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LANGUAGE:

How to Improve Your English



Learning English (or any language for that matter) is a process. You are continually improving your English and the following "How to" describes a strategy to make sure that you continue to improve effectively.

Here's How:

1. Remember that learning a language is a gradual process - it does not happen overnight.
2. Define your learning objectives early: What do you want to learn and why?
3. Make learning a habit. Try to learn something every day. It is much better to study (or read, or listen to English news, etc.) 10 minutes each day than to study for 2 hours once a week.
4. Remember to make learning a habit! If you study each day for 10 minutes English will be constantly in your head. If you study once a week, English will not be as present in your mind.
5. Choose your materials well. You will need reading, grammar, writing, speaking and listening materials
6. Vary your learning routine. It is best to do different things each day to help keep the various relationships between each area active. In other words, don't just study grammar.
7. Find friends to study and speak with. Learning English together can be very encouraging.
8. Choose listening and reading materials that relate to what you are interested in. Being interested in the subject will make learning more enjoyable - thus more effective.
9. Relate grammar to practical usage. Grammar by itself does not help you USE the language. You should practice what you are learning by employing it actively.
10. Move your mouth! Understanding something doesn't mean the muscles of your mouth can produce the sounds. Practice speaking what you are learning aloud. It may seem strange, but it is very effective.
11. Be patient with yourself. Remember learning is a process - speaking a language well takes time. It is not a computer that is either on or off!
12. Communicate! There is nothing like communicating in English and being successful. Grammar exercises are good - having your friend on the other side of the world understand your email is fantastic!
13. Use the Internet. The Internet is the most exciting, unlimited English resource that anyone could imagine and it is right at your finger tips.

Tips:

1. Remember that English learning is a Process
2. Be patient with yourself.
3. Practice, practice, practice



LANGUAGE: Stating an opinion

- Introduction**
- Examine the statement and define what it means.
 - Say how you are going to deal with the problem.

- Development**
- Decide what your point of view is going to be.
 - First look at the opposite point of view.
 - Then develop your own argument in a logical way.
 - Each paragraph you write must add something new to your argument.

- Conclusion**
- State the conclusion which follows from your arguments.
 - Sometimes there is no clear solution to the problem contained in the question. In this case you might suggest a solution but point out that it is only one of a number of alternatives.

The following phrases may help you:

Introduction:

a) Examine the statement and define what it means.

*Let's examine what means.
It is generally believed that...
Most people think that...
At first sight this statement seems to be true.*

b) Say how you are going to deal with the problem.

*The first thing that comes to my mind is...
In the first place I'd like to say that...
First of all let's get the facts straight.
Let's begin with the fact that...
Let me make quite clear from the start that...
The first question we have to answer is if / wh....
First we must define what we mean by...
Let's start by weighing up the pros and cons.*

Development:

a) Decide what your point of view is going to be.

I'm of the opinion that...

b) First look at the opposite point of view.

It might be argued that...

One could well say that...

It is often generally accepted that...

There is some evidence to suggest that...

On the one hand .. but on the other hand ...

c) Then develop your own argument in a logical way.

Nevertheless...

However...

It is only partly true that...

Although...

Every argument has two sides.

Take for example...

There seems to be a contradiction here.

Let us now return to...

d) Each paragraph you write or say must add something new to your argument.

This brings me to the next point.

A further point to consider is...

We have to admit that...

It is important to realize that...

In addition to this point I want to stress that...

Moreover...

There can be no doubt that...

Everybody knows that this is so.

Conclusion:

a) State the conclusion which follows from your arguments.

It is for this reason that I believe that...

The simple truth is that...

It is only fair to say that...

b) Suggest a solution but point out that it is only one of a number of alternatives.

My own view of the matter is...

So all in all I believe that...

LANGUAGE: Writing storms



Writing Storm means to write a short story or essay about one special topic.

Choose one out of these:

The best thing to happen to me today

The worst thing to happen to me today

Something funny that happened to me this week

What I really hate!

What I really like!

My favourite thing

A surprise I had

A landscape

A building

A monument

A museum

A memory from childhood

My best friend

What is friendship?

A problem I have

My favourite TV show

My favourite grandparent



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