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The secrets of learning a new language

Want to learn a new language but don't know how? Watch the TED Talk about the secrets of polyglots and start today.

Lýdia Machová



A. Choose True or False.

1. Lýdia Machová speaks ten languages.
2. Polyglots are people who speak a lot of languages.
3. Lýdia wanted to find out the methods polyglots use to learn languages.
4. Benny studied languages first from grammar books to avoid mistakes.
5. People can learn languages with no need to travel abroad.
6. Lucas learnt Russian by listening to other people's conversations.
7. Polyglots learn languages in different ways.
8. Some of them learn languages from recipes.
9. Lýdia learnt Spanish by reading from Spanish magazines and newspapers.
10. She enjoys learning German from "Friends" sitcom.

B. Tick the other methods she mentions:

a. reading books in the target language

b. copying and pasting messages on Skype

c. imitating sounds of the language

d. learning the 500 most frequent words

e. watching films with subtitles

f. reading about the grammar

C. Match the sentences halves.

1. If you don't like writing words down,
2. If you don't like listening to textbook material,
3. If you're a more introverted person,

a. find content on YouTube or in podcasts.

b. you can apply the method of self-talk.

c. you can type them in an app.



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