

Word on the Street

Paris Scene 1 – Language Focus

Exercises

Answers are at the end of this support pack.

Activity 1

Here are some things you can do to help yourself communicate better in an English-speaking country. Which of these things do Stephen and Rob talk about?

1. Talk to people in English as much as you can. Practise!
2. Plan what you're going to say (e.g. buying a train ticket).
3. Practise speaking by yourself (e.g. with a phrase book).
4. Tell people if you don't understand ('What does __ mean?').
5. Ask people to repeat ('Sorry, can you say that again?').
6. Ask people to speak more slowly ('Can you slow down a bit?').
7. Focus more on words and expressions, and less on grammar.
8. Don't worry too much about making mistakes.

Activity 2

Choose 'do' or 'make' to complete the sentences.

1. I'll need to _____ a lot of work

before I'm ready for this exam.

- a) do
 - b) make
2. Excuse me, I just need to _____ a quick phone call.
 - a) do
 - b) make
 3. Don't worry about it. We all _____ mistakes.
 - a) do
 - b) make
 4. There's no food in the flat. We really should _____ some shopping.
 - a) do
 - b) make
 5. Tina's a great cook but she always _____ a terrible mess in the kitchen.
 - a) does
 - b) makes
 6. Although we _____ our best, we lost the football match 4–1.
 - a) did
 - b) made
 7. No, you can't go out tonight! Go and _____ your homework.
 - a) do
 - b) make
 8. This is the most difficult decision I've ever had to _____.
 - a) do
 - b) make

9. I like Andrzej but I'm not sure we should _____ business together. He's not always reliable.

- a) do
- b) make

10. If you want to learn a foreign language, you really have to be ready to _____ an effort.

- a) do
- b) make

11. Sadly, I spent all my time in Paris working. I didn't have time to _____ any sightseeing.

- a) do
- b) make

Activity 3

Can you remember the sentences from the last activity? Complete them with the correct words.

1. I'll need to _____ a lot of _____ before I'm ready for this exam.
2. Excuse me, I just need to _____ a

quick _____ .

3. Don't worry about it. We all _____ .

4. There's no food in the flat. We really should _____ some _____ .

5. Tina's a great cook but she always _____ a terrible _____ in the kitchen.

6. Although we _____ our _____ , we lost the football match 4-1.

7. No, you can't go out tonight! Go and _____ your _____ .

8. This is the most difficult _____ I've ever had to _____ .

9. I like Andrzej but I'm not sure we should _____ together. He's not always reliable.

10. If you want to learn a foreign language, you really have to be ready to _____ an _____ .

11. Sadly, I spent all my time in Paris working. I didn't have time to _____ any _____ .

Answers

Activity 1

1. Talk to people in English as much as you can. Practise!
3. Practise speaking by yourself (e.g. with a phrase book)
8. Don't worry too much about making mistakes.

Activity 2

1. a) do
2. b) make
3. b) make
4. a) do
5. b) makes
6. a) did
7. a) do
8. b) make
9. a) do
10. b) make
11. a) do

Activity 3

1. I'll need to do a lot of work before I'm ready for this exam.
2. Excuse me, I just need to make a quick phone/telephone call.
3. Don't worry about it. We all make mistakes.
4. There's no food in the flat. We really should do some shopping.
5. Tina's a great cook but she always makes a terrible mess in the kitchen.
6. Although we did our best, we lost the football match 4-1.
7. No, you can't go out tonight! Go and do your homework.
8. This is the most difficult decision I've ever had to make.
9. I like Andrzej but I'm not sure we should do business together.
10. If you want to learn a foreign language, you really have to be ready to make an effort.
11. Sadly, I spent all my time in Paris working. I didn't have time to do any sightseeing.