

Read the article on page 19 about Antonio Souza's experience learning English with a pen pal. Complete the answers to these questions.

a What was his pen pal's name? His pen pal's name was _____
and where was she from? She was from _____

b Was Antonio able to learn English and speak fluently? Yes / No
What evidence do you have for your answer?

His English was _____ every day but he needed to improve his _____, so he did _____ with Hannah. He spoke English with Hannah and her family for three whole days. His English improved _____ in the month he spent with Hannah and her family. He _____ his lifelong dream of _____ a foreign language.

c What happened to his friendship with his pen pal over time?

They are still _____ today. He visited her again in the United States and Hannah visited his hometown Óbidos again during her gap year.

Look at these words and phrases from the article. Categorize them under the headings in the table. use your dictionary if necessary.

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Use a word or phrase from exercise 3 to complete the comprehension questions.

- a What did Antonio's teachers do when they realized that he had a(n) _____ for languages?
- b Why did Antonio find an Internet _____?
- c Why were Hannah's brothers considered _____ and _____?
- d Which sports did Hannah's _____ sisters play?
- e Why did Hannah's parents _____ Antonio and treat him like one of the family?
- f Are Hannah and Antonio still _____ with each other? How?
- g What did Antonio do so that his English would not become _____?

Complete the answers to the questions.

- a Antonio's teachers _____ him to find internet _____ to practice his _____
- b To _____ his new language skills.
- c Because they wore _____ clothes and used all the _____ slang.
- d they played _____.
- e So that he wouldn't feel _____.
- f Yes / No. They _____ each other at _____ and special _____ like _____ and _____.
- g Antonio continued to _____ his English so he would _____ become _____.