

Word on the Street

Paris Scene 2 – Language Focus

Exercises

Answers are at the end of this support pack.

Activity 1

Use the correct words to complete Rob's advice about language learning.

say / say / message / learn /
communication / communicate

Language is about _____. You can make mistakes and still _____ with people, still get your _____ across, and that's the important thing. Grammar is important, of course, but if you worry so much about grammar mistakes that you don't want to _____ anything, well then you'll never _____ anything! You can't _____ without making mistakes.

Activity 2

Choose the correct word, 'well' or 'good', to complete the sentences.

1. Everyone says that you're a really _____ dancer. Is that true?
2. I think Manchester played extremely _____. They deserved to win.
3. Thierry did quite _____ in his exams. He might even get a scholarship.
4. If you're going to learn the piano,

you need a _____ teacher.

5. He's not especially handsome but he's always _____ dressed.
6. I love being a travel guide but it's not very _____ paid.
7. What are you cooking? It smells really _____.
8. Aylwen isn't coming to work today. She's not _____.

Activity 3

'well' is one of the most common and important words in English because it has a lot of different uses in conversation. Match uses with the examples.

We use 'well' when we want someone else to speak. / We use 'well' when we change what we say. / We use 'well' to signal the end of a conversation. / We use 'well' to give ourselves time to think. / We use 'well' to express surprise. / We use 'well' to disagree or correct someone more politely.

1. **A:** How many different countries have you visited?
B: Well ... Thirteen? Fourteen? Definitely more than ten.

2. I don't like John, well, he's OK, but I don't think he's a good manager.

3. **A:** Silvio's from Brazil, isn't he? So

he must speak Spanish.

B: Well, no, Brazilians speak Portuguese.

4. Well? How did your job interview go? Was it OK?

5. **A:** Have you heard? Jane and Andy are getting married.

B: Well, well, well, I didn't expect that! How did you find out?

6. Well, I'd better go now. I'll phone again next week, OK?

Answers

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Activity 2

1. Everyone says that you're a really good dancer. Is that true?
2. I think Manchester played extremely well. They deserved to win.
3. Thierry did quite well in his exams. He might even get a scholarship.
4. If you're going to learn the piano, you need a good teacher.
5. He's not especially handsome but he's always well dressed.
6. I love being a travel guide but it's not very well paid.
7. What are you cooking? It smells really good.
8. Aylwen isn't coming to work today. She's not well.

Activity 3

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We use 'well' to signal the end of a conversation.

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