

1 Match 1–6 to A–F.

- 1 I find pronunciation ____
- 2 I'm a bit embarrassed ____
- 3 I need to work ____
- 4 I have difficulty ____
- 5 I feel confident when ____
- 6 I'm fairly good ____

- A on my essay writing.
 B I do homework assignments.
 C a challenge.
 D at remembering vocabulary.
 E spelling.
 F about speaking in class.

2 5.03 Listen to a class discussion. What is it about?

3 5.03 Listen again. For each student, note down the problem and the possible solution.

	Problem	Possible solution
Amal		
Rory		
Hana		

4 Think about and answer these questions.

- 1 Have you read a book in a foreign language? Did you enjoy it?
- 2 Do you think it's a good idea to read books in a foreign language? Why? / Why not?

5 Look at reading tips 1–8 below. Can you think of reasons for doing each one?

Top reading tips for language learners:

1 Read a book you've already read in your native language.

2 Read graded readers.

3 Read an e-book.

4 Listen to an audio version of the book while you're reading.

5 Read for short periods at first, e.g. one or two pages or a short chapter.

6 Don't stop at every word; read complete sentences.

7 Underline unknown words and phrases and review them at the end of your reading session.

8 Ask for recommendations on an online language forum.

6 Now match reasons A–H to tips 1–8 in Ex 5. Did you think of any of the same reasons?

- A ____ it's easy to check words you don't know in the online dictionary.
 B ____ you'll find out which titles are good / easy to read.
 C ____ you can go back and read sections again, and check the meaning of the words and phrases.
 D ____ it won't interrupt your reading; you can work on guessing the meaning of sentences.
 E ____ it makes it easier if you already know the story.
 F ____ you'll learn the pronunciation of new words and phrases; you can work on listening skills at the same time.
 G ____ you'll stay motivated; you can read for longer when you're more confident.
 H ____ they'll be the correct level for you.

7 Read the forum posts. Make a useful suggestion with *Why don't you ... ?* and give an explanation. Use information from the class discussion and the reading tips to help you.

I'm fairly good at making revision notes, but my problem is reading them again and again. I get fed up. **Tomas**

1 _____

I'm trying to read a 400-page novel in English, but I'm having difficulty understanding it. **Janina**

2 _____

I'm fairly good at understanding what I'm reading, but I need to work on my pronunciation. Words often sound completely different when I say them! **Oscar**

3 _____

