Do you remember what you write over what you read or hear? If so, you might be someone who learns better when you note things down.

Write & Learn

As teachers, we know that people learn languages differently. Some students love conversation. Others like grammar. Some write everything down. If you are among those, read about Carol.

Carol

Carol always carried a notebook to class where she penned everything the teacher said. However, sometimes the lesson moved towards areas that could not be registered on paper, such as conversation activities. Carol felt she did not learn then. It turned out that Carol absorbed things while she noted them down rather than when she read or listened. Therefore, oral exercises that were not accompanied by writing would not work for her. What did the teacher do? She asked Carol

to prepare a summary of every activity in class. Carol now felt she was really improving and had a written record to prove that.

What to do

Take notes whenever you can, jot down examples, request dictations and get the teacher to set compositions for homework if you **learn by writing**. Copy everything from the whiteboard and ask for explanations you can note down. Log onto the internet for crosswords and other puzzles. Make foreign friends in Facebook and chat with them. Jot things down on the margins of your book. Transcribe your notes after every lesson. Get a pen pal. Prepare cards. Write dialogues, descriptions and summaries.

> *Jot down, pen, take notes, put pen to paper and note down are synonyms of write.*

Does this mean you will only learn what you write? No. We also learn languages while we hear, while we talk, while we repeat, while we watch or while we do exercises. However, if writing works for you try to put pen to paper as often as possible. It will only benefit you.

Andrew's advice: Write a lot but don't forget conversation. Languages are also spoken!