

1 Read the text and complete it with the adjectives in the box.

angry different difficult simple small spicy Western

A different way of life – an American in South Korea

I first came to South Korea in 1990. My company sent me to work here for two years.

I knew nothing about the country at all. I found it very (a) _____ to adjust to the South Korean lifestyle and hard to fit in at first.

I was sent to a (b) _____ city called Yeongcheon in North Gyeongsang Province. My friend Vincent and I were the only foreigners in the city. Everyone stopped on the street and looked at us. Children pointed and shouted, “Miguk Saram”, which means “American”. Vincent was from Canada. He was sometimes a little (c) _____ about this.

In the States, I only ate American, European, and Mexican food. In Yeongcheon at the time, none of the restaurants served (d) _____ food. I was surprised when my colleague brought some traditional South Korean dishes to work for me to try – it was a new cultural experience for me. Using chopsticks was a bit challenging, to begin with. I liked (e) _____ food, but the taste of South Korean food was somewhat exotic for me. After a few months, though, I began to like the food, and after six months I loved it. Whenever a local asks me what kinds of dishes I like to eat, I always say, “I like everything except for beondegi.” That’s Korean for “boiled silkworms”.

Learning the Korean language was not a (f) _____ task for me. The pronunciation was tricky, and the grammar rules were so (g) _____ from English – I wasn’t used to putting the verb at the end of the sentence. I can understand why South Korean students have such a hard time learning English! I spent my free time reading Korean comic books and they taught me more vocabulary than my language classes!

2 Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

angry	foreigner	hard	pronunciation
send	shout	spicy	taste

- a** It is _____ to live in a new country, especially if you do not know the language.
- b** Can I have some water please? This food is really _____!
- c** Relax! I was only joking. There is no reason to get _____.
- d** Have you ever spoken to a _____ in English before?
- e** No one understands me when I speak in English. My _____ just isn't very good.
- f** Wow! That looks good. Can I have a _____?
- g** How much does it cost to _____ a letter to Canada?
- h** You don't have to _____ at me! I can hear you just fine.