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## HOW TO LEARN ENGLISH WITH TV SERIES? SOME TIPS FOR LEARNERS

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Sometimes, studying English can be difficult and boring. There are so many grammatical rules, exceptions to the rules, phrasal verbs, idioms, accents. That is why there is nothing like watching TV series to learn English. If you want to learn English, the TV series is a great tool. What do you need to know? Whether you watch them on Netflix or buy them on DVD, there are thousands of shows available. This article will help you get started with learning English with television series.

**1.English Subtitles.** The best way to improve your English with movies and television series is by using subtitles (in English, of course).As you learn more English by watching TV, try using subtitles.This way there's no pressure to understand every word but they will give everything some context so you don't hear words or phrases out of context. Just keep in mind not all shows are in English. The trick with subtitled shows is to try to stay in the same language without subtitles when possible. That way, you can get a little context from what's being said while still reading along. Subtitles help you to understand better what is happening in the movie or television show, and this, in turn, will help you to enlarge your vocabulary and knowledge of grammar.If you don't understand the meaning of a certain word or expression, you can always pause the video and check the meaning of the unfamiliar word or expression in dictionary.Watch it with captions on, and it can feel like you are not practicing your listening skills, but watch it with them off and it can be hard to understand what's going on. My recommendation is this. Watch something once with subtitles or captions on once, and then watch it again with subtitles off. When you are watching a film in

English, it is a good idea to turn the subtitles on. With most video players you can do this via the settings tab.

**2.Pick shows of Interest.** This sounds obvious, but the most important thing when using films to study English is to watch movies you will enjoy. If you choose a boring film, then you may lose interest and pay less attention to the language it uses! To find interesting films by genre, title, actor/actress or date of release, you can visit IMBD. The most important thing is to watch something that you find interesting. If you start to watch a television show, movie, or video, and you find it boring, don't waste your time on it. You won't learn English that way. Our brain has the ability to remember information better if it is important or interesting to us. When you are watching a film in English, it is important that you understand enough to follow the storyline. Try to choose a movie that suits your current level of English. If you are a beginner, you may want to start with simple cartoons or children's films, like Toy Story. On the other hand, if you understand 99% of the dialogue between characters in a movie, it may be too easy for you. When learning English with films, you should aim to understand the general meaning and not every single word. Do not worry if you miss some words or phrases or do not understand the accent of a character in a movie. You can pause or rewind the film sometimes and write down new vocabulary, but avoid doing this too often. Remember that watching movies should be fun.

**3.Focus on speaking and listening skills while watching the series.** Listen to the dialogue! Even when you're watching along with subtitles, just making sure that what's being said is grammatically understandable will help your brain absorb everything at a faster rate. Understanding words is good for vocabulary expansion, but speaking English fluently can frequently be more rewarding than learning new terms. This might not hold true if it's an overly popular show in both languages, obviously. Start developing spoken habits before actually hitting up with TV shows. If you hear a line that you really like, write it down and repeat it! If you say it aloud, you are more likely to remember it. Sometimes, you will hear phrases that sound cool and are used in everyday English in the UK or America. Textbooks do not usually teach these informal expressions, but movies do.

**4.Stop looking words up in a dictionary while watching tv series.** Though it can be very rewarding to learn new words, looking them up every time you come across something that sounds unfamiliar is a pointless endeavor. Focus on what's being said! Much like reading texts out loud or listening to music, having files with mp3s for shows helps us focus better. Once you've got the hang of things, then switch over to written material.

**5.Repeat Sentences while watching tv series.** If you hear a line that you really like, write it down and repeat it! If you say it aloud, you are more likely to remember it. Sometimes, you will hear phrases that sound cool and are used in everyday English in the UK or America. Textbooks do not usually teach these informal expressions, but movies do! It's very easy to over-analyze things, so get in the habit of quickly repeating what you hear. You can even do it out loud if your

attention starts wandering! Or try shouting them loudly while eyeballing the subtitles. This will connect you to the story more. This will help you learn the correct word order and is an excellent way of absorbing language into your brain until it becomes firmly embedded in long-term memory.

### **List of easy TV series to learn English with.**

**1.Futurama.** Contrary to the common opinion, cartoons are not always easy to understand in English. The heroes use a lot of slang, funny voices, and it all makes it difficult if you are not acquainted with the American culture. This one, Futurama, is ok. The dialogues are simple, and they teach you a lot of everyday phrases. If you love science fiction, it's your first choice.

**2.The Big Bang Theory.** The show is not too fast and has short episodes of only 20 minutes each which makes it great for learning English.It's hilarious and you don't even need to understand everything that's being said to understand what's going on because the actions are clear. You'll be able to hear and understand everyday slang in context such as "What's up?"

**3.Alf.** It could look a bit antique, but it is really not difficult and very often funny. If you want to learn American English, you will pick up a lot of useful phrasal words and set expressions from this show.

**4.Sex and the City.** "Sex and the City" is a fun and enjoyable watch. The language is simple and they use many phrasal verbs, which will help you to understand the context of these otherwise tricky phrases.The show deals with a few interesting storylines which relate to modern everyday social issues in the US, such as safe sex, friendship and romantic relationships which will help you to understand some important

cultural differences between your country and the USA.

**5.Friends.** While this sitcom is no longer being produced, it was and still is so popular that you can always find re-runs (repeat episodes) on tv no matter where you live in the world. This is a funny show and the jokes are very obvious which means you don't have to understand English perfectly to get what is being said. The characters of the show are all very different and you can learn some excellent English to help you communicate with your friends.The language is conversational and you'll also learn how to understand basic humor through the dialogue. The speed of the dialogue also #appears to be much slower and clearer than most other sitcoms, which makes it easier for all of you trying to learn English understand more.

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