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Please try Levels 4 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 and other languages. The language-learning app Duolingo conducted a survey on studying languages. More than 4,700 students answered questions about their learning habits. The survey found that the number of people using AI tools increased by more than 80 per cent in 2024. AI was particularly popular with younger people. More young people used AI than took face-to-face lessons. However, some people in their 20s were not totally happy with AI. They said it lacked natural responses and was a little boring.

Duolingo said: "We're in the midst of an AI revolution". It said apps were the most popular way to learn languages. Around 58 per cent of people who took the survey used language-learning apps. This was followed by streaming services like YouTube and Netflix, then textbooks and then online lessons. The number of people going to language schools is decreasing. Just 14 per cent of people went to classes with a teacher. 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. Duolingo conducted | a. popular |
| 2. learning | b. responses |
| 3. the number of people | c. a survey |
| 4. AI was particularly | d. boring |
| 5. took face- | e. their 20s |
| 6. people in | f. habits |
| 7. They said it lacked natural | g. to-face lessons |
| 8. a little | h. using AI tools |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|----------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. We're in the midst | a. and celebrities |
| 2. apps were the | b. the survey |
| 3. people who took | c. lessons |
| 4. streaming | d. popular language |
| 5. online | e. schools |
| 6. language | f. of an AI revolution |
| 7. English was the most | g. services |
| 8. their favourite artists | h. most popular way |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Many students in Japan are using (1) _____ English and other languages. The language-learning app Duolingo (2) _____ on studying languages. More than 4,700 students answered questions about (3) _____. The survey found that the number of people using AI tools increased by more than 80 per cent in 2024. AI was (4) _____ younger people. More young people used AI than took face-to-face lessons. However, some people in their 20s were (5) _____ with AI. They said it lacked natural responses and was (6) _____.

Duolingo said: "We're in the (7) _____ AI revolution". It said apps were the most (8) _____ learn languages. Around 58 per cent of people who (9) _____ used language-learning apps. This was (10) _____ services like YouTube and Netflix, then textbooks and then online lessons. The number of people going to language (11) _____. Just 14 per cent of people went to classes with a teacher. English was the most popular language. People also studied Korean, to understand their favourite (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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LEARNING ENGLISH SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2412/241223-learning-english-ai-4.html>

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) _____

