

4 Complete the text with the words in the box.

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of to to with with

Two years ago, I went to a language school in the USA and stayed with a host family. At the time, I was terrible (1) at English, and it was difficult (2) _____ understand them very well. But they didn't say much anyway, and I had the impression that they weren't very interested (3) _____ me. I was amazed (4) _____ how little they said, even to each other. This was really surprising, because I thought Americans were famous (5) _____ being very communicative. I was very pessimistic (6) _____ my chances of improving my spoken English.

The family really liked potatoes, which we had for dinner almost every day. At least that was better than the boiled fish (which I'm allergic (7) _____) that we had on Fridays. I was afraid (8) _____ saying anything about the food, but one day I'd had enough. I was fed up (9) _____ potatoes! The words poured out of my mouth and I was really impressed (10) _____ my progress in English!

VOCABULARY

1 Underline the correct alternative.

- a I'm **dreading** / **avoiding** my parents finding out my exam results.
- b She is **aiming** / **arranging** to be a millionaire before she's thirty.
- c I **afford** / **avoid** having meetings first thing in the morning.
- d Do you think you will **expect** / **manage** to finish all the work on time?
- e The coach **urged** / **hoped** his players to attack more in the second half.
- f Don't do it, OK? You have been **offered** / **warned**!
- g I don't **mind** / **prefer** doing the dishes if you want.
- h If we want to help her do well, we should really **decide** / **encourage** her to study more.

5 Write the words in order to complete the questions.

- a difficult find get in it morning the to up ?
Do you find it difficult to get up in the morning?
- b embarrassing English for speak to you ?
Is it _____
- c email find get irritating it spam to ?
Do you _____
- d a easy for keep secret to you ?
Is it _____
- e commercials boring find it on to TV watch ?
Do you _____
- f amusing at family pictures find it look old to ?
Do you _____