KEY

I grew up in a **1**. **{{monolingual}}** family. My parents speak only Finnish, and in my **2**. **{{childhood}}** I had very few real-life **3**. **{{experiences}}** with any other language.

However, I spent countless hours online from early on, and the online **4.** **{{community}}** I was part of used English. In order to **5.** **{{interact}}** with **6**. **{{strangers}}**, I had to start using English as well.

I was uncomfortable at first about how it would play out or if I would **7.** **{{fail}}** because I wasn’t a **8.** **{{native}}** speaker. But **9**. **{{despite}}** my fears, everything went smoothly.
Over the years, I’ve become friends with a lot of people from all around the world. Finnish may be my first language, but a percentage of my **10.** **{{identity}}** is definitely English-speaking.

KEY

1. The setting / staging of/for the commercial / advert / advertisement / ad was in a frightening / scary location / place.

2. Working as an engineer has changed me dramatically.

3. I did a search on you / I searched you on the internet and you had become a meme!

4. The celebrities gave a talk / speech about mental health.

5. If you have / you’ve questions about the brand / the (product) label or discounts, (please) contact (the) customer service.

KEY

It is said that bullies are made, not born. How is a bully made then? Do bullies share any 1. **{{characteristics}}**? Many bullies think highly of themselves. They often 2. **{{expect}}** everyone to behave according to their wishes. Children who bully don’t understand how their actions make people feel. They may witness violence or aggression at home, and they have a positive view of this 3. **{{behaviour}}** and they act aggressively towards other people. These children lack 4. **{{social}}** problem-solving skills and they are not good at giving emotional 5. pressure/spirits/{{support}}. A 6. **{{typical}}** bully often has academic troubles, as well. The victim of a bully is likely to be noticeably 7. **{{rejected}}** and isolated by 8. **{{peers}}** When it comes to girls as bullies, they are often popular girls who 9. **{{wear}}** the right clothes and have the right style. They are 10. **{{valued}}** by friends and teachers.For some reason, they select an average girl to bully, someone with 2 to 3 friends or no friends at all.

KEY

1. apartment 2. Instead of 3. admit 4. unreasonable 5. donate 6. get rid of 7. cover 8. mess

9. carpet

10. shelves

KEY

English is in constant change, thanks to an ever wider user-base and its 1. **{{usage}}** as a global language. According to Lexico.com, there are about 171,500 words in 2. **{{current}}**  use, and roughly 47,000 that are no longer in use. *The Oxford English Dictionary* 3. **{{adds}}**  new words to their database every year.

A heated 4. **{{debate}}** between students 5. **{{took place}}** in the corridor this past Monday. According to our sources, two students had been denied 6. **{{access}}** to the students’ lounge due to candy going missing from the vending machine. The incident came to a conclusion as a third party 7. **{{was identified}}** as having taken a chocolate bar without paying. The person in question was sent to the principal’s office.

In other news: A secret to a happy life has been found, scientists 8. **{{claim}}**. A local research team 9. **{{announced}}** they did 10. **{{experiments}}** over a coffee break. The findings: It’s not the coffee in your cup--it’s the people you’re talking with.

KEY

**1. Have you played**

**2. are playing**

**3.** **knows**

**4.** **don't believe/do not**

**5.** **runs**

**6. finds/discovers**

**7. doesn't find/does not find/doesn't discover/does not discover**

**8.** **seems/appears**

**9.** **were picking/were gathering**

**10.** **was lying**

**11.** **have come back/have returned/'ve come back/'ve returned**

12. **had found/found/'d found**

**13.** **didn't find/did not find/didn't discover/did not discover**

**14. found**

**15.** **do you think**

KEY

1. **Have you been kissing / Have you kissed someone**?

2. When **were you born**?

3. What a lovely sweater! Where **did you buy it / did you purchase it**?

4. I **used to drink / was in the habit of drinking / was accustomed to drinking** tea in the morning but now I prefer coffee.

5. Who **discovered / found** America?

6. I really like your jumper. **Didn't your grandmother knit / Didn't your granny knit** it?

7. **I've lived/have lived / 've been living / have been living** in this town ever since I was a teenager.

8. During the autumn break we **were staying / stayed** in a four star hotel in New York.

9. How many plays **did Shakespeare write**?

10. My best friend Louisa **hasn't heard / has not heard** this song before.

KEY

Everyone **loves** the first day of school at a new school, right? Life at a new school **doesn't contain/won't contain/does not contain/will not contain/is not going to contain/isn’t going to contain** anything that we are used to. Instead, it **means/will mean/'ll mean/is going to mean/’s going to mean** new classes and new friends. **Doesn't it sound / Does it not sound** like a day full of potential and hope?

My reason for liking the first day of school **has been** a bit different for years now. You see, I **have had/'ve had** a sort of power or a sense ever since I was a kid. When I **look/am looking/'m looking** at people, I usually **sense** a sort of aura around them. While I **'m trying/am trying** to read their aura, (you see, it doesn’t happen in a minute!) some people might tell me to stop staring. Well, if I**'ve been staring/have been staring** at them for several minutes, I can’t blame them really, can I?

KEY

1. This shirt looks great, **doesn't it/does it not?**

2. You don’t know him, **do you**?

3. They hadn’t seen it before, **had they**?

4. I am right again, **aren't I/am I not**?

5. You never listen to me, **do you**?

6. Somebody should do something, **shouldn't they/should they not?**

7. This can’t be true, **can it**?