

2 ☆☆ Complete the blog post with the words in the box.

conversation exchange ~~course~~
podcasts recorded myself study group

How I learnt Mandarin Chinese in six months.

Yes, it is possible! It helped that I moved to China, but it still took a lot of hard work! First, I took a **1** course at my local college – I think you need a teacher! But a few lessons a week aren't enough, so I set up a **2** _____ with other learners from my college. We met for an hour a day and we helped each other. I also did a **3** _____ online every evening – chatting to people is a great way to learn! As my language got better, I started to listen to **4** _____ and I **5** _____ so I could compare my pronunciation to the podcasts. After six months, I was confident speaking the language – job done!



- 3 ☆☆ Choose the correct words to complete the tips for learning the guitar.

Top tips for learning the guitar

- 1 Get a really good teacher, then listen to them and follow/do/
listen their instructions.
- 2 Keep **practise/practising/to practise** – play every day, at
least an hour a day.
- 3 Watch video **shows/tutorials/learning**, especially if you want
to learn a particular song.
- 4 **Do/Use/Take** apps. My favourite is Songsterr, where you can
listen to songs while you play along.
- 5 Learn a few tunes **with memory/by heart/in your mind**.
It's such a good feeling when you play them to your friends,
and you feel like a real professional!

