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Please try Levels 5 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Many students in Japan are using AI to learn English. The language-learning app Duolingo conducted a survey on studying languages. Students answered questions about their learning habits. The number of people using AI increased by more than 80 per cent in 2024. AI was most popular with younger people, who used AI more than face-to-face lessons. However, some people in their 20s were not totally happy with AI. They said it lacked natural responses.

Duolingo said: "We're in the midst of an AI revolution". It said apps were the most popular way to learn languages. This was followed by streaming services like YouTube and Netflix, then textbooks and then online lessons. The number of students going to language schools is decreasing. Just 14 per cent of people went to these. English was the most popular language. People also studied Korean, to understand their favourite artists and celebrities.

Sources: <https://www.japantimes.co.jp/news/2024/12/19/japan/chatgpt-english-lessons/>
<https://mainichi.jp/english/articles/20241218/p2a/00m/0li/017000c>
<https://blog.duolingo.com/2024-duolingo-language-report/>

PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. using AI | a. with younger people |
| 2. The language- | b. responses |
| 3. conducted a | c. habits |
| 4. questions about their learning | d. to learn English |
| 5. AI was most popular | e. in their 20s |
| 6. face-to-face | f. survey |
| 7. some people | g. learning app |
| 8. it lacked natural | h. lessons |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. We're in the midst | a. popular language |
| 2. apps were the most | b. and celebrities |
| 3. streaming | c. popular way |
| 4. online | d. went |
| 5. The number | e. services |
| 6. Just 14 per cent of people | f. lessons |
| 7. English was the most | g. of students |
| 8. their favourite artists | h. of an AI revolution |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The language-learning app Duolingo (2) _____ on

studying languages. Students answered questions about

(3) _____. The number of people using AI

increased by more than 80 per cent in 2024. AI

(4) _____ with younger people, who used AI more

than (5) _____. However, some people in their 20s

were not totally happy with AI. They said it

(6) _____.

Duolingo said: "We're in (7) _____ an AI

revolution". It (8) _____ the most popular way to

learn languages. This was followed (9) _____ like

YouTube and Netflix, then textbooks and then online lessons. The number of

students going to language (10) _____. Just 14 per

cent of people went to these. English was the

(11) _____. People also studied Korean, to

understand their favourite (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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LEARNING ENGLISH SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about learning English in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

