing with distraction

c TASK Work with a partner. Choose a sentence from exercise 5b and role-play a phone conversation.