Fill in the gaps in the text with the correct option (A-D). Only one answer may be possible.

Language Exchanges

Language learning partners or the similar concept that is tandem language learning is an essential part of trying to _____ (1) fluency. The idea is simple; learn a language together with another person who has a similar target to your own to help enhance both of your progress. With a language learning _____ (2) you are both learning a language together. You should begin when you have a similar level (exactly the same is not essential). Your partner and you should _____ (3) specific targets to be reached and also, specific times in which you will practise the language. It is important to be strict with language usage in this set time, no slipping into your native language. There are many benefits to studying with a partner, such as: competition, motivation, confidence _____ (4), peer learning and fun. You can learn from each other and help motivate each other to progress. It is very important to avoid your mutual language. If I were you, I would ban it from the start to _____ (5) confusion. You should both study aside from this exchange and use your time together specifically for speaking and listening, what you can do is set specific topics to research in order to know what you are going to speak about at each meeting. With tandem language learning, each of you should ideally be native speakers of each language. You need to _____ (6) specific times for the use of each language and you share your knowledge with each other. This type of learning has all of the benefits of language learning partners, but also adds to them the cultural side of language learning. When two people come from different parts of the world, you can share cultures and this makes the whole experience more _____ (7). The negative side to this type of exchange is the level; it is difficult to find someone from a different culture with a similar type of level to you. It is all too easy to _____ (8) into ‘the common language’ as it is easier for both people, this is why you need established times for each language.

1. A. obtain  B. gain  C. reach  D. attain
2. A. partner  B. colleague  C. mate  D. acquaintance
3. A. give  B. put  C. make up  D. set
4. A. bettering  B. renewing  C. boosting  D. enhancing
5. A. get out  B. avoid  C. get out of  D. get into
6. A. establish  B. create  C. encounter  D. come across
7. A. amazing  B. thrilling  C. fulfilling  D. uplifting
8. A. get  B. be  C. work  D. slip
Answers:

1. C
2. A
3. D
4. C
5. B
6. A
7. C
8. D