

GOOD AT LANGUAGES

Read the text and choose the correct word.

At school, Sarah Biggs says she was very bad (1) _____ languages. Now she speaks English, Spanish and Italian and works (2) _____ a bilingual secretary in a travel company in England. (3) _____ several foreign languages at work is not easy, but for Sarah, and other multi-lingual secretaries (4) _____ her, it is all standard practice.

Sarah comes from Spain, (5) _____ she attended school and college. But it was time spent abroad after college (6) _____ encouraged her interest in languages.

In her job, Sarah has (7) _____ great deal more responsibility than the title of secretary would suggest. She stresses the importance of (8) _____ fluent in Spanish because part of her job is dealing (9) _____ customers from Latin America. (10) _____ such clients come from abroad, she has to translate everything (11) _____ say into English. She is given (12) _____ time for preparation at all, so the aspect of her job is one of the (13) _____ difficult.

It is important for Sarah to be up-to-date with changes (14) _____ her own language, so she reads Spanish newspapers and books looking for new additions to (15) _____ vocabulary. Sarah says she (16) _____ not give up this job even if they offered her a better salary in another company.

