TEDTalks: I love learning foreign languages.

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PART 1

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I love _____ foreign languages. In fact, I love it _____ much **that** I like to learn a new language _____ two years. Currently working _____ my eighth one. When people find that _____ about me, they always ask me, "How do you do that? What's your secret?" And _____ be honest, for many years, my answer would be, "I don't know. I simply love learning languages." But people _____ never happy with that answer. They wanted to know why they are s_____ years trying to learn even one language, never a_____ fluency, and here I come, learning one language after _____. They wanted to know the secret of polyglots, people who speak a lot of languages. And that made me wonder, too, how do actually o_____ polyglots do it? What do we have _____ common? And what is it that **enables** us to _____ languages so much faster than other people? I decided to meet other people _____ me and find that out.

The best place to meet a lot of polyglots is an event where hundreds of language _____ meet in one place to practise their languages. _____ are several such polyglot events organized all a_____ the world, and so I decided to go there and ask polyglots about the methods that they use.

And so I met Benny from Ireland, _____ told me that his method is to start speaking from day one. He learns a few phrases _____ a travel phrasebook and goes to meet native speakers and starts having conversations with them _____ away. He doesn't mind _____ even 200 mistakes _____ day, because that's how he learns, based _____ the feedback. And the best thing is, he _____ even need to travel a lot today, because you can easily have conversations with _____ speakers from the comfort of your living room, using websites.

I also met Lucas from Brazil who had a really interesting method ___ learn Russian. He simply added a hundred random Russian speakers _____ Skype as friends, and then he opened a chat window with one of them and wrote "Hi" in Russian. And the person replied, "Hi, how are you?" Lucas _____ this and put it into a text window with another person, and the person replied, "I'm fine, thank you, and how are you?" Lucas copied this back to the first person, and __ this way, he had two strangers have a conversation with each other w_____ knowing about it.

And soon he would start typing himself, because he had so many of th_____ conversations that he figured _____ how the Russian conversation usually starts. W_____ an ingenious method, right?

And then, I met polyglots who always start ___ imitating sounds of the language, and others who always learn the 500 _____ frequent words of the language, and yet others who always start by _____ about the grammar. If I asked a hundred different polyglots, I heard a hundred different approaches _____ learning languages. Everybody seems to _____ a unique way they learn a language, and yet we all come to the same result of speaking several languages f_____.