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### **Comprehension activity**

Elija la opción que responda a la pregunta adecuadamente.

1. Where did James Thompson start teaching English?
  - a) In Spain
  - b) In South Africa
  - c) Right after he graduated from university
  - d) In China
  
2. In which country did James mention there's a strong focus on grammar and written English?
  - a) Spain
  - b) South Africa
  - c) China
  - d) USA
  
3. According to James, what is emphasized more in Spain's English teaching?
  - a) Written exercises
  - b) Grammar
  - c) Spoken English
  - d) Reading
  
4. What did James say about making mistakes while learning English?
  - a) They should be avoided.



- b) They are a crucial part of the learning process.
- c) They indicate a lack of understanding.
- d) They should be minimized.

5. What advice did James give about learning English?

- a) Focus only on grammar.
- b) Avoid watching English movies.
- c) Be patient with yourself.
- d) Race through the learning process.

Ponga la palabra mencionada en el audio para responder a las siguientes preguntas:

6. What is the name of the guest on the podcast?

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7. Which university activity did James start after completing?

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8. Which country did James mention alongside Spain and South Africa?

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9. What kind of exercises did James mention students engage in a lot in Spain?

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10. What word did James use to describe the English teaching approach in South Africa?

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## **Script**

### **Teaching English Around the World**

#### **Intro:**



Hello, language learners! Welcome to another episode of our English learning podcast. Today, we have a very special guest with us. His name is James Thompson, a seasoned English teacher who has taught in various countries around the world, including China, Spain, and South Africa. Welcome to the show, James!

**James:**

Thank you for having me! I'm excited to share my experiences with your listeners.

**Host:**

We're thrilled to have you here, James. Let's dive right in. Can you tell us a little bit about your journey as an English teacher?

**James:**

Absolutely. I started teaching English right after I graduated from university. I was always fascinated by languages and cultures, so I decided to combine these passions and teach English abroad. I've taught in several countries, each with its own unique approach to language learning.

**Host:**

That sounds like an incredible journey. Can you share some of the differences you've noticed in how English is taught and learned in different cultures?

**James:**

Certainly. In China, for example, there's a strong focus on grammar and written English. Students spend a lot of time studying English texts and doing written exercises. In Spain, on the other hand, there's a greater emphasis on spoken English. Students engage in a lot of conversation practice and role-play exercises. In South Africa, English teaching is more holistic, combining reading, writing, speaking, and listening skills.

**Host:**

That's fascinating. How have these differences influenced your teaching approach?



**James:**

They've taught me that there's no one-size-fits-all approach to language learning. What works for one student might not work for another. I've learned to adapt my teaching style to suit the needs of my students, whether that means focusing more on grammar, conversation, or a combination of skills.

**Host:**

That's a valuable lesson. What advice would you give to our listeners who are learning English?

**James:**

I would say, be patient with yourself. Learning a new language is a journey, not a race. It's okay to make mistakes - in fact, mistakes are a crucial part of the learning process. And most importantly, try to make learning English fun. Watch English movies, listen to English music, read English books. The more you enjoy the process, the more you'll learn.

**Host:**

That's wonderful advice, James. Thank you for sharing your experiences and insights with us today.

**James:**

It was my pleasure. Thank you for having me.

**Outro:**

And that's a wrap for today's episode, folks. A big thank you to James Thompson for joining us and sharing his wisdom. Remember, language learning is a journey, so enjoy the ride. Until next time, happy learning!

**Answer key**



Opción Múltiple:

1. c) Right after he graduated from university
2. c) China
3. c) Spoken English
4. b) They are a crucial part of the learning process.
5. c) Be patient with yourself.

Identificar y Recordar:

6. James Thompson
7. Graduated
8. China
9. Role-play exercises
10. Holistic



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