

LISTENING



4 A Listen to three people answering the questions below. Write their answers.

Which language did you learn?

How did you learn it?

	Which?	How?
Maria		
Ahmed		
Jessie		

B Listen again and answer the questions.

1 Which country outside Europe did Maria visit?

2 What is her job now?

3 Where did Ahmed move to?

4 How did he communicate to start with?

5 Why does Jessie think Americans don't learn other languages?

6 Which country did she live in for a while?

C Read the extracts from the recording. What do you think the words and phrases in bold mean? Match them with meanings a)–f).

1 ... they were really **eager** for me to learn English ...

2 It was a **culture shock** ...

3 ... living in Beirut always felt very **cosmopolitan**.

4 But I did some **part-time** Dutch classes ...

5 ... we aren't **great** about learning new languages.

6 I **picked it** up in my day-to-day life.

a) a feeling of confusion when in a new and different country

b) extremely intelligent or skilled

c) for only part of a day or a week

d) very interested, wanting to do something very much

e) to learn informally without classes, by exposure

f) having people from different parts of the world

B Read the emails and underline the correct alternatives.

To: psanchez@yahoo.es

Subject: hi!

From: danielagjones@hotmail.com

Hi Pilar/Dear Madam Pilar,

I am writing to greet you/How are you? As you know, I'm going to stay with you this summer. I ¹have decided to/thought I'd send an email to introduce myself. My name's Daniela, but my friends call me Danny, and I hope you will, too.

I'm eighteen years old and going to college, studying Business and Economics. I have lots of hobbies. I love riding horses, swimming, listening to music, and I also play the flute. My favorite hobby, though, is dancing. I ²am especially fond of/really like samba and salsa.

I ³can't wait to stay/look forward to staying with you in Spain, though my Spanish isn't very good!

⁴Hope/I hope to hear from you soon.

Danny

To: membership@taas.com

Subject: Introductions

From: hatquist@ltsu.edu

Dear members/Hello everybody,

I'm writing to say/h¹ am writing to introduce myself. As many of you know, I will begin in the role of chairperson of the Teachers' Association of Minnesota at the end of this month. ²I would like to take this opportunity/I really want to outline my major plans for the Association over the coming year.

*I am a **math** and physics teacher. I have been in the profession for over forty years in a variety of roles: teacher, administrative assistant, principal and school inspector.*

My first priority is to increase membership. In the last six years, we have seen a decrease of almost 30% in our numbers. I have various proposals for achieving this, which ³I'll tell you about/I will explain during our first meeting next month.

⁴I look forward to working with you all/See you all soon.

⁵All the best/Yours faithfully,

Jacqueline Hatquist  **LIVEWORKSHEETS**

READING

5 A Do you think statements 1–4 are about men or women? Who said them: men or women?

- 1 They do things first and think about the risks later.
- 2 They remember useless information.
- 3 They notice when something is dirty or needs replacing.
- 4 They always remember birthdays and anniversaries.

B Read the text below and check.

C Write the name of the person who makes similar statements to the ones below.

- 1 Men hate to say, "I don't know." Aisha
- 2 Men cannot "multitask"; they can only concentrate on one thing at a time.
- 3 Men are very direct when they need something.
- 4 Women are more fluent than men when they speak.
- 5 Women are more maternal; they understand what is good for young children.
- 6 Women have better memories for dates than men.

D Find words in the text to match definitions 1–5.

- 1 the ability to see the position, size or shape of things (paragraph 2)
- 2 give you the tools or abilities that you need (paragraph 2)
- 3 more or to a greater degree (paragraph 3)
- 4 not closely (paragraph 5)
- 5 natural abilities or feelings that make people and animals know something (paragraph 7)

VOCABULARY PLUS

COLLOCATIONS



6 Complete the phrases with go, take, get or do. Use each verb three times.

1 <u>get</u> a job	7 <u> </u> gray
2 <u> </u> a break	8 <u> </u> her a favor
3 <u> </u> part in a survey	9 <u> </u> responsibility
4 <u> </u> some research	10 <u> </u> angry
5 <u> </u> my homework	11 <u> </u> up the guitar
6 <u> </u> along with people	12 <u> </u> for a walk

chatzone 1

Men and Women—What They Say about Each Other

- ① The battle of the sexes has probably been going on since the first caveman left his dirty dishes on the floor of the cave. A subject of endless discussion, it has inspired a million jokes and articles and almost as many books.
- ② However, a recent study tells us that men and women really do think differently. Our brains are built differently. The results of the study suggest that men have better spatial perception (driving, sports), while women's brains equip them better for remembering words and speaking fluently.
- ③ The scientists examined only a small part of the brain, and they say that further research needs to be done. Here at chatzone1, we have done some less scientific research. We asked people, "What are the differences between the sexes?" Here are their answers.

What Women Say about Men

- ④ Men remember useless information, like how fast an airplane can go, even if they'll never fly one. (Heather)
If you ask a man a question, he'll always have an answer, even if it's the wrong one. (Aisha)
Men do things first and think about the risks later. (Candy)
Men cannot watch sports on TV and talk to women at the same time. (Ma)

What Men Say about Men

- ⑤ Men know that common house spiders aren't as dangerous as rattlesnakes. (Daniel)
Men can drive without looking at themselves in the mirror every ten seconds. (Ron)
Men can watch a whole movie without interrupting to ask, "Who is he?" "What's her job?" "Does he like her?" (Alfred)
When men want something, they ask for it instead of making a comment distantly related to the subject and hoping their partner will guess what the real subject is. (Guy)

What Men Say about Women

- ⑥ Women couldn't invent weapons that kill, only weapons that make you feel really guilty until you say sorry. (Kent)
While men speak in sentences, women speak in paragraphs. (Sergio)
Women are happy to own twenty CDs, while men need 200. (Steve)
Women order salad and then eat the man's French fries. (Kazeem)

What Women Say about Women

- ⑦ Women have natural instincts about what is dangerous for babies. (Linda)
Women notice when something is dirty or needs replacing. (Carol)
Only women can understand other women. (Xun)
Women have calendars in their brains: we remember birthdays and anniversaries easily. (Avril)