

Практическое занятие № 37. Страны и языки

Listen to Simon talking about how he learned several languages in a variety of different ways. Do the preparation task first. Then listen to the audio and do the exercises.

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Ex.1 Match the words and phrases to their definitions.

Vocabulary	Definition
1. to be a struggle	a. clearly the best
2. to rehearse	b. a certain level
3. to get over	c. to be difficult to do
4. a degree	d. to notice
5. a catchphrase	e. to do something quite badly
6. to pick up on	f. to feel better about something upsetting
7. by far the best	g. to practise something you plan to say or perform
8. to make a right mess of	h. a short, popular phrase that makes you think of the person who says it

Ex.2 Choose the correct answer.

- Which continent has the speaker NOT lived in?
 - Asia
 - Europe
 - South America
- Which two things does the speaker do to learn a new language?
 - Go to classes and speak to people
 - Speak to people and use a dictionary
 - Watch TV and listen to the radio
- Why does the speaker think watching game shows is useful?
 - Because of the pictures
 - Because contestants are always winning
 - Because the language is repetitive

4. What does the speaker say about using newspapers?
 - a. It was easy to learn a lot of new words quickly.
 - b. A lot of things were happening in the country.
 - c. Other people sometimes explained new words to him.
5. What does the speaker say about talking to people in the street?
 - a. Preparation was necessary.
 - b. The embarrassment made it a failure.
 - c. People reacted negatively.
6. Why were colloquial expressions a problem for the speaker?
 - a. They took ten years to learn.
 - b. They were never written down.
 - c. They were often unnoticed.