

FIVE TIPS FOR LEARNING ENGLISH

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ABSTRACT

This article provides tips for learning English. This involves setting a clear goal, repeating new words continuously, communicating without shame when you have the opportunity, adapting the process of learning English to your life, and finally, using technology effectively.

Key words: *Language, American, smartphone, Westminster, TOEFL, purpose, repetition, communication.*

АННОТАЦИЯ

В этой статье приведены советы по изучению английского языка. Это включает в себя постановку четкой цели, постоянное повторение новых слов, общение без стыда, когда у вас есть возможность, адаптацию процесса изучения английского языка к вашей жизни и, наконец, эффективное использование технологий.

Ключевые слова: *язык, американский, смартфон, Вестминстер, TOEFL, цель, повторение, общение.*

1. Define the goal clearly

Without a clear goal, it is impossible to achieve success in any work, especially in language learning. Therefore, think about what you want to learn English for. When I was a student, after studying, I taught English at a private language teaching center. The first lesson is always "Why do you want to study English?" I would start with a question. Unfortunately, more than half of the class could not say the exact purpose. There were many people who simply said, "My parents are sending it, it will be useful."

Since learning a language is a long and arduous process, a person who embarks on this path without a clear goal will never learn a language. On the contrary, the more serious your goal is, the faster and more effective language learning will be.

Everyone can set the goal based on their circumstances. For example, a school student can set a goal: "In two years, I will study English and enter the University of Westminster on a grant basis." A student may intend to "prepare for the TOEFL and enter an American university to study for a master's degree on the basis of a grant." A businessman can set a goal: "By learning English, I will learn new know-how related

to my business and bring my company to the world market in 5 years." Do not forget that the more serious the goal, the faster and more effective language learning will be.

2. Language is based on repetition

A language cannot be learned without constant repetition. You can memorize 10 new words a day, but if you don't repeat these words after 1-2 days, you will definitely forget them. One of the most effective ways is flash cards. Or, if not, you can effectively use the most eye-catching places. Personally, I used to write down the words I learned on a small piece of paper and stick them around my computer monitor and on my bedside table.

3. Communicate

Language is a means of communication. Therefore, in order to learn and develop a language, you naturally need to communicate. When I was a student, there were Speaking Clubs in various libraries and resource centers. Don't be afraid to participate even if you are not fluent yet. The one who tries to speak, even if he does not know the language better, wins than the one who is shy to participate in such conversations despite knowing the language. So, don't be shy, speak even with mistakes.

Or, if not, find a partner to practice your English further. Another advantage of learning a language with one or more partners is that this method creates a unique competitive environment between partners. A neighbor or a classmate at school can be your partner. If you agree to learn at least 30 new words every week and meet on Sunday to test each other, you will definitely try to memorize the words so as not to fall behind your partner.

4. Adapt the language learning process to your lifestyle

Adapt the process of learning English to your lifestyle. For example, if you go to the university by subway every day, you will spend at least 30-40 minutes a day in the subway (counting 15-20 minutes each way). So, to make the most of your time on the subway, you can listen to various Listening Comprehension exercises (for example, Investudy English (<https://investudy.podbean.com/>) podcasts). Otherwise, when I was a student, classes were often canceled. This meant that I had to wait at least 1 hour for the next lesson. If you have similar situations, you can go to the library and spend this time only on things related to the English language. Otherwise, there is probably no one who does not watch movies of various genres. If you want to watch a movie, watch it in English with subtitles.

5. Use your smartphone effectively

Since learning a language is a long and arduous process, you should try to make it as easy as possible. Your smartphone will come in handy.

There are free English learning programs that can be installed on smartphones. The most popular among them are Duolingo (<https://www.duolingo.com/>) and Memrise (<https://www.memrise.com/>). Duolingo and Memrise are similar. But the first noticeable difference is that in Duolingo, words are pronounced more in American English, and in Memrise in British English. Anyone who knows a little English can listen to TED talks (<https://www.ted.com/>). After installing TED on your smartphone, you can listen to the conversation with subtitles if you select English subtitles in the Settings section.

Learning English is not easy. This requires you to set a clear goal, keep repeating new words, communicate without shame when you have the opportunity, adapt the process of learning English to your life, and finally, use technology effectively. Good luck!

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