



Learning a Foreign Language

Task 1: Language Exchange Groups

Activity 1: Listening

Welcome to a practice listening for the ISE 1, listening task 1.

You are going to hear a talk about **language exchange groups**. You will hear the talk twice. As you listen, write down some notes about what you hear, if you want to. I will ask you six questions on some facts about **language exchange groups**. Are you ready?

Audio Script

Many people that are learning a foreign language often have trouble finding ways to practice it in order to be able to speak better. However, if they want to practice, they can always join a language exchange group. Some people that have done this say that it is a really amazing way to learn a language. A person that goes to a language exchange group will need to speak their language and the language that they are learning. Sometimes there might be more languages. This is great because everybody gets to practice. It's an outstanding way to make new friends and learn other cultures because of all the different people there are. You must know that you'll improve your listening and pronunciation skills like this. You have to keep in mind that in these groups you'll experience language immersion. It's a fun way to learn! If you participate in a language exchange group, you'll probably find that there are many activities and games that make it interesting and interactive. In the past, people were meeting in person at groups like these, but if you prefer not to, these days you can always join an online exchange group too. Anybody can practice if they want to!

Now I will ask you some questions. You only need to answer in a few words.

This is the end of listening task 1.



Questions & Answers:

1	How many languages are there in a language exchange group?	At least two (, sometimes more)
2	Why is this great?	Everybody gets to practice
3	When you make new friends at these groups, what will you learn about them?	Their culture
4	What skill will you improve?	Listening/pronunciation skill
5	What will you find in these groups that makes it fun and interactive?	Activities / Games
6	Where else can you join a language exchange group?	Online

Marks: +_ / +6



Activity 2: Reading

Find grammar in the audio script and highlight it, writing behind the grammar: For example:
You must know that... = You **must [modal verb: must]** know that

Grammar list:

- Present Perfect
- Because
- Because of
- Will for future use: will probably // will surely // will likely
- Adverbial quantities: a lot // much // many
- Expressions of preferences: I prefer // I would rather // I'd rather
- Zero Conditional
- First Conditional
- Past Continuous
- Modal verb: must
- Modal verb: Might
- Semi-modal verb: have to
- Semi-modal verb: need to
- Infinitive of Purpose: in order to // so as to

Once you have found all the grammar, write down some vocabulary and ideas in the audioscript.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.
- 8.
- 9.
- 10.



Activity 3: Writing

Write a review to your teacher (100 to 130 words) about a language exchange group that you participated in:

- >> Say when and where you went
- >> Tell what you did while you were there and
- >> Recommend who should go to a group like this

Plan your writing with the grammar, writing format, and ideas from the writing prompt before starting.



Activity 4: Speaking

Now, think about having a two minute conversation about: What are the advantages of joining a language exchange group? Is it something you would do? You can use ideas from the listening activity and/or add your own ideas.

What ideas can you use?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.

What questions can you ask?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.