MODULE 1: LANGUAGE CHOICE 1-6

PRACTICE

1 Talking about identity Complete the description.
    I __________ I’m quite an idealistic type of __________ . I’m passionate about politics and I’m keen ________ photography – I’m ________ going to photography exhibitions. I suppose I’m a bit ________ laid-back sometimes because I’m ________ into studying very much. I live in Brussels but my ________ roots are in England and my parents come from London. I am not very nationalistic but I’m ________ of London - I think it’s a great city.

2 Compound adjectives Complete the compound adjectives next to the definitions.
    1 completely new and not used yet: ________ - ________
    2 having a lot of money: ________ - ________
    3 known by a lot of people: ________ - ________
    4 wearing attractive, fashionable clothes: ________ - ________
    5 having an attractive appearance: ________ - ________
    6 made for you to use immediately: ________ - ________

3 like Rewrite the sentences with like.
    1 What sort of person is your new boyfriend? What is your new boyfriend like?
    2 I am not really into doing outdoor activities. I __________
    3 Tell me about your new girlfriend’s appearance. What __________
    4 I am very similar to my dad in lots of ways. I __________
    5 Can you tell me about the weather in your town? What __________
    6 You __________

4 Present tenses Complete the sentences with the Present Simple, Present Continuous and Present Perfect.
    1 My granny ________ (not speak) any foreign languages.
    2 Talk to him now! He ________ (not do) anything important.
    3 ________ (you / like) listening to French songs?
    4 I ________ (never / be) abroad.
    5 This week the students ________ (learn) to write letters in English.
    6 ________ (you / ever try) to learn Arabic?

5 Present tenses Complete the dialogue with the Present Simple, Present Continuous and Present Perfect.
    May: Bill, I ________, (look / already) him. He ________ (not know) where it is. I think you ________ (take) it.
    Bill: No, but ask Dad. He ________ (write) emails in Spanish in his room.
    May: I ________, (ask / already) him. He ________ (not know) where it is. I think you ________ (take) it.
    Bill: May, you know I ________ (not take) your books without asking. ________ (you / look) in the living room? Maybe ________ (you / leave) it there.
    May: Okay, I’ll check the living room. And what ________ (you / do)?
    Bill: Can you leave me alone, May? I ________ (work) on a project about Barcelona.
    May: Barcelona ________ (be) in Spain. Oh, no, what ________ (you / hide) there? This is my dictionary!
    Bill: I’m sorry, May but I really ________ (need) it. Please, let me finish!
    May: You are impossible, Bill! You can keep it for half an hour and then I ________ (want) it back.

6 Talking about appearances Complete the sentences about the urban tribes.
    1 Tom is a skater. He wears ________ clothes and ________ out at skate parks.
    2 My older brother is a metal head. He has got ________ hair and wears leather ________ and black T-shirts.
    3 I’d like to be a goth. I’m into ________ films and I wear silver ________ but I never wear ________ make-up or strange clothes.
    4 My neighbour is a trendy and wears clothes with labels and is into ________ and shopping.
    5 My mum says my dad was a punk. He wore ________ clothes and chains and had ________ and shaved ________.
REFERENCE

Talking about identity
I live in Madrid but my family roots are in the Basque Country. I speak Basque and I am proud of my language. One thing I love about my country is the food. I suppose I’m an adventurous outdoor person but I’m a bit too independent! I’m passionate about my football team, Athletic Bilbao. I’m also very keen on food and I’m a good cook. Finally, I’m not into wearing clothes with designer labels but I’m into band T-shirts.

Compound adjectives
These words are always joined with a hyphen (-): They are well-off and always go on expensive holidays. I think Robert Pattinson is very good-looking. My brother is very laid-back and easy-going and he never gets angry. She is very fashion-conscious and is always well-dressed in the latest styles. I don’t like ready-made food that you can buy in shops. He got a brand-new mountain bike for Christmas. It was nice-looking but he crashed it on the first day. I went to the cinema and saw a new 3-D film.

like
Verb of preference
I like going to the cinema. Would you like a cup of coffee?

Preposition
We use like as a preposition in these ways:
• to show that things are similar.
  My sister is like my dad and she hates getting up early.
• to ask for an opinion or a general description of something.
  What is she like? What type of person is she? What is the weather like?
• to ask about appearance.
  What does Kristen Stewart look like?
• to give an example.
  You can buy things for your avatar like virtual clothes and jewellery.

Present tenses

Present Simple
We use the Present Simple to talk about:
• activities that happen regularly, habits and routines. Most children start school at the age of six. I buy a lot of books.
• feelings, opinions, permanent situations. Some languages have no written form. I like learning languages.

Present Continuous
We use the Present Continuous to talk about:
• things happening exactly at the time of speaking. We’re waiting for our Spanish lesson. My brother is doing his homework.
• things happening around now, not necessarily at the time of speaking. Many local languages are disappearing. I’m learning Russian.

State verbs are not usually used with the Present Continuous:
agree, be, believe, belong, know, like, prefer, remember, want, understand

Present Perfect
We use the Present Perfect to talk about:
• past events that have consequences in the present. Many languages of small communities have become extinct. (they don’t exist) I can’t lend you my dictionary. I’ve lost it.
• past events, when it doesn’t matter when exactly they happened. Hundreds of languages have disappeared in the last decade. I’ve been to most European countries.
• situations that started in the past and are still going on. People have used medicinal plants for centuries. I’ve always been interested in languages.

Talking about appearances
To wear baggy/scruffy/dull clothes, loose shirts/baggy trousers, silver/gold jewellery chains, (black) make-up to have/have got long/shaved/dyed/straight hair, piercings/a tattoo to hang out at skate parks, clubs, shops to be obsessed with gaming/technology, into horror films/clubbing/gaming