

linking words: Complete the essay with the linking words below. You can use one word a few times.

therefore however although in general also furthermore secondly even
though but in the first place not only

Studying a language in a country where it is widely spoken has many advantages. It is _____ a good idea to study English in a country such as Britain. _____, I believe it is not the only way to learn the language.

_____, most students in non-English-speaking countries learn English at secondary school and sometimes at university nowadays, _____ their spoken English is not usually of very high standard, their knowledge of grammar is often quite advanced. This is certainly useful when students come to an English-speaking country to perfect the language.

_____, studying the basics of English at secondary school is less stressful than learning the language while overseas. This is because students living at home do not have to worry about problems such as finding accommodation, paying for their study and living costs, and trying to survive in a foreign country where day to day living causes much stress.

_____, there are obvious advantages of learning English in Britain. Every day there are opportunities to practise listening to and speaking with British people. _____, students can experience the culture first-hand, which is a great help when trying to understand the language. This is especially true if they choose to live with a British family, as exchange students for example, _____, if students attend a language school full-time, the teachers will be native speakers. In this case, _____ will students speaking and listening skills improve, _____ attention can be given to developing reading and writing skills as well.

_____, _____ it is preferable to study English in an English-speaking country, a reasonable level of English can be achieved in one's own country, if a student is gifted and dedicated to study.

articles: Cover the text above. Complete the text below with "a", "an", "the" or leave it blank.

Studying _____ language in _____ country where it is widely spoken has many advantages. It is therefore _____ good idea to study _____ English _____ country such as _____ Britain. However, I believe it is not _____ only way to learn _____ language.

Secondly, _____ studying _____ basics of _____ English at _____ secondary school is less stressful than learning _____

language while overseas.

verbs: Are the sentences correct? Correct when necessary.

- a. The pen and the paper is on the desk.
- b. The box of chocolates are on the shelf.
- c. Every one of the students have practised very hard.
- d. The skill of understanding personal communications is crucial to good business.
- e. Not many people know the truth about the lifestyles of the rich and famous.
- f. The number of people who are mobile phone owners rise every year.
- g. It used to be thought that learning languages waste time.
- h. A great many success stories are due to hard work.
- i. She is taking the test twice because she believe it is best to have a trial run.
- j. In the '50s, the comedy team of Abbott and Costello were world famous.
- k. Every day there is another driver who lose his driving licence due to speed.
- l. None of the students sit at the back of the lecture theatre.
- m. No-one know exactly why economics are more important now than in the past.
- n. Neither of the debates were successful.