

Learning languages

1. Do you know anybody who speaks two or more languages well? Which languages do they speak? How did they learn them?

You're going to watch an interview with Alex Rawlings, who speaks 11 languages. Match the greetings 1-11 to the languages. Then watch Part 1 and check.

1 Afrikaans
2 Catalan
3 Dutch
4 English

5 French
6 German
7 Greek
8 Hebrew

9 Italian
10 Russian
11 Spanish



Part 1

Part 2

Now watch Part 2. Why does Alex mention...?

- 1 a completely new adventure
- 2 Greek and German
- 3 Chinese and Slovene
- 4 British and Irish languages, a recent trip to Wales
- 5 Russian
- 6 YouTube; vocabulary and grammar

Part 3

Watch Part 3 and answer the questions.

- 1 Why do people sometimes fail to learn a language?
- 2 Why did Alex find Afrikaans easy to learn?
- 3 Why do the British and Americans find it difficult to learn foreign languages?
- 4 Complete Alex's tips:

You never _____ learning a language.

Try to spend _____ a day on the language you are learning.