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READING: How Fast Do You Speak English?

Vocabulary Practice

- Match the words on the left with the definitions on the right.

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|-------------------|----------|---|
| 1. per minute | <u>E</u> | A. to change something |
| 2. find out (v.) | _____ | B. almost sure that something is true |
| 3. average | _____ | C. a person who is invited to some place or event |
| 4. native speaker | _____ | D. ordinary, normal, not special |
| 5. affect (v.) | _____ | E. each minute |
| 6. probably | _____ | F. for example: kind, lazy, honest, talkative |
| 7. personality | _____ | G. to learn new information |
| 8. guest | _____ | H. a person who speaks the language of the place where he or she was born |

- Use the above words to complete the sentences. Use plural forms and past tense if necessary.

1. How many guests did you invite to your birthday party?
2. The weather report said that it will _____ rain tomorrow.
3. My uncle grew up in Spain, so he is a _____ of Spanish.
4. Kelly has a great _____. She is very friendly and helpful.
5. When will Sarah arrive? Could you please _____?
6. I think I'm an _____ person. I'm not different or special.
7. How many words _____ can you speak?
8. Will the rainy weather _____ the baseball game?

- Choose any two of the above words and write your own sentences.

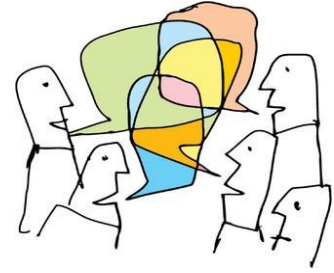
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2. _____

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Topic: Learning English



How Fast Do You Speak English?

Do you speak English quickly or do you speak it slowly? One way to find out is to count the number of words you say in one minute. In a friendly conversation, most people speak English between 120 and 180 words per minute (about 150 words is average for native speakers in the United States). Many things can affect how fast you talk. For example, if you feel sad or tired you might speak more slowly. If you feel nervous, angry, or excited, you will probably speak more quickly. Also, where you live may affect your speaking speed. Many people in New York speak more quickly than people in other areas. Your personality is also important. Some people just “naturally” speak slowly or quickly. Finally, if you are still learning English as a second (or third) language, you will probably speak it more slowly than native speakers – people whose first language is English. The fastest female speaker in the world is Fran Capo. She is from New York City and she is an actress and a writer, and she is often a guest on many radio talk shows and television programs. Amazingly, she can speak a little over 600 words per minute! Steve Woodmore, from the United Kingdom, is the fastest speaker in the world, and he can speak 637 words per minute!

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Grammar Practice

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- **Complete the paragraph by circling the correct words.**

Do you speak English quickly or do you speak it (1)_____? One way to (2)_____ out is to count the number of words you say in one minute. In a friendly conversation, most people (3)_____ English between 120 and 180 words per minute (about 150 words is average for native speakers in the United States). Many things (4)_____ affect how fast you talk. For example, if you feel sad or (5)_____ you might speak more slowly. If you feel nervous, angry, or excited, you will probably speak more quickly. Also, (6)_____ you live may affect your speaking speed. Many people in New York speak more quickly (7)_____ people in other areas. (8)_____ personality is also important. Some people just “naturally” speak slowly or quickly. Finally, if you are still (9)_____ English as a second (or third) language, you will probably speak it more slowly than native speakers – people whose first language is English. The (10)_____ female speaker in the world is Fran Capo. She is from New York City and she is an actress and a writer, and (11)_____ is often a guest on many radio talk shows and television programs. Amazingly, she can speak a little over 600 words per minute! Steve Woodmore, (12)_____ the United Kingdom, is the fastest speaker in the world, and he can speak 637 words per minute!

1.
(A) slow
(B) slowest
(C) slowly

2.
(A) find
(B) take
(C) throw

3.
(A) speaks
(B) speak
(C) speaking

4.
(A) can
(B) have
(C) are

5.
(A) tired
(B) tire
(C) tires

6.
(A) when
(B) what
(C) where

7.
(A) then
(B) than
(C) that

8.
(A) Yours
(B) Your
(C) You're

9.
(A) learn
(B) learning
(C) learned

10.
(A) faster
(B) fast
(C) fastest

11.
(A) she
(B) her
(C) hers

12.
(A) by
(B) with
(C) from

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READING: How Fast Do You Speak English?

How Much Do You Understand?

- *According to the article, write 'T' (True) or 'F' (False) next to each statement.*

1. _____ The article is about the fastest speakers in the world.
2. _____ Most people in the U.S. speak about 180 words per minute.
3. _____ How you feel can affect how fast you speak.
4. _____ Most people from New York speak English very slowly.
5. _____ Fran Capo is from New York.
6. _____ Steven Woodmore can speak more quickly than Fran Capo.

Discuss

- *Discuss the following questions with your classmates.*

1. Do you speak English quickly or slowly?
2. What can you do to learn to speak English more quickly?
3. Would you like to be the fastest speaker in the world? Why? / Why not?

Write

- *Choose one of the above discussion questions. Write a short paragraph to answer it.*

Lesson "How Fast Do You Speak English?"

Grammar Focus Mixed (includes adverbs, comparatives, and superlatives)

Vocabulary 223 words
A1 words-71% / **A2** words-15% / **B1** words-4% / **B2** words-3%
AWL Words in this text: *affect, area, finally*
 Vocabulary Analysis by: vocabkitchen.com

Level Elementary to Pre-Intermediate (CEFR A2)

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My Notes



● Vocabulary

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|------|-------------------|
| 1. E | 1. guests |
| 2. G | 2. probably |
| 3. D | 3. native speaker |
| 4. H | 4. personality |
| 5. A | 5. find out |
| 6. B | 6. average |
| 7. F | 7. per minute |
| 8. C | 8. affect |

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ANSWER KEY Page 4

● Grammar

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|------|-------|
| 1. C | 7. B |
| 2. A | 8. B |
| 3. B | 9. B |
| 4. A | 10. C |
| 5. A | 11. A |
| 6. C | 12. C |

● How Much Do You Understand?

1. F (*The article is about how fast people speak.*)
2. F (*Most people speak more slowly than this.*)
3. T
4. F (*The article doesn't say this. It says, "many people in New York speak more quickly than people in other areas."*)
5. T
6. T

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