

**A    Work in groups. Discuss whether you think vocabulary or grammar is more important. Explain your ideas.**

**B    Look at the statistics about grammar below. Then discuss these questions in small groups.**

- 1    Do any of the statistics surprise you?
- 2    What might each piece of information mean for your learning?

1    In spoken and written English, around 80% of all verbs used are in the present simple or past simple.

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2    Many grammatical structures, such as the future continuous, are used less than 1% of the time.

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3    One question forms around 50% of all examples of the present perfect continuous: *How long have you been doing that?*

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4    Many words and expressions go with particular grammatical patterns. For example, *make someone redundant* is often used in the passive: *He was made redundant.*

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