

Polyglots

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Exercise 1- Listen to the podcast and fill in the blanks.

There are a lot of people who want to learn a new 1) ____ like English, Spanish or German. I think the reason is that learning a new language is a fun activity. It will help you in many ways. You can find a job more 2) _____. You can meet and talk to other people. You can get interesting experiences. But there are some people who love learning new languages. They don't learn a language to find a better job. These people enjoy 3) _____ a lot of languages. These people are called polyglots. A polyglot is a person who speaks and understands different languages. For example, a polyglot can speak more than seven 4) _____. In this podcast, I want to give you some basic information about three famous polyglots.

One of the most famous examples is Richard Simcott. He is from England and he can speak about 16 languages 5) _____. He has studied more than 50 languages. I say he's really keen on learning a new language. What is interesting about him is that he can learn a language in a very short time and get an amazing fluency. He can pass 6) _____ exams easily. In his opinion, we need to have fun with a language. We should use books or other materials which we feel comfortable with.

Another famous polyglot is certainly Lydia Machova. A lot of 7) _____ know her because she did a video some years ago for TED Talk. People have seen that video nearly 15 million times. The name of the video is The Secrets of Learning a New Language. I also watched it some days ago. It was very 8) _____. In her opinion, you need to enjoy learning a language. She can speak more than 9 languages, but she doesn't believe she's talented. She says that she's only 15 percent more talented. I suggest seeing it if you have a good level of 9) _____.

And finally, Steve Kaufmann is another polyglot. He has a successful YouTube channel in which he 10) _____ us to learn a language more easily. He's about 75 years old, but he's still interested in learning new languages. Because of his age and channel, he's an inspiration. It means he gives other people like us the 11) _____ to learn a new language. It is interesting to know that he said he was not good at learning a new language at school because he didn't like the school way of teaching.

All these three 12) _____ polyglots believe that we need to love a language to learn it, so you should find a way to enjoy your learning. For English, you can listen to a fabulous music or watch a thrilling movie. You can read interesting 13) _____ stories or find people online who are learning English. You should do this at the same time you go to an English class. It will help you a lot.

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Exercise 2- Complete these sentences. Use the words below.

time- reason- famous- talented- interesting

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Exercise 3- answer these questions. Use the text to help you.

1. Why do people learn a new language?
2. Who is a polyglot?
3. How many languages has Richard studied?
4. What's special about Richard?
5. Why should a lot of people know Lydia?
6. Why is Steve an inspiration to us?

Exercise 3- Check your answers.

1. Why do people learn a new language?
 - a. There are many reasons. For example, some people learn to find a job and some other learn to meet new people.
2. Who is a polyglot?
 - a. A polyglot is a person who loves learning new languages. They know 7 or more languages.
3. How many languages has Richard studied?
 - a. He has studied more than 50 languages.
4. What's special about Richard?
 - a. He can learn a language very shortly and pass difficult exams in it.
5. Why should a lot of people know Lydia?
 - a. She did a video on TED talk. It has more than 15 million view.
6. Why is Steve an inspiration to us?
 - a. He's 75 years old and still wants to learn a new language.