

Natalia has just taken a job as a translator with a London firm, but she wants to improve her everyday English. She talks about her language problems. Complete what she says with an adjective or an adverb made from the words in brackets.

I can read English very 1 *well* (good), but my spoken English isn't always 2 *good* (good). There are a lot of words that I don't pronounce 3 *correctly* (correct). I understand written texts 4 _____ (easy), but when people speak everyday English too 5 _____ (fast), I don't always understand them 6 _____ (proper). I still don't speak 7 _____ (fluent), I'm afraid. I often feel 8 _____ (stupid) when I say something that sounds 9 _____ (strange) or even 10 _____ (funny) to English people. I often pronounce a word 11 _____ (bad), or I say something that seems 12 _____ (unusual) in the situation. Then everybody smiles at me in a 13 _____ (friendly) way and says nothing. If I'm with friends and I say something 14 _____ (wrong), and they find it 15 _____ (highly) 16 _____ (amusing), they laugh at me. I don't mind that so much. But at work, especially on the phone, I sometimes get 17 _____ (extremely) 18 _____ (nervous). I would like to do a course in English, but it's usually 19 _____ (fairly) 20 _____ (late) when I leave work, and I feel too 21 _____ (tired). There's 22 _____ (hardly) enough time at weekends either. I'll just have to work 23 _____ (hard) at my English on my own. What I 24 _____ (really) need is an English friend who is 25 _____ (particularly) patient!