

GRAMMAR introduction

a Read about Beata. Then correct the **bold** phrases 1–18.

My name's Beata and I'm from Poznań in Poland. I was born there and ¹**I have lived there** until I was 14. Then my family ²**decided move** to Warsaw, and that's where I live now.

I'm divorced and I have a son called Filip, who ³**is five years**. He spends weekdays with me and weekends with his father. I have two brothers, ⁴**which are** both studying at university. I am ⁵**the older child** in the family. My mother works in a bank and my father is retired. ⁶**He use to be** a business consultant.

I work for a big clothing company. I am ⁷**on charge of** foreign suppliers, which means that I have to use English when I talk to them on the phone, and sometimes I travel to other countries such as Morocco and Turkey ⁸**for to meet** suppliers.

⁹**I am learning** English for about nine years. I studied it at school, and then after I left school I spent eight weeks in Ireland. During the day I ¹⁰**was going to** English classes, and in the evening I worked ¹¹**like a waitress** in a restaurant. It was ¹²**a very hard work**. When I came home my English ¹³**has improved** a lot, but that was a few years ago and I've forgotten a lot since then. My main aim this year is ¹⁴**to be able speak** more fluently and to improve my writing. I think I am quite ¹⁵**good at read** in English. As soon as my level of English ¹⁶**will be good enough**, I'll take the IELTS exam.

I ¹⁷**have very few** free time, but when I can, I go horse riding. If I had more time, ¹⁸**I'll learn** another language, maybe French or German.



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| 1 <u>I lived there</u> | 10 _____ |
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b Write a similar text about yourself, in five paragraphs. Include the following information:

- where you live
- your family
- what you do
- how long you've been learning English and why
- what you do in your free time

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2 decided to move

3 is five / five years old

4 who are

5 the oldest / eldest child

6 He used to be

7 in charge of

8 to meet

9 I've been learning

10 went to

11 as a waitress

12 very hard work / a very hard job

13 had improved

14 to be able to speak

15 good at reading

16 is good enough

17 have very little

18 I'd learn