

WHAT MAKES A SUCCESSFUL LANGUAGE LEARNER? [LINK](#)

Topic: Learning foreign languages using music, media and other easy activities at home.

Female polyglot explains how to learn languages (CBS)

CBS 5 Bay Sunday interview with Susanna Zaraysky, writer of the book, Language is Music. Now watch the introduction and fill in the gaps with one or more words.

GAPFILL

(0"-30")PART 1-From Transcript: Host:

Welcome back to Bay Sunday. Our next 1_____ speaks seven languages. She has travelled to 2_____ and wants you to know that you 3_____ can learn another language just by listening to music, the radio and watching tv. Please welcome the 4_____ of *Language is Music*, Susana Zaraysky.

(30"- 1'23")PART 2-Based on Transcript: Guest:

When we are little, we listen to our 5_____ for about a year before speaking. Language is like music so we start 6_____ as if it was a song. I thought about how people learn languages and I saw the way people 7_____ in language classes. I realized the way we learn as adolescents and adults is 8_____. We should listen first before we speak, as if 9_____ were music. Take French as an example, you have French music in the 10_____; you have radio and tv in French. You 11_____ the sounds of the language, then you learn the words and the grammar.

(1'23" -5')PART 3-Now watch the next part and mark the statements below T/F (true or false):

- 1) The presenter can remember chemistry better than melodies.
- 2) Textbooks claim you should go abroad to learn the language.
- 3) The guest learned different languages early on in her life.
- 4) Susana thinks that travelling abroad is essential.
- 5) She suggests you watch the news in your language and then in the foreign language.
- 6) Post-its are a good idea for learning house vocabulary.
- 7) Languages will sink in if you go to language class regularly.
- 8) Doing your taxes in French is a good idea.
- 9) Finding a speaking partner is difficult on the internet.
- 10) When you have a better level you can go to meet-up groups to practice.

Watch [this other video \(LINK\)](#) for more information about Susana's ideas. Jot them down and get ready to discuss them in class as well as to answer your teacher's questions.

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Based on Transcript: Guest:

When we are little, we listen to our 5 **mother tongue** for about a year before speaking. Language is like music so we start 6 **copying words** as if it was a song. I thought about how people learn languages and I saw the way people 7 **get frustrated** in language classes. I realized the way we learn as adolescents and adults is 8 **backwards**. We should listen first before we speak, as if 9 **foreign languages** were music. Take French as an example, you have French music in the 10 **background**; you have radio and tv in French. You 11 **get used to** the sounds of the language , then you learn the words and the grammar.

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