Listening Task 1 – Listening for gist – exercise 1

Speaker 1

Some people have someone to teach and help them when they first get in the pool, and others just _____ how to do it themselves. I think _____ you have a teacher or not, the _____ thing is not to panic. You've got to be positive. If you stand in the _____ end, you'll be fine. You will _____, you won't _____, and you aren't in danger. Then just try moving _____ the water a bit. You'll soon get the hang of it.

Speaker 2

Whether it's the violin, the guitar or the piano, the principle's the same. Your teacher _____ you and teaches you key _____, but the real work has to happen outside of the lesson. It doesn't _____ whether you have a lesson once a week or a lesson every day, you need to spend _____ hours a day on your _____, in your room, playing and playing and playing. It's the only way you'll _____.

Speaker 3

When I started learning English – like everyone – I sometimes _____ word for word from Russian into English, and sometimes you can do that and get it _____, but often you get it _____, because they say things in a _____ way in English. That's one of the things you have to learn. But you also need to learn that you shouldn't be afraid to get it wrong. It's better to try and _____ than say nothing at all. And even if you don't get it _____ right, they'll _____ still understand you.

Speaker 4

I started with _____ – you know, those little _____ at the back that stop you _____ over. That's a good way to learn. Then I think my dad took them off and held my _____ while I _____. It doesn't take long till you can _____ on your own. I think it's something every kid should learn. By the time you're a teenager, you should be _____ riding with traffic on the roads.

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