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Unit 4.1 Learning Languages

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Task 1. Match to the correct definition. Write the suitable letter (a-h) in the correct place.

Look at the sentences below. What do you think the underlined words and phrases mean? Match them to the definitions on the right.

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| ☐ | 1. Teenagers use a lot of <u>slang</u> that I don't understand. | a. a large number of different words and expressions |
| ☐ | 2. It took me four years to <u>master</u> Spanish. | b. difficult but interesting |
| ☐ | 3. It's easy to <u>pick up</u> . | c. difficult to understand |
| ☐ | 4. It has a rich <u>vocabulary</u> . | d. learn by listening and practising |
| ☐ | 5. My <u>fluency</u> in English has improved a lot this year. | e. learn something very well |
| ☐ | 6. Learning all the tenses can be <u>challenging</u> . | f. strange and very different |
| ☐ | 7. It's completely <u>alien</u> to me. | g. the ability to speak a language easily and well |
| ☐ | 8. The grammar is very <u>complicated</u> . | h. very informal words and expressions used by a group of people |

Task 2. Listen to the conversation and complete the text below with the underlined words in task 1.

- Nico: Hey Sarah! How are you?
- Sarah: Pretty good. I'm just on my way home from French class.
- Nico: How are your classes going?
- Sarah: Great! My teacher says that I've come a long way. In the beginning I could hardly say a word, but now my _____¹ is pretty good.
- Nico: That's great. You must be studying very hard.
- Sarah: I am. I've been taking classes for almost a year, and I try to practise as much as possible. I'll be ordering *café au lait* in Paris in no time!
- Nico: I wish English was easier. _____². I understand a lot and can get by in conversations. But the grammar is very _____³ and it is hard for me to understand _____⁴.
- Sarah: Yeah, the grammar is definitely hard to _____⁵. And English also has a really _____⁶, which can be _____⁷ for learners. Actually, I'm lucky that a lot of English vocabulary comes from French, so the language doesn't sound completely _____⁸ to me.