

Bee is from Laos. He moved with his family to Minnesota in June 2004. During the day he takes English classes. He studies hard at school, but never studies at home. He likes to watch TV and drink beer, which sometimes makes his wife mad. She calls him lazy because he doesn't help with the housework. He avoids going to places where he might have to speak English, like the bank or the post office. Last month, his phone bill was late because he had to wait for someone to get him stamps for the envelope. Bee often feels sad and frustrated.

Mai Lee is from Thailand. She moved with her family to Minnesota in May 2003. During the day, she takes English classes. She studies hard at school, and practices English at home with her children and husband. On Saturday mornings, Mai Lee volunteers at the library. She brings her children and helps with the children's reading program. She feels good volunteering and she learns English too. Sometimes, she feels scared when she tries to speak English, but the people at the library listen and try to understand.

True/False

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| 1. Bee studies English at home. | T | F |
| 2. Mai Lee studies English at home. | T | F |
| 3. Bee is lazy. | T | F |
| 4. Mai Lee is a good student. | T | F |
| 5. Bee likes to go to the post office and the bank. | T | F |
| 6. Bee's phone bill was late because
he was afraid to go to the post office to get stamps. | T | F |
| 7. Mai Lee volunteers at her children's school. | T | F |
| 8. Mai Lee will learn English faster than Bee will. | T | F |

Questions

1. Why does Bee avoid going to the bank and the post office?

2. What problem happened because Bee didn't go to post office last month?

3. What does Mai Lee do to learn English when she is not in school? _____

4. What can you do to learn English when you are not in school?
