

LEARNING ENGLISH: HOW TO DO IT EASILY

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Nowadays, when more and more people see themselves as citizens of the world, to know at least one foreign language is especially important. In Sweden, for example, most well-educated people can read and speak four or five foreign languages.

Some people learn languages because they need them for their work, others – to be able to travel abroad. For some it is just a hobby.

Knowledge of foreign languages gives us access to other cultures through personal contacts, books, magazines, newspapers, movies, TV, Internet etc.

The lack of knowledge of foreign languages can lead to misunderstanding. By the way, learning foreign languages gives a lot of advantages. While learning a foreign language you know more about history and culture of a nation, you broaden your horizons and train your memory. Moreover, use the opportunities provided by modern technologies of learning languages: Internet, TV, Dictaphone etc.

It took me several years to pick up the basics of learning English. Therefore, I have a little experience in this case. At first, I had some difficulties, but then I created my own system of learning English. There are some tips on how to do it easily:

1. Mainly, all you need is to stop being lazy. A lot of people complain about the lack of time or they don't have the opportunity to learn English. That's not true. If you really want it, you will find the ways to reach this goal.

2. One more important thing: don't be afraid to make mistakes. Be confident. People can only correct your mistakes when they hear you make them. In addition, you can communicate with native speakers. It will help you to become more fluent.

3. Then, write a short list of phrases that motivate you to learn English. For example:

- Learn a foreign language if you want to do much better than just get by.
- If you make an investment in your learning, it will pay off immediately and for the rest of your life.
- If you become fluent in English, you will keep up with the bilingual high flyers.

4. Set right priorities; pay attention to the things that worry you most of all. If you learn all aspects of the language (reading and listening, speaking and writing, grammar, vocabulary and pronunciation), your level will quickly take off. You will improve your accent if you do pronunciation work every day.

5. Don't hesitate to ask for help. If you don't understand something, you've got to ask someone. Ask your teacher, classmates or friends for help.

6. Also, you can learn English with your friends. It's really cool! The spirit of competition will motivate you to do more.

7. Finally, use different additional resources such as watching films, reading books, listening to music, playing games in the language you are learning. It's very useful.

To sum up, I would like to say learning a foreign language is not an easy thing. It is a long and slow process that takes a lot of time and efforts.

Foreign languages are socially demanded especially at the present time when the progress in science and technology has led to an explosion of knowledge and has contributed to an overflow of information. Foreign languages are necessary as the main and most efficient means of information exchange of the people of our planet.

MOTIVATION IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNING

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Motivation refers to an intention, plan or psychological impulses which provoke a so-called action or suppress a person's actions. Motivation is the underlying cause which make people act or inhibit some action and that is a direct driving force to promote the action. Obviously, motivation is a group of crucial factors which excite behavior and lead the directions in developing learners' autonomy. Learners should first strengthen the motivation to study autonomously and improve their learning ability. Motivation is the subjective intention of learners when they do learning activities and the inner strength to promote learners' study. Teachers should create a good learning atmosphere and environment to inspire students to correctly understand the social needs and expectations and to create conditions to help students' self-direct and self-position, in order to stimulate students' correct motivation to learn. Secondly, to foster interests in learning. If students want to be active and creative in learning, they should cultivate great interests in their learning. English learning motive may be simply viewed as the reason of learning English. From the angle of educational psychology, the reason of learning English is two: one is the material stimulation of surface layer, for instance, a diploma, a good job, a higher salary, etc. The other is the material stimulation of deep layer, for instance, interest, increasing knowledge, etc. The former is called "surface motive", and the latter is called "deep motive". Researches show that different motives will lead to different learning methods. Logically speaking, surface motive does not endure longer than deep motive. However, nonmaterial stimulation usually has no limit. For instance, the increase of knowledge is endless [1].