

EXERCISE 5

Read the article about learning languages. Then complete the exercise.

Choose the correct answers. Read the article on the first screen again to help you.

Today, there are so many ways to learn a new language. People can take language courses at school or college, in the evenings, in another country, online, or even using apps on their phone. However, many adults still find it difficult and so there are advantages to learning a new language as a young child.

Young children learn new languages faster than teenagers and adults. This is because they haven't spoken their first language for a very long time, so their brains are still 'ready' to learn languages. If children hear people speaking another language, they will quickly learn how to speak it. Of course, the best way for children to learn a new language is to move to a country where people speak the language. If this is not possible, parents could send their children to a school that teaches some lessons in another language. Younger children may also enjoy watching cartoons or reading storybooks with pictures. This will help them to learn new words.

Teenagers can learn new languages easily if they are interested in the language and the country where it is from. However, not all teenagers enjoy learning languages at school, so it is important that they learn languages in interesting ways. For example, they might enjoy watching films and television programmes, or reading books and magazines. A new way to learn languages is through mobile phone apps, which teenagers often enjoy, especially if they have a lot of games. Also, having a penfriend helps teenagers to improve their writing, and going on a language exchange with their school helps them to improve their speaking.

In conclusion, children, teenagers and adults learn languages differently, so they need different ways to practise. It's a good thing for people to learn to speak another language when they are young. It can help them to get better grades at school and it can be useful when they visit another country. However, the most important advantage is that it is easier to learn a language as a child than it is as an adult.

1. The essay talks about the apps/courses/ways that people learn languages.
2. Adults/Children/Teenagers learn new languages more quickly than other people.
3. For children to learn a language, the best thing is go online/to school/to the country.
4. Cartoons and books will help children to learn new pictures/stories/words.
5. Some teenagers need easy/interesting/new ways to learn languages.
6. One way for teenagers to help their writing in a new language is to download apps/have a penfriend/read magazines.

7. Younger and older people don't learn languages in different/fun/ the same ways.
8. It is an advantage/easier/more difficult to learn a new language as an adult than as a child.