



b Read the quotes about learning a language. Match three to images a–c. Have you ever learned a language for these reasons?

 I'm learning Arabic because I'm studying Middle Eastern history and need to read old documents. I'm not **confident** enough to have a conversation though. I feel **self-conscious** when I make a mistake.

Michael678 July 4, 9:16

 I've recently retired, but I'm very **outgoing**. I didn't want to sit around getting bored so I've started German classes. The grammar is very difficult—there's so much to learn. I have to be really **dedicated** so I don't fall behind.

Steeleg777 July 4, 9:22

 **Rio.girl** I have a new job in Brazil, and I've been taking a course in Portuguese here in Rio. I'm really enjoying it. The other students are really **talkative** so the class is fun. And the people here are so **laid-back** it's like being on vacation. 😊

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 **Desharker** I've been studying Chinese because my girlfriend's from Shanghai. She speaks good English, but she's more **lively** in Chinese. When she's with her friends, she's really **witty**—she makes them laugh all the time. I want to get to know that side of her character. 😊

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VOCABULARY: Describing people

1 a Match the words in bold in **SPEAKING 1b** to definitions 1–8.

- 1 funny and quick-thinking
- 2 relaxed, doesn't worry about anything
- 3 very friendly and sociable
- 4 sure of your abilities
- 5 wanting to talk a lot
- 6 nervous, insecure
- 7 hardworking, doesn't give up
- 8 full of life and energy

b Complete the e-mail with the words in **1a**.

Hi James,

My new English class is so much fun! Our teacher's really ⁽¹⁾ He's always full of energy!

I felt a little ⁽²⁾ at first because I'm worried about my pronunciation, but it's getting better. I sit next to Ahmed. He's very ⁽³⁾ —always the first person to say hello and introduce himself. He's really ⁽⁴⁾ , too. He can talk about anything to anyone so he's helped me feel more ⁽⁵⁾ in class. He's also very ⁽⁶⁾ —he makes everyone laugh.

I've also made friends with Freya. She's very ⁽⁷⁾ though the teacher thinks she's a little *too* relaxed and needs to work harder! I don't have that problem; I'm as ⁽⁸⁾ as ever! I know all the grammar because I study every night!

Talk soon, Kimeko