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Hi, this is Kee from BBC Learning English. Today I'm going to tell you three different ways of using the phrasal verb pick up.

First, we use pick up to describe learning something. So, for example, I can say: Children pick up languages very quickly. And so can you at BBC Learning English!

Second, we use pick up informally to describe buying something. For example: I often pick up some milk on my way home.

Third, we use pick up to describe getting an illness. I think I picked up a cold.

So, we can pick up languages, pick up some milk and pick up a cold.