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Directions : You are going to read a list of headings and a text about some tips for learning to read a foreign language . Choose the most suitable heading from the list A-G for each numbered paragraph(1-5) . There are two extra headings which you do not need to use . [A]Look up words , but not every word [B]Sound out the language as you are reading it [C]Make sure the text is big enough [D] Learn something about the culture in which the language developed[E]Read something that ' s fun [F] Take breaks [G]When reading a new author , go more slowly in the first few pages Let ' s suppose you ' ve studied the basics of a foreign language and now wish to become more fluent in reading it . What do you do? As I ' ve studied several foreign languages over the years , I ' ve discovered some strategies that help .

1.( )When learning to read a foreign language we should remember that every real tongue(as opposed to a constructed language , like Esperanto)is first and foremost a spoken form of communication . Every foreign language was spoken for many years before it was written down . There ' s good reason to believe that the spoken word comes more easily to us than the written page . When a person reads a foreign language out loud , it slows the pace down , and makes the reader pay more attention to each word ; It helps us distinguish very similar words , and prevents us from skipping over those little words that are sometimes easy to miss when

learning to read a foreign language . 2.( ) This may sound pretty basic. but I discovered as I was learning to read a foreign language that text sizes that are easy to read in English are harder to read in , say , Greek or Spanish . Of course , if you are having an extreme problem , the first thing you might want to do is have your eyes checked . But if that is not the problem , while you are learning to read in a foreign language you may wish to 0select books with slightly larger text or to use reading glasses , even if you do not usually use them . 3.( ) Of course if you are learning to read in a foreign language you want to have a good dictionary of the foreign language you are trying to learn . But contrary to popular belief , when learning a foreign language , it ' s not always necessary to look up every word you don ' t know . For example , if you are only unfamiliar with one word in a phrase you are readin9 , but the meaning is clear from the context , it may not be necessary to reach for the dictionary . Let the context be your guide . Most of us , when we are learning to read our native tongues , do not look up every word , and the same applies as we are learning a foreign language . 4.( ) Even when we are reading our native languages , it ' s easy to see that authors have favorite words and phrases and their own particular styles . As you are learning to read a foreign language you will see that the same principle applies . Once you have looked up a few of the writer ' s favorite words. and once you have gotten used to his or her idiosyncrasies , it will become easier to read a text written in a foreign language . 5.( ) Even in English , when the author writes about something entirely outside of our own

experience , it can be difficult to understand what he or she is saying . If you study the culture of the foreign language you are trying to learn it will give the language context . When trying to read an article about contemporary Mexico in Spanish , I came across several passages about conflicts between the different ethnic groups . Because I had already read about the “ conquistadors ” or conquerors。 it was easier to understand what was happening . In learning to read a foreign language , we should realize that we are learning a new skill . It is a very natural human skill , but a new skill all the same . Reading a foreign language is not as easy as reading your native tongue , and you ’ ll want to read shorter passages and stop more often than if you were reading your native English . When selecting material for your study of a foreign language , remember it ’ s easier to keep reading a story if you ’ re enjoying it . We shouldn ’ t think of learning a foreign language as purely a chore . Get a novel that looks interesting or a book of short stories written in the foreign language you are studying . I found it much easier to learn a new language when I purchased a book that structured its lessons around a mystery story . I think this may be the most important tip on learning to read a foreign language that I can give you . Because when we don ’ t enjoy doing something , we generally don ’ t continue with it . And the more you learn , the more you ’ ll enjoy it . [779 words] 超纲词汇 chore n . 繁琐之事 , 困难的(或不合意的)工作 skip over 略过 , 遗漏 Context n . 上下文 , 文章的前后关系 Esperanto n . 世界语 Idiosyncrasy n . 特质 , 特性 Conquistador n . 西班牙征服者 ,

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