

The woman who learned 28 languages

Do you know anyone who speaks more than one language?

Vocabulary

1. simultaneous 2. famous 3. motivation 4. success 5. target 6. vocabulary

True Story

Kató Lomb, born in 1909 in Hungary, was one of the world's first _____ interpreters. She learned 28 languages in her life, and she was still learning at the age of 92.

Kató believed that anyone could learn a language at any age. She thought that having fun while learning was important. Instead of studying with a teacher, she read novels in the _____ language and used them to understand grammar and _____.

Kató also believed that _____ and practice were key to _____. Her _____ saying was, "Language is the only thing worth knowing, even poorly."

Quiz

1. When and where was Kató Lomb born?
2. How many languages did Kató Lomb learn?
3. Did Kató Lomb believe that language learning is only for young people?
4. What did Kató Lomb think were the key factors for success in language learning?

True or False

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| 1. Kató Lomb was one of the world's fastest simultaneous interpreters. | True | | False |
| 2. Kató Lomb believed that it was important to have fun while learning. | True | | False |
| 3. Kató Lomb thought studying with a teacher was the best way to learn. | True | | False |

Conversation

- A: Did you hear about Kató Lomb?
B: No, who is she?
A: She was an interpreter. She learned 28 languages!
B: Wow, that's amazing. How did she do it?
A: By reading! She loved to read novels in foreign languages.
B: Oh, I want to try that with graded readers!

Discussion

1. How do you learn new words?
2. Do you think it's possible to learn a language at any age?
3. What language would you like to learn and why?
4. What types of foreign language entertainment do you enjoy, such as music, movies and books?