

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.

