

1.

Shlander is a man from space. He thinks the people and things on the earth are very strange. He is now writing a letter to his friend at home. Here is part of his letter. Read it and answer the questions.

Now I am in a strange world. It is very nice. There are many new things here. There are many earth monsters (怪物) here, too. The earth monsters look very funny. They have just one head, two arms and two legs. They have thin black strings (细绳) on their heads. Some earth monsters have brown or yellow strings. The earth monsters have a hole in their faces. Every day, they put nice things and balls from the trees into the hole. They put water into the hole, too. The earth monsters do not walk very fast. They move from place to place in tin boxes.

At night, the earth monsters like to look at a square window box. This box has very small earth monsters in it.

1. Shlander thinks the people and things on the earth are very _____.

A. strange B. nice C. different D. beautiful

2. Shlander thinks man on the earth is _____.

A. a monkey B. an earth monster C. a tin box D. a strange world

3. The earth monster doesn't have _____.

A. a head, arms and legs

B. brown or yellow strings on its head

C. a hole in its face

D. a wing on its body

4. The square window box is _____.

A. a car or a bus

B. a very small earth monster

C. a TV set

D. a radio

2.

If you want to become a fluent English speaker you should take some advice: There are four skills in learning English. They are reading, listening, speaking, and writing. The most important thing you must remember is that if you want to improve your speaking and writing skills you should first master the skills of reading and listening.

Read as much as you can. But your reading must be active. It means that you must think about the meaning of the sentence, the meaning of the unfamiliar words, etc. There is no need for you to pay much attention to grammars or try to understand all the unfamiliar words you come across, but the fact that you see them for the first time and recognize them whenever you see them, for example, in other passages or books, is enough. It would be better to prepare yourself a notebook so you can write down the important words or sentences in it.

As for listening, there are two choices: besides reading, you can listen every day for about 30 minutes. You can only pay attention to your reading and become skillful at your reading, then you can catch up on your listening. Since you have lots of inputs in your mind, you can easily guess what the speaker is going to say. This never means that you should not practice listening.

For listening you can listen to cartoons or some movies that are specially made for children. Their languages are easy. Or if you are good at listening you can listen to VOA or BBC programs every day. Again the thing to remember is being active in listening and preferably taking some notes.

If you follow these pieces of advice, your speaking and writing will improve automatically, and you can be sure that with a little effort they will become perfect.

5. According to the author, which should you improve first among the four skills?

A. Reading and listening. B. Reading and writing.

C. Writing and speaking. D. Speaking and listening.

6. The underlined phrase "come across" in the second paragraph can probably be replaced by "_____".

A. meet by accident B. discover

C. find on purpose D. look for

7. The author seems to agree with the view that _____.

A. everyone should listen to VOA or BBC programs every day

B. you needn't practice listening if you keep on reading every day