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6 Minute English worksheet

Can apps teach you a language?



Listen to the full episode here: https://bbc.in/4d5CYmE

1. **Look at the cover image and title of the episode. What do you think this episode is about? What do you know about this topic already? What vocabulary do you associate with this topic?**

2. **Now listen to the first two minutes of the episode.**
   - What do the presenters say the episode is about?
   - What is this week's question? What do you think the answer is?

3. **Now listen to the whole episode. As you listen, write down the six items of vocabulary. What do they mean?**

a) Word/phrase: _____

It means: _____.

b) Word/phrase: _____

It means: _____.

c) Word/phrase: _____

It means: _____.

d) Word/phrase: _____

It means: _____.

e) Word/phrase: _____

It means: _____.

f) Word/phrase: _____

It means: _____.

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4. What did you learn that was surprising or new in this episode?

5. Answer the quiz questions. Listen again or use the transcript to help you.

1. Which of the following means being completely surrounded by something?
   a) immersion
   b) emulsion
   c) emergence

2. What kind of learning do language learning apps say they focus on?
   a) explicit teaching
   b) implicit teaching
   c) complicit teaching

3. According to Liz Wonnacott, why is it difficult for adults to learn a language like children do?
   a) adults get tired too easily
   b) children are more intelligent than adults
   c) adults only learn for a few hours a week

4. In the study comparing classroom teaching to learning on an app, on which tests did classroom learners improve more?
   a) listening
   b) writing
   c) speaking

5. Which word describes something that shows signs of being positive?
   a) concerning
   b) understanding
   c) promising

6. "The study only looked at _____ language learning app, so we need more research."
   a) one particular
   b) key
   c) immersion

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6. Write your own sentences using the vocabulary.

7. Answer the following questions.

- What are three things you have learnt from this episode?
- How does this topic make you feel?
- Give three examples relevant to your life using the vocabulary.

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Answers

3.

a. implicit – suggested or understood without being directly stated

b. explicit – communicated clearly and directly

c. immersion – experience of being completely surrounded by something

d. key finding – most important conclusion or discovery from a piece of research

e. promising – showing signs of being positive

f. one particular – one specific individual thing or person

5. 1a, 2b, 3c, 4a, 5c, 6a

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Teacher's notes
This worksheet is standardised so that you can amend and use it as appropriate with your classes.

Some topics may be difficult for learners, especially those which could be upsetting or cause offence. Please be mindful of this when using this worksheet and adapt it as necessary.

Extension activities

- Role-play an interview with an 'interviewer' and an 'expert' on this topic.
- Write a short story or article using the vocabulary from this episode.
- Read original articles on this topic.
- For homework: If it is available in your country, download and listen to the original podcast these extracts were taken from.

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