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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.