

Read the text *Learning English* on page 75 of your coursebook and listen to the recording of it on track 39 of the Learner CD.

Here are some sentences about learning English. Fill in the gaps using these words:

by during if until when while

- 1 My grandfather didn't start learning English he was thirty years old.
- 2 He started learning English the Second World War.
- 3 He took English lessons he was a prisoner of war in a British prison camp.
- 4 the end of the war he could speak English quite well.
- 5 he returned to Germany he got a job as a translator.
- 6 Later, I knew him, he always had an English book with him.
- 7 He liked reading English novels he was travelling by train.
- 8 He often told me I should learn English poems heart.
- 9 He always encouraged me my years as a university student.
- 10 He was very proud of me I got my university degree in English literature.
- 11 He never went to university, but he had, I'm sure he would have studied English literature, too.

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- 2 He started learning English *during*..... the Second World War.
- 3 He took English lessons *while*..... he was a prisoner of war in a British prison camp.
- 4 *By*..... the end of the war he could speak English quite well.
- 5 *When*..... he returned to Germany he got a job as a translator.
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- 7 He liked reading English novels *while/when*..... he was travelling by train.
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